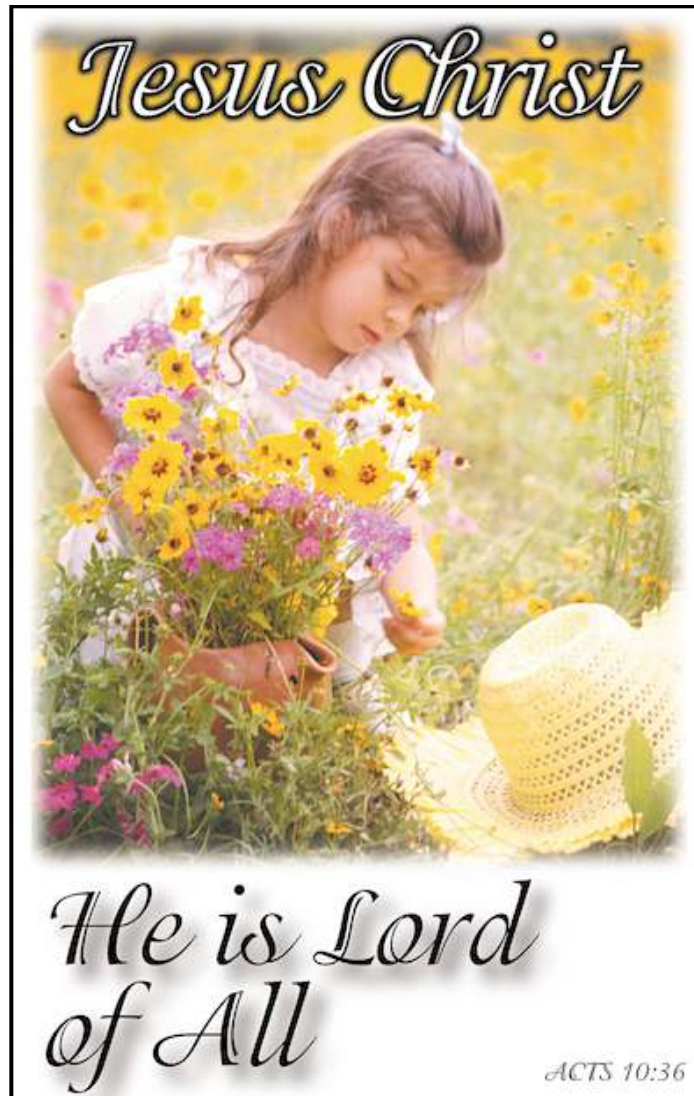


# **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**LAST SUNDAY OF END TIME  
(CHRIST THE KING)  
NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 45 (pew bible, p.503)
- ◆ The Hymns: 905, 532, 549 (1-6), 549 (7)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Daniel 7:1,13-14; John 18:28-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 72

### **Sermon Text – Revelation 1:4-8**

#### ***EVERY EYE WILL SEE CHRIST THE KING***

1. Believers will see Him and rejoice with joy inexpressible.
2. Unbelievers will see Him and mourn with sorrow unimaginable.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (549, stanza 7)

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**VISITORS, WELCOME!** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Daniel 7:1,13-14

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. | "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 72

- P Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
**C The royal son with your righteousness.**  
P He will judge your people in righteousness:  
**C Your afflicted ones with justice.**  
P The mountains will bring prosperity to the people:  
**C The hills the fruit of righteousness.**  
P He will be like rain falling on a mown field:  
**C Like showers watering the earth.**  
P In his days the righteous will flourish:  
**C Prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.**  
P He will take pity on the weak and the needy:  
**C And save the needy from death.**  
P He will rescue them from oppression and violence:  
**C For precious is their blood in his sight.**  
P Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel:  
**C Who alone does marvelous deeds.**  
P Praise be to his glorious name forever:  
**C May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

### Second Lesson – John 18:28-37

Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another

place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

### **Sermon Text – Revelation 1:4-8**

John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

|               |          |   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| Today (11/25) | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                                 |
|               | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Zacharias, NT 1)                 |
|               | 10:45 am | Bible Class downstairs                          |
| Sat           | 10:00 am | Children's Christmas Eve Service Practice       |
| Sun (12/2)    | 8:30 am  | Choir Practice                                  |
|               | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                                 |
|               | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Birth of Christ Announced, NT 2) |
|               | 10:45 am | Christmas Decorating                            |

### **EXTENDED CALENDAR**

- Children's Christmas Eve Service Practices: Dec.1,8,15,22 (10:00–11:30 am)
- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, Dec.9
- Christmas Baskets Preparation: Sunday, Dec.9
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Monday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Monday, Dec.31, 7 pm

**CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:** Sunday, Dec.2,16,23, 8:30 am

### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING NOVEMBER**

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Don Claeys
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

### **DURING DECEMBER**

- Ushers: Don Claeys, Ed Chiappetti
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Bobbie Brethauer who is scheduled to undergo elbow surgery this Wednesday. We pray the Lord may attend her with His grace. *"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped"* (Psalm 28:7).

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .**

|                        |                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ethel Eastridge, Dec 2 | Steve Phillips, Dec 11         |
| Sky Tatman, Dec 3      | Brooke Peters, Dec 16          |
| Willie Tiefel, Dec 8   | (Mike & Lisa Sprengeler, Dec 4 |
| Carrol Rankin, Dec 25  |                                |

**"ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY COMPARED"** is the name of an outreach seminar that was conducted in 10 midwestern locations, sponsored by CLC congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Retired missionary David Koenig was the speaker. A video of the Eau Claire presentation can be seen online at this address: [www.tinyurl.com/Messiah-seminar-2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/Messiah-seminar-2018). Those who are interested in receiving a DVD video of this seminar, along with printed materials, may contact Messiah Lutheran at 715-834-2865, or [messiah.ec.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:messiah.ec.secretary@gmail.com). A donation of \$5 is suggested to cover the cost of materials and postage.

**CALLED HOME:** "In the early morning hours of November 21, the Lord called Alvin Sieg to his heavenly home. He was 86 years old. Alvin was a founding member of the CLC, and served as a Christian day school teacher his entire career. He served schools in Red Wing, MN, Golden and Broomfield, CO, Watertown, SD, and Coloma, MI. He and his wife, Lavonne, retired to the Eau Claire, Wisconsin, area. Victory services for Alvin were held at Messiah, Eau Claire, on Saturday, November 24. Correspondence may be addressed to: The Family of Alvin Sieg, 2839 6th St., Eau Claire, WI 54703. *'Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!'* (1 Cor. 15:57)." (Pastor Bruce Naumann).

**NEWS FROM IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE:** "As Christmas approaches, there are a few upcoming events at Immanuel. On Sunday, December 9, 3 pm, there will be the piano/organ recital at the campus fieldhouse. The highlight of the music department will be the Christmas concert at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire on Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm. This will include the flute choir, band, mass choir, and tour choir. The choir portion of the event is considered a sacred worship service as the students sing the Christmas Gospel message. This is always a spiritually edifying concert to help one focus, even in the midst of the busy holiday season, on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This concert ends the busy Finals Week for the students as they conclude their first semester of the academic year with their various tests and projects. We pray the students will safely arrive at their homes in order to enjoy Christmas break with their families. The students resume classes on January 7" (Pastor John Hein, ILC Board of Regents).

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 1

**Mon Jeremiah's** voice shrieks like a siren, going round-and-round on the same piercing note: "Repent! Return to the LORD God—or you will regret it." Jeremiah didn't enjoy being the prophet of doom, but God gave him that job (1:4-10). Had Israel (the North) gone too far to ever get back into God's favor? No, for God is generous enough to rescue those who cry out: "Help! Help me, Lord, for I am sinking in my sins!" (2:27)

**Tues** God probed the festering sore of unbelief (3:12-18) while heretics told their patients to relax and go home. People had become so calloused that they had forgotten how to blush in shame (6:14-15); they came to church without repenting of their sins (7:1-9), turned God's house into a den of thieves (7:11) and promoted heresy in their seminary (8:8-12). So God squeezed them harder (8:13-17). No happy ending in sight . . . not yet.

**Wed** The South had gone sour too; *Cursed is the man whose heart departs from the LORD* — but *Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is in the LORD*. Not a hopeless situation on God's side—but on the human side, *the heart is . . . desperately wicked* (17:5-9).

**Thurs** God specified the terms of His armistice: *IF that nation turns from its evil, I will relent* (18:1-11). *And they said, 'That makes it hopeless! We won't agree to those terms; we will go on living without You (18:12).'* Jeremiah was tempted to turn in his badge, hang up his robe, and call it quits . . . but God did not call it quits. Rather, He previewed the coming attraction: *I will raise a Branch of Righteousness . . . His name will be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS* (23:5-8) -- so hold your breath, the good days are coming.

**Fri** God spelled it out that only after seventy years had passed would He let the Jews return home (chs. 31-35). After God arranged their release from captivity, many returned to Palestine even though it meant supervision from Babylon. They soon reverted to type (chs. 36-38), rebelling against the king of Babylon, and suffering the consequences (ch. 39). Things went into a tailspin (chs. 40-50), and God came to their rescue again—not to rebuild an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem, but to something much better (50:18-20).

**Sat Lamentations 3:22-42** Although we encounter some/many events that are worth lamenting, God assures us that where sin (our sin, too) abounded, His grace does much more abound—so we are glad that God has the last word. *The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. Though He causes grief, yet He will show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven!*