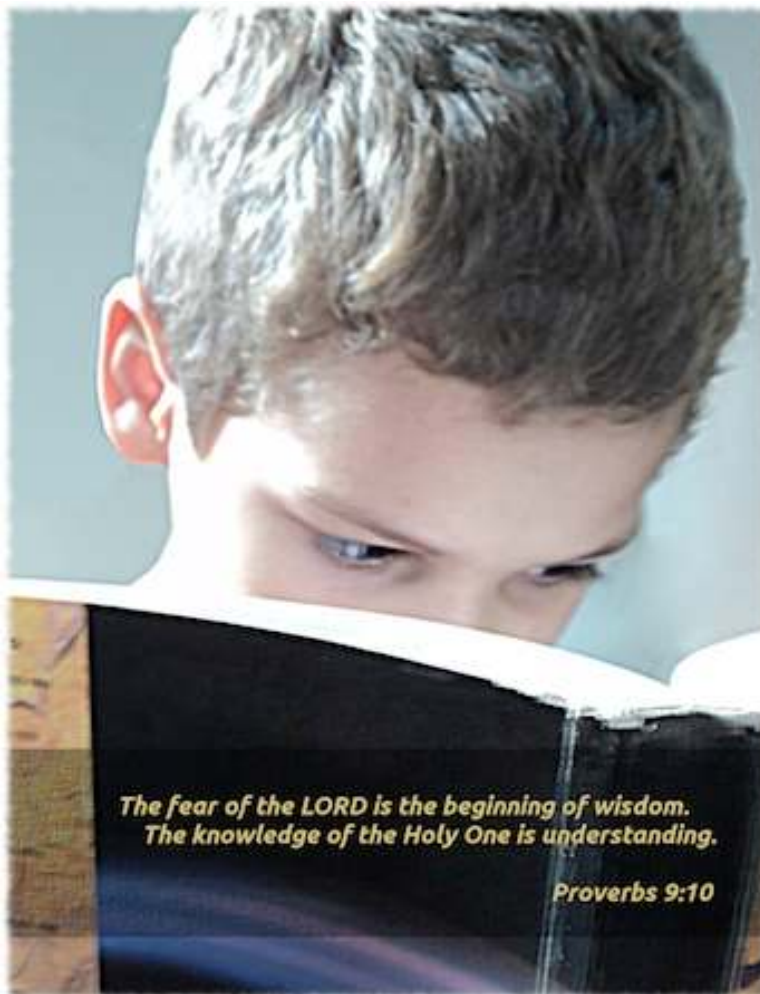


# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

— CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION —  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**4th Sunday after Pentecost — July 7, 2019**

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*Questions & Answers Sunday  
from Martin Luther's Small Catechism*

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:** Psalm 119:97-112 (pew bible, p.547)

Private Prayers for Public Worship (hymnal card)

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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

**Opening Hymn 864**

*Shepherd of Tender Youth*

**Welcome**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution**

P Dear fellow-redeemed: Let us come before our Lord with an open and truthful heart and confess all our sins before God with the confident trust that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, He will grant us forgiveness.

**P/C Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have often offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy on us according to Your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.**

C On the basis of this, your heartfelt confession of sins, I as called servant of the Word, announce the gracious forgiving love of God to all of you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 78:1-7

P O my people, hear my teaching:

**C Listen to the words of my mouth.**

P I will open my mouth in parables:

**C I will utter hidden things, things from of old—**

P What we have heard and known:

**C What our fathers have told us.**

P We will not hide them from their children:

**C We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.**

P He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel:

**C Which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,**

P So the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born:

**C And they in turn would tell their children.**

P Then they would put their trust in God:

**C And would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

## Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## Hymn 862

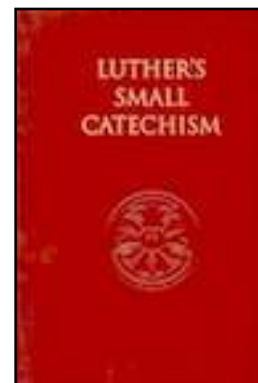
*Oh, Blest the House*

### THE SIX CHIEF PARTS OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

*AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH THEM  
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO THOSE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS • THE APOSTLES' CREED •
- THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM •
- THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION •
- THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR • THE LORD'S PRAYER •

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**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM**  
(Catechumen, Zachary Ruegge)

**Introduction**



**PART 1**  
**INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHISM**  
**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**The Conclusion to the Commandments**

*(Read responsively at the conclusion of Part 1)*

- P What does God say of all these commandments?
- C **He says: "I the LORD your God, am jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**
- P What does this mean?
- C **God threatens to punish all who do not obey these commandments. Therefore we should fear His anger and not do anything against what He commands. God also promises grace and every blessing to those who obey these commandments. Therefore, we should love and trust Him and willingly do what He commands.**

**Hymn 866**

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend*

**PART 2**  
**THE APOSTLES CREED**



**Luther's Explanation to the Third Article**

*(Read by all at the conclusion of Part 2)*

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

**Hymn 585**

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*



**PARTS 3 & 4**  
**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**  
**THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION**



**The Meaning of Baptism**

*(Read responsively at the conclusion of Part 4)*

- P What is the meaning of this baptism with water?
- C **It means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means that a new Man should daily appear and arise, who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity.**
- P Where is this written?
- C **Saint Paul says in the sixth chapter of Romans, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."**

Hymn 616

*Baptismal Waters Cover Me*

**PART 5**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR**



**What is the Sacrament of the Altar?**

*(Read responsively at the conclusion of Part 5)*

- P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.**
- P Where is this written?
- C **The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and the apostle Paul write this way: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"**

Hymn 627 (1-4,9-10)

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*



**PART 6**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn 865**

*Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today (7/7)	9:30 am	Catechism Questions & Answers Service
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting
Thu	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Sat	8:30 am	Summer Clean-up Day
Sun (7/14)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Confirmation Reception for Zachary Ruegge

**SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JULY**

- Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

**VACANCY CALL:** As announced previously Pastor Schuetze received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor for Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland. The call begins with the month of July. It will involve conducting a monthly communion service at Prince of Peace, teaching a confirmation class beginning in September (should the vacancy last that long), and conducting hospital and emergency calls as needed. We pray the Lord of the Church to supply our brothers and sister in Christ at Prince of Peace with a full-time pastor soon, according to His will.

**MARY & MARTHA LADIES' MEETING:** Today following the service.

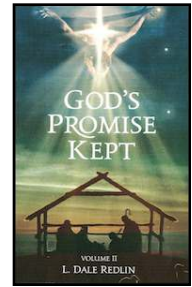
**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14,** Zachary Ruegge will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. Holy Communion will also be celebrated.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** Sunday, July 21, 10:45 am

**NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:** July 2019 CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List

**PRAYER REMINDER:** Please remember in your prayers our nine Mission Helpers during their three week trip to East Africa which began last Tuesday. Pray for their safe travels and good health, for their witness and work, and for the eternal Word of God they share to blood-bought souls of Christ. May our Lord Jesus bless them in this work in His kingdom. To follow along with their trip, go to this address on the internet: [2019clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com](http://2019clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com)

**GOD'S PROMISE KEPT VOLUME II** by Pastor Dale Redlin is available for \$15. It is a volume of 450 pages beginning with "Israel Deserts God for a Golden Calf" and ending with "Joseph-Mary-the Christ Child." Copies may be found in the church entry. Payment information for Volume II is found inside the front cover. There is also a single examination copy of Volume I (420 pages). It begins with creation and ends with God's giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. Cost: \$15. If you would like to order Volume I, see Pastor Schuetze.



### **PASTORAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

On June 18-20, the CLC's General Pastoral Conference met on the campus of ILC in Eau Claire, WI. The assembled pastors enjoyed a time of Christian fellowship and study of God's Word. We were enriched by the Word of God which was proclaimed by our conference chaplain, Pastor Ted Barthels, and by our communion service speaker, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh. The following papers were presented, which are available by request from the pastor:

- New Testament Exegesis: 2 Thessalonians 1:1ff. (Pastor David Ude)
- Is Agreement on Historical Perspective Necessary for God-Pleasing Fellowship? (Pastor Paul Tiefel)
- Report on "In Statu Confessionis" in Light of the Inter-Synod Discussions (Pastor Paul Nolting)
- Review of Theses/Antitheses Re: Fellowship (Pastor John Hein)
- Board of Doctrine - Analysis of the Joint Statement

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the disposition of the proposed "Joint Statement on the Termination of Church Fellowship," which has been adopted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). This document was neither adopted nor rejected by our CLC Convention in 2018. We are looking for a final resolution on this matter at next summer's 2020 CLC Convention. The 2019 CLC Pastoral Conference resolved to send a report to our next Convention, which concludes by saying "...we cannot recommend that the Convention adopt the Joint Statement on the Termination of Fellowship." The Conference also gave a report, in response to a request from the 2018 CLC Convention, concerning the status of a CLC Board of Doctrine document entitled "Theses and Antitheses on the Role of Admonition." Copies of both of these reports are also available by request from the pastor. They can also be seen online at this address: [www.tinyurl.com/2019-pc-responses](http://www.tinyurl.com/2019-pc-responses). We are thankful for this time together studying the Word of God and pray that His will might be done in all things, including the matters that have separated us from the WELS and ELS for many years.

**"MAN UP" WEEKEND** – "The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many outdoor bonding activities. The retreat will be held September 12-15, 2019 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for the retreat online at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). The cost is \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration fee is due by August 31, 2019." (from Pastor Nathanael Mayhew)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**JULY 8-13**

**Mon** The **Book of Revelation** was authored by Jesus and recorded by John, Jesus' close friend. False teachers have man-handled this Word of God, but we needn't back off on their account, so listen up! **Chs 2-3**: Is my love for Jesus and for sinners cooling off? Am I orthodox some of the time but not all the time? Is my congregation becoming comatose, and only a few are lively? Am I losing my grip on Jesus and the Bible? Am I lukewarm and need spiritual re-kindling? If so, I take my Savior's warnings to heart -- and repent.

**Tues** What's going on in heaven? *Come up here and I will show you* God's throne room crowded with His retinue, including evangelists, lively creatures, and dignitaries (**ch. 4**). Are they busy? Yes, preoccupied with praising God and worshipping Jesus with (three stanzas of) their ever-new song (**5:9-14**).

**Wed 7:9-17** Who are in heaven already? A countless multitude of redeemed souls who have survived the death of their bodies; they have been delivered from the great tribulation of earthly life by the sacrifice of the Son of God; they are enjoying total bliss in the presence of Jesus. See you there!

**Thurs Ch. 12&13** This short horror film features God's Old Testament Church as a woman giving birth to the Babe of Bethlehem; the Devil tries to destroy her and her children (the New Testament Church), but is unsuccessful. Satan even generates a duo of beasts who manage to control world economics and religion, to *blaspheme God, His name, and those who dwell in heaven*, and he empowers one of them to seduce souls via miracles and to murder those who don't comply. [Read 2 Thess. 2 for more identifying details.]

**Fri Ch. 14:1-13** Due to God's grace and forgiving love, not everybody bows to the beastly duo, for God manages to preserve His children. Note: 144,000 equals 12x12x10x10x10, which equates with perfect holiness tripled. These are the people who have escaped Satan, have died *in the Lord*, and are still helping others by their legacy of testimony and service. God grant that we have *the patience of the saints and keep the faith of Jesus!*

**Sat Ch. 20:4-6** Since a thousand years (10x10x10) adds up to perfection in triplicate, that's God's way of picturing His Kingdom especially in the New Testament era. Note: God's children enjoy two resurrections, for when our body dies, our soul goes to heaven, so that's a first resurrection. Next, when our body gets re-joined with our soul on Judgment Day, we return to heaven, and that's a second resurrection. When the **unbeliever** dies, however, his/her soul does not go to heaven, but to hell—and that's the first death. Next, when their body and soul get reunited on Judgment Day, they have to return to hell, and that's their second death. This is God's word on it. Amen.