

# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

I guide you in the way of wisdom and  
lead you along straight paths.  
Proverbs 4:11



**6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

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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 104 (pew bible, p.535)
- ◆ The Hymns: 648 (1-3), 589, 705, 648 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

### **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 17:5-8**

#### ***TRUST OR CONSEQUENCES***

1. The curse of trusting in man.
2. The blessing of trusting in the LORD.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (589, stanza 4)

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

# TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

## First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

P Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked:

**C Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

P But his delight is in the law of the LORD:

**C And on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season:

**C And whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

P Not so the wicked!:

**C They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment:

**C Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

P For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous:

**C But the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Lesson – Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.

For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

### **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 17:5-8**

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today (2/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Lord's Supper, NT 35)
	10:45 am	CBP Presentation ( <i>see note below</i> )
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Sun (2/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Lord's Supper, NT 35)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

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

- Ushers: Mike Sprengeler, Larry Reed
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

### **EXTENDED CALENDAR**

- Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 pm
- ILC Tour Choir Concert: Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm

### **UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES**

- Sunday, March 24 & 31, 8:30 am
- Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am

**THE CLC COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN (CBP)** for the new year will be presented in PowerPoint format after the service today. It provides information on the various phases of the Lord's work in our synod during the coming year. After the meeting the voters will convene to set our congregation's "CBP Estimate" (this is the amount St. Paul will plan to contribute in the new year towards the CLC General Budget).

**REMINDER:** The 2019 Directory will be printed soon. Please pass along to the pastor any changes to your listing in the 2018 Directory so that he may include them in the new directory. Thank you.

### **SYNOD NEWS**

- ➔ **Calls:** Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX, has issued a call to our foreign missionary to serve as its pastor. ++ Pastor John M. Johannes, Detroit Lakes, MN, has resigned his call from the public ministry, effective immediately, for health reasons.
- ➔ **India Update:** With the recent cancellation of our resident missionary's visa to India and his inability to return, the Board of Missions is reassigning our missionary to West Africa. He will be based in Togo for the majority of the year and will work with our brethren in Togo, Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will continue to serve as our liaison with our India brethren for now. Due to some of the increased scrutiny and problems we and our India brethren have had in the last year, the Board of Missions has also made the decision to relocate this year's Mission Helper Trip from India to East Africa. This was done out of concern for the Mission Helpers, but also our India brethren who may be investigated because of the presence of so many foreigners. The Board of Missions is working on a plan to send two CLC pastors to India for a three week visitation this summer. In addition, our Traveling Missionary plans to make a visit to India later this year. Please remember our India brethren in your prayers as they continue to proclaim His truth in a hostile environment!
- ➔ **Update on our Visiting Missionary:** Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been gone for a month visiting our brethren in Tanzania, Zambia, and Myanmar. From there he will be traveling to Nepal where he will spend a week or more. His almost two-month visitation will conclude with a visit to Bangladesh where he and Board of Missions chairman, Joel Krafft, will meet with a promising contact we have been corresponding with for several years. You can follow his work and travels on his blog: <https://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/2019/>.

## CLC SUMMER EVENTS IN 2019



<u>YOUTH EVENTS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FOR AGES</u>
<b>CLC Grade School BB Tourney</b> www.clclutheran.net/tourney	March 8-10	Grades 5-8
<b>Girls' Basketball Camp at ILC</b> ross.roehl@ilc.edu	June 21-23	Grades 5-12
<b>CLC Youth Camp at ILC*</b> www.facebook.com/clcyouthcamp	June 23-29	Grades 6-9 Pre-camp Age 5-10
<b>Girls' Volleyball Camp at ILC</b> joe.lau@ilc.edu	July 22-25	Grades 5-12
<b>Black Hills Family Camp</b> aaronude@gmail.com	July 19-23	All ages
<b>Lower Michigan Youth Camp</b> pastor316@redeemerclc.info	Aug. 5-9	Grades 6-12
<b>Porcupine Mountains Camp Outing</b> gnaoster@gmail.com	Aug. 10-14	Grades 8-12

*\*The Camp Koyquin in Pillager, MN is held every other year, when Youth Camp at ILC is not held. The next Youth Camp in Pillager will be held in the summer of 2020.*

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### EVENTS FOR ADULTS

<b>CLC Women's Retreat (Winona, MN)</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	March 22-24	All women
<b>Arise &amp; Shine Retreat (Pillager, MN)</b> www.ariseandshineretreat.com	June 13-16	"20s & 30s"
<b>CLC Pastoral Conference (ILC Campus)</b>	June 18-20	CLC Clergy
<b>CLC "ManUP" Retreat (Wyalusing, WI)</b> www.manupweekend.clclutheran.net	Sept. 12-15	All men
<b>CLC Women's Retreat (Chadron, NE)</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Sept. 20-22	All women
<b>CLC Women's Retreat (Myrtle Beach, SC)</b> www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com	Nov. 1-3	All women

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### FEBRUARY 18-23

**Mon Luke 6:43-49** Behind everything is motive—and we are not always honest about ours. It's bad enough when a fruit tree (you or I) in God's orchard fails to produce good fruit (43-45), but it's worse when a builder (you or I) chooses a flood plain or river bank for a home-site. Bottom line: we build/rest our souls on the solid foundation that will survive that "once-in-a-lifetime" storm. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is . . .

**Tues Luke 7:36-53** She was a profligate, but even an addict can be salvaged by Jesus. So she approached Him humbly, prostrate, weeping, and daring to worship Him. Jesus understood, and so do we, for we too have come to Him, weeping over our sins and daring to worship Him. Note: Lest anyone confuse cause and effect, the parable of vv. 41-42 clarifies that God's forgiveness (the cause) produces love (the effect) in the human heart. Lord, have mercy!

**Wed Luke 9:28-36** Drowsy as they were (32), it was not a dream but a moment when God the Father opened heaven just enough for Moses and Elijah to spend a few moments with Jesus. What was so important about their visit? They reviewed *Jesus' decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem*, the all-important goal of His entire life. Enshrining Jesus prior to that accomplishment is less valid (35) than listening to His Word (35).

**Thurs Luke 13:1-9** Listen-up: God allows sinful people to commit sins against other sinners as a warning; same with fatal "accidents" (1-4). Our mortality is the dreadful reality that should jolt sinners to repent (5). Now, then, Jesus steps in as steward/keeper of the vineyard, requesting the owner (God the Father) to extend the time of grace one more year for those who have not yet brought forth the fruit of repentance and godliness. We thank You, Jesus.

**Fri Luke 16:19-31** Here's what Jesus had to say about hell: it's a place of torment beyond human reach and repentance. How can people escape hell? By attending to God's written Word during their time of grace—rather than someone coming out of heaven (or his grave) to set them straight.

**Sat Luke 24:5-35** Nonetheless, one Person DID come back from the dead to set the whole world straight. When an angel told the facts about Jesus, it was hard to believe (5-12), and even when Jesus showed up in person and talked it over with two disciples, they *were slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets had spoken* (13-27). Let's face it, the fact of Jesus' resurrection is hard to believe because Satan, the world, and human experience conspire to keep souls ignorant and disbelieving. But when the Holy Spirit brings one or two of us around, He makes us "committed" to tell others the good news. *The Lord is risen indeed, and He has appeared to \_\_\_\_\_*. [Fill in the name.]