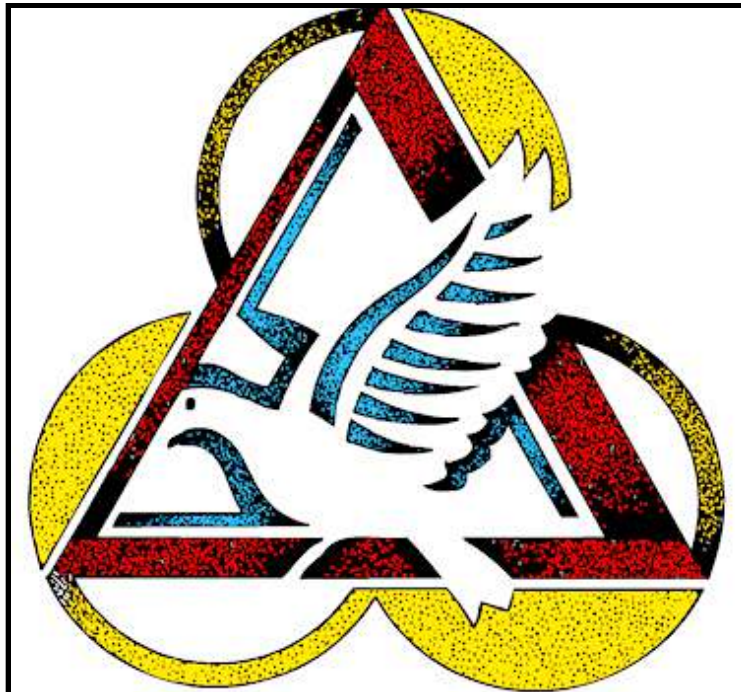


# **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



The grace of the  
**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
the love of **God,**  
and the communion  
of the **Holy Spirit**  
be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13:13

**FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
JUNE 16, 2019**

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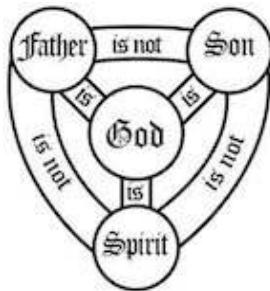
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 8 (pew bible, p.483)
- ◆ The Hymns: 507, 816, 794 (1-3), 794 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Numbers 6:22-27, John 16:12-15
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Athanasian Creed (pages 4-5)



### Sermon Text – Romans 5:1-5

**AS A WORSHIPER OF THE TRIUNE GOD,  
YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO BOAST ABOUT!**

1. In the Father who justified you.
2. In the Son who redeemed you.
3. In the Holy Spirit who has gifted you with faith.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Responsive Prayer (page 6) & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (794, stanza 4)

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**A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, 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!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ""The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."" "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150

P Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:

**C Praise him in his mighty heavens.**

P Praise him for his acts of power:

**C Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

P Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

**C Praise him with the harp and lyre,**

P Praise him with tambourine and dancing,

**C Praise him with the strings and flute,**

P Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

**C Praise him with resounding cymbals.**

P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

**C Praise the LORD.**

### Second Lesson – John 16:12-15

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

### Sermon Text – Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. [NKJV]

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## THE ATHANASIAN CREED

*Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the Christian faith.*

*Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.*

*The Athanasian Creed proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the catholic (universal) faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 centuries later, the church continues to confess this truth, confident that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has given Himself for our salvation.*

P Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

**C Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

P Now this is the true Christian faith:

**C We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

P For each person – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – is distinct,

**C but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

P What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**C The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

P The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

P yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

**C Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

P In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**C yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

P For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,

**C so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

P The Father is not made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

**Men The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

**Women The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

P So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**Men** And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,  
**Women** But all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

**All** Whoever wishes to be saved must think this way about the Trinity.

**P** It is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Now this is the true Christian faith: we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

**Men** He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father;

**Women** And He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother,

**ALL** Fully God and fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;

**P** equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity.

**Men** And though He is both God and man, He is not two persons but one:

**Women** One, not by the changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

**ALL** one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person.

**P** For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ,

**C** He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

**P** He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**C** At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

**P** Those who have done good will enter into eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

**C** This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

**ALL** Lord, grant and preserve this true Christian faith unto us all. Amen.

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*Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

P Glory to You, O Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Glory to You. You have invited us to pray and promised to hear us and answer us according to Your merciful will. For wisdom and faith, for the fear of the Lord and confidence in His Word, for peace to rule our hearts and for love to rule our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the baptized and the confirmed, for Christ to be fully formed within us, for courage to walk as children of the light and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors, teachers, and church workers; for those preparing for the Lord's service; for those who will hear and believe through them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For contented hearts and peaceful minds, for an end to conflict and discord, and for unity of faith and the faithful confession of the Holy Trinity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are troubled in mind and heart, for the grieving in their sorrow, for all the sick and those who are suffering, and all those we name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the people of God; for lives of holiness, righteousness and obedience; and for joyful hearts even in the face of adversity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For thankful hearts, for the faithful support of the Church and the work of the Lord, here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For these and all such things as the Lord knows we need and for faith to trust in His purpose and His timing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, defend us and bring to completion all that You began, O Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



**OUR CONGREGATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION** to the *Lutheran Spokesman* is coming due soon. Subscribers who would like to help defray the cost to the congregation for their renewed annual subscription may do so by placing their donation in the Sunday collection (cost, \$14). If you aren't a subscriber and would like to be, please add your name to the "new subscribers" list – posted on the bulletin board in the church entry by next Sunday June 23. Thank you.

**\*TWO SPECIAL SERVICES COMING IN JULY**

On Sunday, July 14, Zachary Ruegge will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. He recently completed three years of intensive instruction in the main teachings of the Bible as summarized in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. During the service on the Sunday before (July 7), there will be a question and answer session on selected portions of the catechism. In addition to providing Zachary the opportunity to confess his faith publicly, as Jesus encourages all of us to do (Luke 12:8, Romans 10:8-10), it will provide St. Paul parishioners the opportunity to review the main teachings of God's Word. Both services will remind us of the importance of daily renewing our own vows of faithfulness to the Lord and praying for the Spirit's strength to fulfill them to the end (1 Corinthians 1:8-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).



**COMMUNICANTS OF ST. PAUL**, please note that Lord's Supper will be celebrated one week later than is customary in the month of July, on Confirmation Sunday, July 14.

**BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP:** Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. There will also be many outdoor actives available such as hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc. The dates are Friday evening July 19 through Tuesday morning July 23. To sign up or for more information, call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at [aaronude@gmail.com](mailto:aaronude@gmail.com).

**PACIFIC NW CAMP** is July 29 – August 2, 2019 on beautiful Whidbey Island in Washington State. The camp will be at a group site at Fort Ebey State Park. Registration is for individual youth (grade 6 thru college) or families. This year's theme is "We Know and Believe" based on portions of 1 John. Costs are (covers camp fee, food for the whole week, activities, and a Bible journal for devotions):

- Individual Youth Camper Rate (Grade 6 thru college): \$100
- Family Rate: \$200 (covers up to 2 adults and 2 kids, 1st-5th grade). Additional family members are \$25. Children age 5 and younger are free.
- Registration available online at [www.RedemptionCLC.com](http://www.RedemptionCLC.com) or you can contact Pastor Mark Tiefel at [pastor.redemption@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.redemption@gmail.com) with questions.
- Deadline to register is July 14.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS – JUNE 17-22

(readings from the First Epistle of Peter)

**Mon 1 Peter Ch. 1** God's Spirit is speaking to us as He did many years ago to His pilgrims dispersed in the Middle East. They needed bolstering in God's ABC's because Jesus-haters had persecuted them. [Christians in foreign lands are still suffering for the same reason.] Since tribulation has always been on God's agenda, "get a grip"! God has not deserted you, so don't renege on God. You cost God too much for Him to let you slip under His radar. Since you are God's children, enjoy your time together. That's the word of the day.

**Tues Ch. 2** God expects you to turn up your nose at trash and rather nurse on His Word. God has selected you out of the rubble of society to become building-blocks in erecting a *spiritual house* based on Jesus, the corner-stone. Appreciate who you are, and conduct yourselves accordingly—where ever you are living and whatever your situation. If you are a domestic slave, you have special opportunities to represent Jesus, following His example of self-sacrifice in order to serve the higher good. Heed His guidance!

**Wed Ch.3:1-17** If you are a married woman, you have special responsibilities, and so do husbands. In sum, be generous in all your endeavors and in every setting; and even while you put yourself in second place to others, be ready to put yourself forward when the opportunity presents itself—rather, put Jesus forward via conduct that serves Him—and take the consequences.

**Thurs 3:18-22** Back to some ABC's: We live to honor Jesus, who suffered for our sins, was crucified, died, was buried, and even made a side-trip to lord it over hell. By the way, when God washed the filth of the first world off via the Great Flood, that's a good picture of Baptism, whereby God washes away our inherited filth. Due to His grace, we receive a good standing with God via the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who not only arose to life from temporary status among the dead, He also ascended into heaven, from where He will return to judge both those still living and those who have already died.

**Fri Ch. 4** Now, just remember that you are pilgrims passing through hostile territory, where you won't be appreciated by those who don't understand you. You can afford to be generous with your God-given aptitudes for serving others (1-11). You Christians are headed for tougher times, which is normal and a blessing, for it's proof that *the Spirit of God is resting upon you*. God has not deserted you, and He never will, for *He is a faithful Creator* (12-19).

**Sat Ch. 5** Clergymen, you are called to serve, just as all of us are dedicated to help one another survive. Remember, God has put you into training in order to strengthen you *in the true grace of God in which you stand*. God be with you till we meet again – whether here on Earth or at Jesus' feet. Amen.

## A CHRISTIAN FATHER'S PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, some day as my children look back and recall their memories of me, their earthly father, I pray that they will remember the time we spent together playing in the backyard, that my son will remember when I took him to his first baseball game, and that my daughter remembers when even Daddy sat down with her and her dolls and had tea.

I pray that my children will remember their father working and fulfilling his responsibilities, but that he also took time to be with them and let time go lightly rather than keep a schedule with them.

I pray that they will remember the times we laughed and cried together and treasure those moments.

I pray that my children will remember all of these things and I expect this is the prayer of most every father; but even more than these things . . .

I pray that when my children remember me, they will remember that like them, their Dad was a sinner. I pray that remembering this will lead them to cover my failings with their forgiving love, and that they will also rejoice to know that my sins are forgiven through Christ.

I pray that they will remember how their father loved their mother and how richly God blessed their home.

I pray that they will have learned that love is patient and kind, that it does not envy or parade itself, that is not rude or selfish, nor does it rejoice in sin.

I pray that my children will often and boldly go to their heavenly Father in prayer about anything and do so with the same kind of confidence as they approached me.

Above all, I pray that my children will be made wise for salvation through faith in Christ. I pray that they will remember me as a father who left them the heritage of Truth, Life, and Salvation through the Word of God. In short, I pray that my children will learn about their heavenly Father through me, learn to trust in Him, to see, know, and treasure Him, and then live with Him and with me for all of eternity in Heaven. Amen.



### **Suggested Bible Readings for Fathers**

Matthew 7:7-11  
Luke 15:11-32  
Hebrews 12:1-11  
Psalm 128