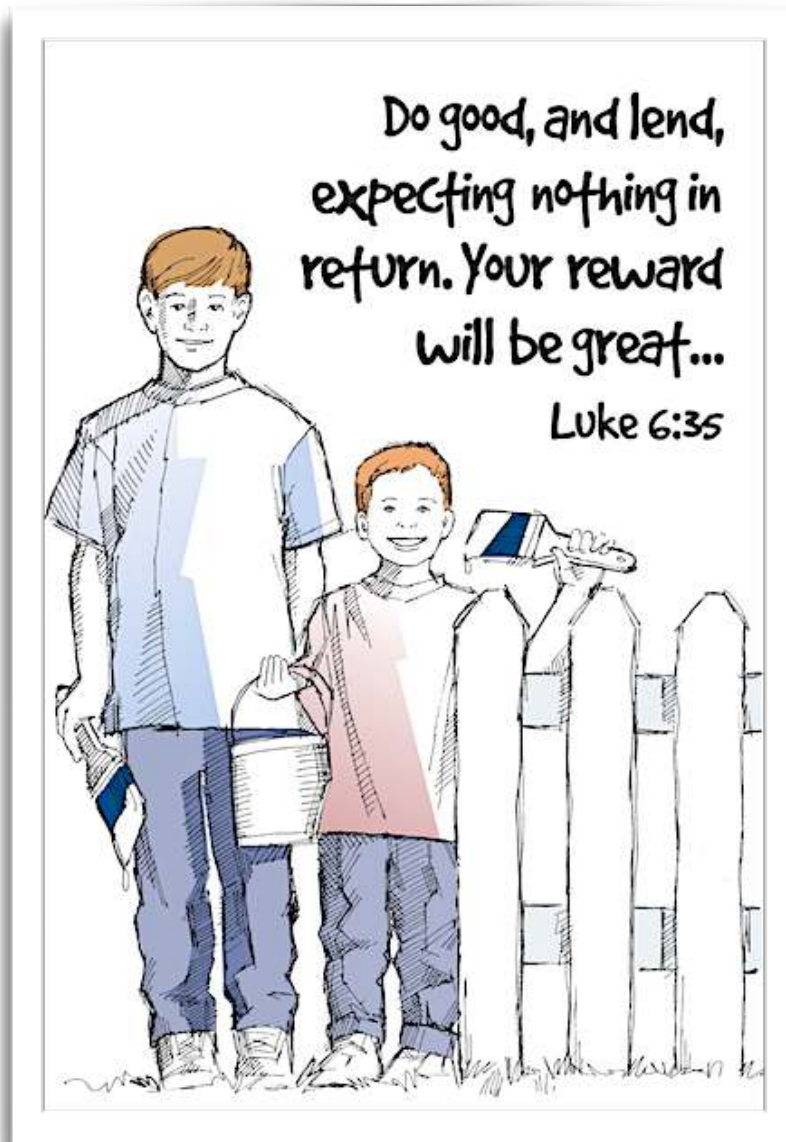


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 24, 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 103 (pew bible, p.535)
- ◆ The Hymns: 901, 479, 696 (1-5), 696 (6)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 45:3-8a,15; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-49
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 141

Sermon Text – Luke 6:27-38

COUNSEL FROM THE SAVIOR ON REFLECTING OUR FATHER'S LOVE

As a fruit of your faith:

1. Show kindness to others, including your enemies.
2. Practice generosity.
3. Judge . . . with *righteous* judgment.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (696, stanza 6)

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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 – Genesis 45:3-8a,15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. | And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 141

P O LORD, I call to you; come quickly to me:

C Hear my voice when I call to you.

P May my prayer be set before you like incense:

C May the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

P Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD:

C Keep watch over the door of my lips.

P Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil:

C To take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers.

P But my eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign LORD:

C In you I take refuge—do not give me over to death.

P Keep me from the snares they have laid for me:

C From the traps set by evildoers.

P Let the wicked fall into their own nets:

C While I pass by in safety.

Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-49

But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. | So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a

life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

Sermon Text – Luke 6:27-38

“But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” He also told them this parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (2/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Lord's Supper, NT 35)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Sun (3/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Special Voters' Meeting (<i>see note below</i>)
	11:00 am	Sunday School (The Good Samaritan, NT 25)
	11:00 am	Bible Class

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING FEBRUARY

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

DURING MARCH

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

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

2019 CBP ESTIMATE: Last Sunday St. Paul voters set the amount of our Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) offerings estimate at \$7,500 for 2019. This is the amount we will intend to contribute as a congregation during 2019 towards our synod's stateside and overseas mission program and to subsidize our school in Eau Claire, WI: Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. Our 2019 CBP offerings estimate represents an increase of \$150 over last year's estimate (\$7,250) and \$90 more than the CBP offerings received last year from our membership (\$7,410). Remember that only contributions designated for the CBP (top right side of the St. Paul offering envelope) will be used for this purpose and will help us to meet our CBP commitment.

MARCH BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Velma Clark, Mar 16 Lance Clark, Mar 25
Norman Ross, Mar 18 (David & Candy Wamboldt, Mar 12)

A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held next Sunday after the worship service. The lone agenda item is to authorize the Traveling Vacation Bible School to come here this summer to distribute fliers advertising our school and to staff our school. (All this is contingent on the availability of the TVBS to come to Denver. The deadline for us to place our request to have them come is March 1, after which the TVBS Committee will meet to consider all requests from CLC churches, and plan their summer schedule.)

TOUR CHOIR CONCERT

The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir will present a concert of sacred music at St. Paul on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 pm. Posters advertising this event are on the shelf under the tract rack. Take one or more for sharing with friends and neighbors, or posting at a location near where you live. Housing will be needed for the members of the choir. A sign-up list for this is posted on the bulletin board.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST: On the shelf under the track rack. Pick up a copy. The list is long! Much to pray about ... to pray for ... to thank God for!

A THANK YOU NOTE from Kim McKenney is posted on the bulletin board expressing her gratitude to those who shared monetary gifts with their family after the loss of her husband, Pastor Kevin McKenney. Remember Kim and her family in your prayers. They rejoice that Kevin is safely home with the Lord and are confident that He will provide for them in this time of grace according to His will.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 2

Mon Isaiah 12 is a hymn of praise to the LORD for being who He is and for doing what He does. *In that day* marks a turning point for God's people, the *day* when Jesus arrives (chs. 10&11), the time that stretches from past to present, the *day* when we *draw water from the wells of God's Word* (John 4:14; 7:38-39), drink deeply, offer the bucket to other travelers, then praise the LORD for doing His excellent things. Every day is the *day* for saving souls!

Tues John 3:1-21 In his *day* Nicodemus sipped from the water of life and sputtered (4), but Jesus kept on pouring, leaving Nicodemus with a cup so filled that later he interceded for Jesus (7:50-52) and even served as one of His pall-bearers (19:39-42). The point being that good mission outreach is done in private, one-on-one conversation. How's that working for you?

Wed John 4:5-42 On another *day* Jesus crossed the border into half-breed Samaria. Picture this: Jesus is sitting on a low retaining wall, all by Himself, relaxed, waiting. A woman arrives to fill her empty water pot. Jesus starts a conversation that gets personal and confrontational (16-22) before He opens the spigot another turn (23-26) to give her a taste of the waters of Life. She is impressed and wants her neighbors to know Jesus, so she spills it to her friends (41-42), and they become believers, too. Hallelujah!

Thurs John 4:46-53 A few miles north of Nazareth, a magistrate interrupted His quiet time, knowing that Jesus alone could save his boy's life in a race against time (47-49). Jesus had no problem with minutes or miles, and a triple miracle followed: a) the man *believed the word that Jesus has spoken to him*, b) twenty miles away, the lad was instantly healed, and c) the man's entire household was inspired to believe on Jesus. A great *day* for everyone.

Fri John 5:1-15 Back in Jerusalem Jesus visited Bethesda Nursing Home and watched from the sidelines until He couldn't hold back. He offered more than a helping hand, for He changed the man's shriveled body into youthful vigor. Jesus interviewed him later at the Temple—to identify Himself and reset the man's moral compass. A new *day* for both body and soul.

Sat John 6:1-14 No miracle is "small change," and this one produced a huge pay-out. When there was barely enough food for five persons, Jesus took charge: "Sit down in groupings (no campfires needed), and when a server comes around, be ready to receive as much food as you can possibly eat. This lunch is on Me." So simple; so direct! Jesus proved Himself to be Master of the universe, Lord of life, and Provider of daily food. (Are we guilty of under-appreciating this miracle in our daily lives?) We save the left-overs for other occasions and other guests at God's table. Thank You, Lord Jesus!