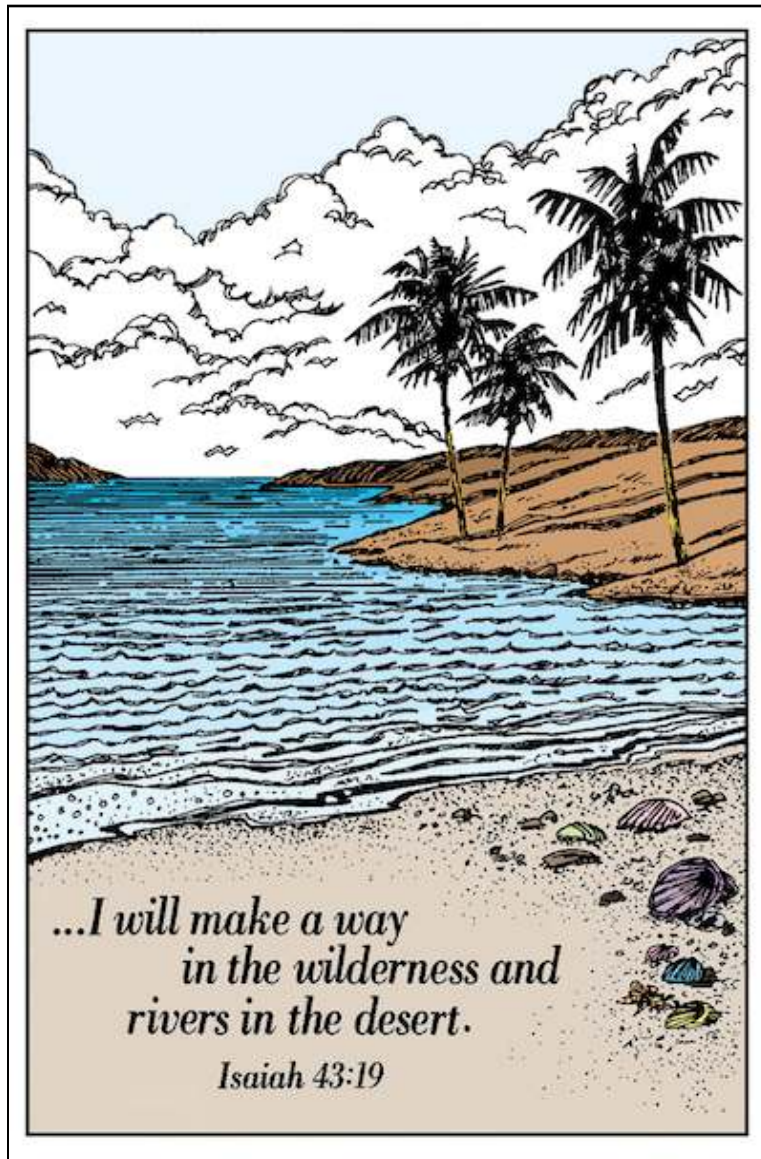


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 73 (pew bible, p.518)
- ◆ The Hymns: 804, 451, 628, 687
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-19
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 136
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed *(last page of liturgy insert)*

Sermon Text – Isaiah 43:16-23

PEOPLE OF GOD, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!

1. The deeds He performed for you in the past were great.
2. The new things He'll do for you in the future are even *greater*.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (687)

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Visitors, Welcome! The members of St. Paul Lutheran are pleased to meet you and are happy you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in 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! The Lord be with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Philippians 3:8-14

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 136

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

C *His love endures forever.*

P To him who alone does great wonders:

C *His love endures forever.*

P Who by his understanding made the heavens:

C *His love endures forever.*

P Who spread out the earth upon the waters:

C *His love endures forever.*

P To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt:

C *His love endures forever.*

P And brought Israel out from among them:

C *His love endures forever.*

P With a mighty hand and outstretched arm:

C *His love endures forever.*

P To him who divided the Red Sea asunder:

C *His love endures forever.*

P And brought Israel through the midst of it:

C *His love endures forever.*

P But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea:

C *His love endures forever.*

P To him who led his people through the desert:

C *His love endures forever.*

P Who struck down great kings:

C *His love endures forever.*

P Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan:

C *His love endures forever.*

P To the One who remembered us in our low estate:

C *His love endures forever.*

P And freed us from our enemies:

C *His love endures forever.*

P Give thanks to the God of heaven:

C *His love endures forever.*

Second Lesson – Luke 20:9-19

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone"? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Sermon Text – Isaiah 43:16-23

This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (4/7)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers, NT 32)
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thurs	6:30 am	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (4/14)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:10 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:45 am	Breakfast served by the men <i>(no Sunday School or Bible Class)</i>

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April 18 (7:00 pm)
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 19 (7:00 pm)
- Easter Sunday Worship: April 21, 9:30 am
- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, April 28, 10:45 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING APRIL

- Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Mike Sprengeler

IN OUR PRAYERS: The family of David Walbridge, former member of St. Paul, who was summoned out of this life on March 24. We pray the Lord to comfort David's family in their loss.

A BREAKFAST BRUNCH will be held after our Palm Sunday service next Sunday, to be served by the men. Men, here's a list of items you are invited to contribute to the menu: egg dishes, toast, jams, breakfast meats, juices, rolls, or other breakfast foods. You may wish to cook meat items in advance at home to save prep time on Sunday morning.

PALM SUNDAY/GOOD FRIDAY/EASTER INVITATIONS may be found on the shelf under the tract rack. Take as many as you wish for sharing with friends and neighbors.

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS FOR THOSE ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER



1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? *Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.*
2. How do you know this? *From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.*
3. Are you sorry for your sins? *Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.*
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins? *I deserve His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.*
5. Do you hope to be saved? *Yes, that is my confident hope.*
6. In whom, then, do you trust? *I trust in my Lord Jesus Christ.*
7. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? *He kept the Ten Commandments for me. He died for me and shed His blood on the cross to atone for my sins.*
8. How do you know this? *I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
9. What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*
10. Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament? *Yes, I believe it.*
11. What moves you to believe this? *I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ: "Take and eat. This is My body. Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood."*
12. What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking? *That is shown us by these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*
13. What admonishes and moves you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper frequently? *The command and promise of Christ my Savior admonishes and moves me. Also, the burden of sin which lies heavy upon my conscience fills my heart with a hunger and thirst for the Holy Supper of my Lord.*

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNICANTS

Lord Jesus, who calls to You all who are weary and burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls, we pray: Let these guests experience Your love at the heavenly feast which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief that no one may partake of this Sacrament to his judgment. Remove from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness and clothe them in the robe of holiness which You purchased with Your blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and after this life grant them a place at Your heavenly table, where they shall eat of the eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forevermore. For Your own sake, dear Savior. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
APRIL 8-13

Mon This week we are reading **2 Corinthians: Ch. 1** seems like material for Paul's obituary: Our tribulations are blessings (3-7), we support one another during our trials until we meet again (8-24). **Ch. 2** shifts to a soul-care problem in the congregation (how to re-integrate a repentant sinner) and Paul's defense for not arriving in Corinth acc. to an earlier schedule.

Tues Ch. 3 Paul's credentials were the Christians themselves, and his own calling to administer God's superior covenant of grace. **Ch.4:** Paul wanted their adulation to go to Jesus, not to himself, whom God had put through a tough training program to be a more effective missionary. **Ch. 5:** Trials and tribulations make us yearn for heaven—and Judgment Day, too—for our reconciliation with God via Jesus supersedes all other concerns.

Wed Ch. 6: Life with Christ requires self-sacrifice, and that includes cutting oneself loose from Satan's coils. **Ch.7** brings appreciation for their listening to Paul's counsel, which led to their improved attitude and better soul care. **Ch. 8:** Regarding sacrificial giving: congregations that provide good examples of Jesus' self-sacrificing attitude inspire us to do likewise. Thanks for treating Titus and ?? as our/God's contact men for the collection. Thank you!

Thurs Ch. 9: Christians in Greece had started a mutual aid fund for Christians in Palestine who were starving, and Paul was aiding in the effort. The motive for contributing \$\$ is of the essence, of course, so we donate cheerfully and liberally, thanks be to God. **Ch. 10:** On another front, is it God-pleasing to defend yourself against false witness? YES, if you are defending yourself as God's spokesman and His servant—but not to rustle up self-praise.

Fri Ch. 11 returns to the issue of false brethren who were undermining Christian fidelity to Jesus and attacking Paul: "He's an upstart with no diploma who can't earn a salary as circuit rider." Paul's response: "If I must get into a foolish argument with those false apostles, I can tell you that I am a super-Jew, and in love for lost souls I have gone through more pain than they have, and more than once I barely escaped with my life from enemies of Christ. Jesus has put His stamp on me, and that's enough."

Sat Ch. 12 "Need more convincing? I have had some encounters with God, by which God taught me to surrender self to Him; that's my rationale for this defense of my ministry. Now let's get on with the collection." **Ch. 13** is a wrap-up: "Don't mistake my gentleness for weakness, but focus on you own spiritual condition (1-6). May God grant us the grace to counter-balance one another in our weaknesses and strengths (7-10) as I commend you to the loving care of our God and Savior (11-14)." Amen!