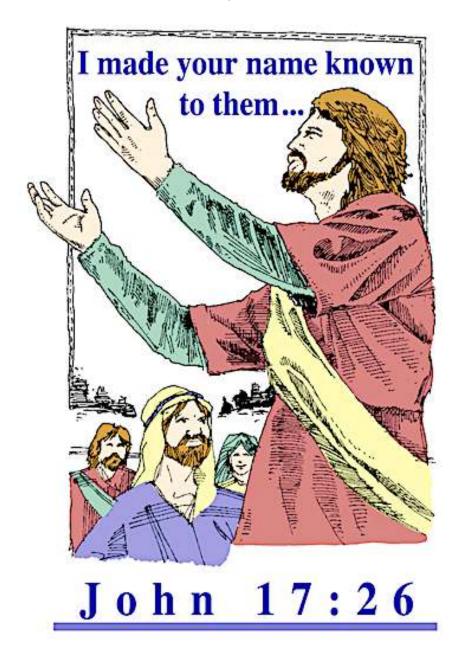
ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Church of the Lutheran Confession - Lakewood, Colorado



7th Sunday of Easter June 2, 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 8 (pew bible, p.483)
- ◆ The Hymns: *730, 491, 644, *738 (*tan hymnal)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 16:6-10; Revelation 22:12-17,20



Sermon Text - John 17:20-26

OUR ASCENDED LORD IS AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND INTERCEDING FOR HIS CHURCH OF BELIEVERS

- 1. Praying that it may be a *united* church.
- 2. Praying that it may be a *glorious* church.
- ♦ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (738, tan hymnal)

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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 - Acts 16:6-10

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Easter Acclamation

- P The Lord is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P God ascends to His throne.
- C There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets as the Lord goes up.
- P The Lord is risen indeed!
- C This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.
- P By this we know that we abide in God and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- C And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.
- P See, I am coming soon," says the Lord.
- C "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."
- P Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.
- C "Surely, I am coming soon," says the Lord.
- P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- C He has given us of His Spirit.

Second Lesson - Revelation 22:12-17,20

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. | He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Sermon Text - John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (6/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Sun (6/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service (Festival of Pentecost)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- CLC General Pastoral Conference, Eau Claire WI: June 18-20
- Worship service in observance of Pastor John Klatt's retirement: Sunday,
 June 30, 4 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland
- Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, July 7, 10:45 am
- Elders Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm (parsonage)
- Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 13, 8:30 am
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 14, 10:45 am
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 10:45 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JUNE

• Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Larry Reed

• Elder: Ed Chiappetti

• Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE *DAILY REST* quarterly devotion book will find the latest issue in their mailbox today. If you aren't a subscriber and would like to be, see pastor who would be happy to share subscription information with you the (cost is \$15 for one year).



Our Congregational Subscription to the *Lutheran Spokesman* is coming due on June 30. Subscribers, if you would like to help to defray the cost to the congregation for your subscription, you may do so by placing your donation in the Sunday collection (cost, \$14 per year). If you aren't a subscriber to the *Spokesman* and would like to be, please add your name to the "new subscribers" list – posted on the bulletin board in the church entry – by the end of the month. Thank you.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions June 3-8

(readings from Hebrews chapters 7-13)

Mon The Book of Hebrews reveals that Jesus is embedded in Old Testament rituals, events, and persons, for salvation has always been centered on Jesus! Ch. 7 takes us back to the time of Melchizedek, king of Salem/Jerusalem, priest of the Most High God, made like the Son of God. Abraham honored Melchizedek as the prototype of Jesus! And since that is so, Jesus supersedes all other priests, for He has an eternal priesthood and lives eternally to make intercession for us. We have God's Word on it (v.28). We thank You, Jesus!

Tues Ch. 8 Now, this is the main point: We have such a High Priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens! That beats other priests all-hollow, for Jesus has superior qualifications to deliver a superior covenant established on His superior promise to be merciful to their unrighteousness, and to remember no more their sins and their lawless deeds. Jesus opens heaven's door, which our sins had barred against us.

Wed Ch. 9 The first covenant had some splendor and impressive ceremonies, but it was limited by its earthly components of time and space; it wasn't meant to be permanent. In contrast, Jesus has permanently settled the sin problem *now*, *once-and-for-all*, *appearing* on Earth *to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself*, *offered once* to bear the sins of the world. That's final!

Thurs Ch. 10 Just think it through: Sacrifices that are repetitious can't be as good as a single sacrifice that all-by-itself caps off the whole system. That's the way Jesus did it, for He got us out of the grave **with Him** and got us to heaven **with Him**. Once there IS remission of sins, that's the end of the problem! So hang onto Jesus, and don't let anything or anyone separate you from Him; in a little while you will see Him in person, up-close.

Fri Ch. 11 Take God's Word on it as your forefathers did; they understood that God was trustworthy; they depended on God to handle all obstacles that lay ahead; they packed up and followed where God led, and He never forsook them; He blessed them every-which way, and they prevailed.

Sat Ch. 12 Therefore *let's run with endurance the race that is laid out before us,* keeping our minds and hearts focused *on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.* God is chastening us because He loves us and is prepping us for heaven. **Ch. 13**: In the interim, share your blessings, live faithfully, honor God's spokespersons, accept social ostracism as a benefit, and lean on His loving devotion to you. *Now, may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS FOR THOSE PREPARING 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 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 for me on the cross to make atonement for my sins.
- 8. How do you know this? I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- 9. What is the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ, for us Christians to eat and 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 you receive through this eating and drinking? That is shown by these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words I 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 me causes me to feel 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 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 their judgment. Remove from them the spotted garment of the flesh and 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. 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.