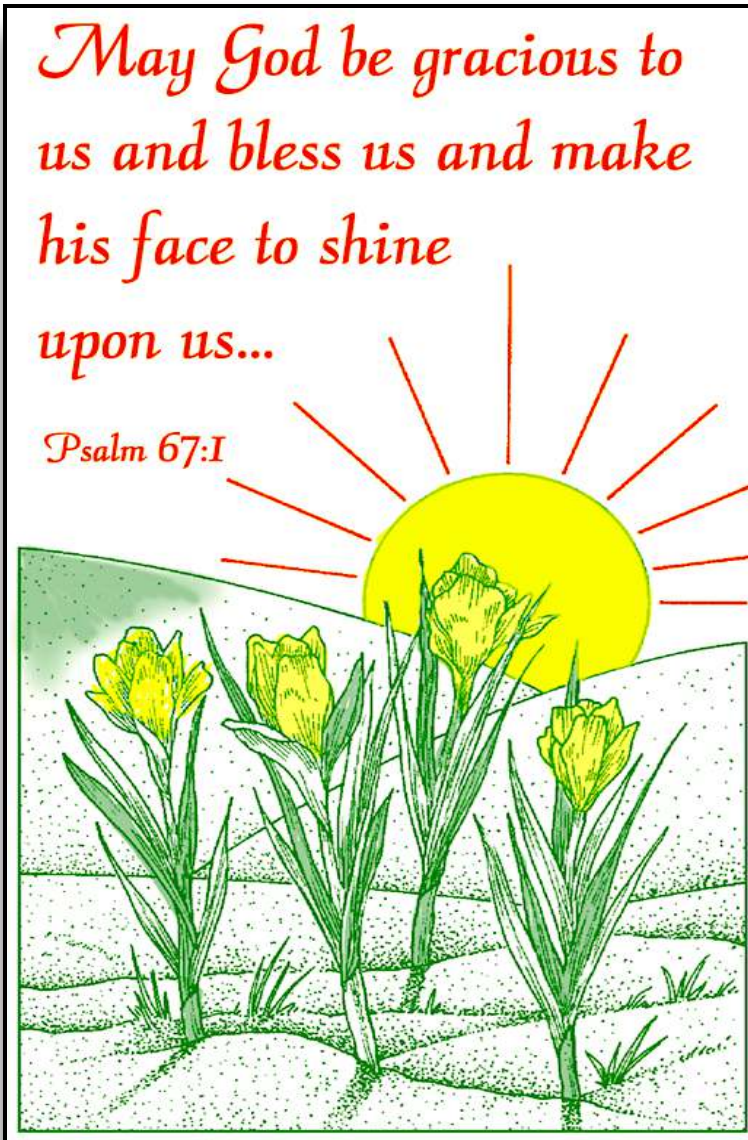


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

*May God be gracious to
us and bless us and make
his face to shine
upon us...*

Psalm 67:1



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 67 (pew bible, p.514)
- ◆ The Hymns: 465, 573, "Come Let Us Join In Praise" (p.6)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-14



Sermon Text – Acts 9:1-20

THE RISEN LORD CALLS US AS WITNESSES

1. He chooses us.
2. He prepares us.
3. He sends us.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (p.6, bottom)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are 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 will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

*Large print bulletins are available in the tract rack
or by request from an usher.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Thus it is written, that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

C And that repentance and forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in His name to all nations.

P I am always aware of the Lord's presence.

C He is near and nothing can shake my hope.

P The stone that was rejected by the builders

C Has become the cornerstone.

P The Lord has turned my sadness into a joyful dance.

C The Lord has taken away sorrow and surrounded me with joy.

P He is near, and nothing can shake my hope.

C Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

P Blessing and honor and glory and might be to the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever!

C The Lord is risen indeed!

Second Lesson – John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many

the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon Text – Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (5/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Unforgiving Servant, NT 22)
Tues	10:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (5/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Pharisee & the Tax Collector, NT 23)

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Elders' Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 8:30 am
- West-Central Delegate Conference: May 21-23, hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD
- CLC General Pastoral Conference at Eau Claire, WI: June 18-20

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MAY

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: Carrol Rankin, who is scheduled to undergo surgery for a heart ailment this Wednesday, May 8. We pray the Lord to attend her with His grace and to bless and strengthen her in her physical and spiritual testing. *"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace" (Psalm 29:11).*

TWO LAY DELEGATES ARE STILL NEEDED to represent our congregation at the West-Central Delegate Conference, to be hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City SD, Tuesday through Thursday, May 21-23. Please inform the pastor if you are able to serve as a representative for St. Paul.

CALL NEWS: Pastor David Schaller has returned the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland, CO. ++ The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates of Immanuel Lutheran Seminary/College: Pastoral Call: Samuel Naumann to Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX; Teacher Calls: June Schmid to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI; Nathan Buck, to Valley Bible Academy (St. John's) Clarkston, WA.

OUR MARY/MARTHA LADIES' GROUP is sponsor for a seminary student in our overseas mission field in Togo, Africa. The student's name is Komla Agbayi. The cost for his sponsorship is \$30/month. Parishioners of St. Paul are invited to make donations for his support. This may be done in two ways: 1) Give your gift to the ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge; or 2) Enclose your gift in an envelope with "Togo Student" written on it and place it in the Sunday collection. Note: A photo of Komla with biographical info have been posted on the bulletin board in the church entry.

MARATHON REMINDER: Colfax Marathon Sunday is coming up on the calendar (in two weeks: Sunday, May 19). Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier that day, due to this event.

HYMN BEFORE COMMUNION

(Melody: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

1. Come, let us join in praise God's people one and all,
Who through the years have been both blest In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing and raise your voices strong.
Let all the world behold our God and join to sing our song.

2. Come, let us hear His Word inspired by our God.
It lights our every step as we through this world's darkness plod.
As we thus walk with God our hand in His each day,
We'll find a peace in heart and soul in Him, the Truth, the Way.

3. Come, let us offer gifts with hearts of thankfulness,
That we may tell the whole wide world what God has done for us.
And give to people lost and caught in Satan's lies
The gift of God's redemptive grace to dry repentant eyes.

4. Come to the water font and there by God be blest,
For with the water and the Word the Spirit gives us rest.
Our sins are washed away and we are born again
To live a life of praise to God, and cast out every sin.

5. Come to the Sacred Board. Let each of us prepare.
For there's His body and His blood for all His saints to share.
With sorrow o'er our sins, we come before His face,
He pours on us forgiving love, and smothers us with grace.

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CLOSING HYMN

6. Come, let us talk with God, We never are alone,
He hears us each and every one and all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain our God will comfort us
And bring us through the trying hours to peace and happiness.

7. Come, let us dedicate ourselves to God each day,
May He inspire our heart and mind and everything we say.
The future of our life rests firmly in His love,
Throughout our life we'll live for Him on earth and then above.
Amen.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
MAY 6-11

Mon 1 Thessalonians 1: If you're wondering what made Paul so defensive about his message, ministry, and person, it's because of slander that he was incompetent, cowardly, and a bum. So he defended himself with the facts: Paul and his comrades were competent servants, *who turned them from idols to serve the living God*. As to cowardice, Paul suffered much at Philippi and was **bold to speak the gospel amid much conflict**. As to their being bums, the apostles worked at secular jobs so the church didn't need to pay \$alarie\$.

Tues Ch. 2 And just look at yourselves: God's Word took root in your hearts, didn't it? So much so that you got persecuted by Jesus-haters, too. **Ch. 3** Although we are apart, our hearts have grown more fond of you.

Wed Ch. 4 We are able to disprove slanderers by living as children of God, avoiding sexual immorality, being devoted to one another, leading a quiet life, minding our own business, and holding down our jobs . . . in view of Judgment Day arriving during our own lifetime; in that moment we will have equal footing with those raised from their graves to eternal life in heaven. **Ch. 5** Stay awake! Review your privileged responsibilities so that your *whole spirit, mind, and body be preserved blameless* for Jesus' approval.

Thurs 2 Thess. 1 We continue to hear good things about you, which in itself is proof that you are on God's side, escapees from everlasting destruction. **Ch. 2:1-6** Since Judgment Day is just beyond the horizon, you should know that prior to daybreak many Christians will defect to a personage who gains control of their hearts and lives; he usurps lordship in the Church, *so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God*.

Fri Ch. 2:7-12 He also uses satanic tricks to deceive the gullible, and by robbing them of the love of the Truth, they believe his lies. Lord, how shall we escape this Anti-Christ? By loving the Word entrusted to us! God put the AntiChrist on a long leash until the Reformation choked him with the Word of God—the truth that salvation is God's gift, free and clear, complete and perfect in Jesus' righteousness. [The Papacy is still choking on it.]

Sat Ch. 2: 13-17 So what's our best defense? We entrust ourselves to God, who *called us by His gospel for obtaining the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*. We stand fast and hold onto the doctrines which we were taught, whether by word of mouth or by written epistles. **Ch. 3** How then shall we live during our time of grace? We keep on praying that *the Word of the Lord may have free course* among humanity; we don't join in shoddy behavior but lead with our good example. Of course, we live each day under the auspices of *the Lord of peace Himself*. *May His grace be with you all. Amen.*

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