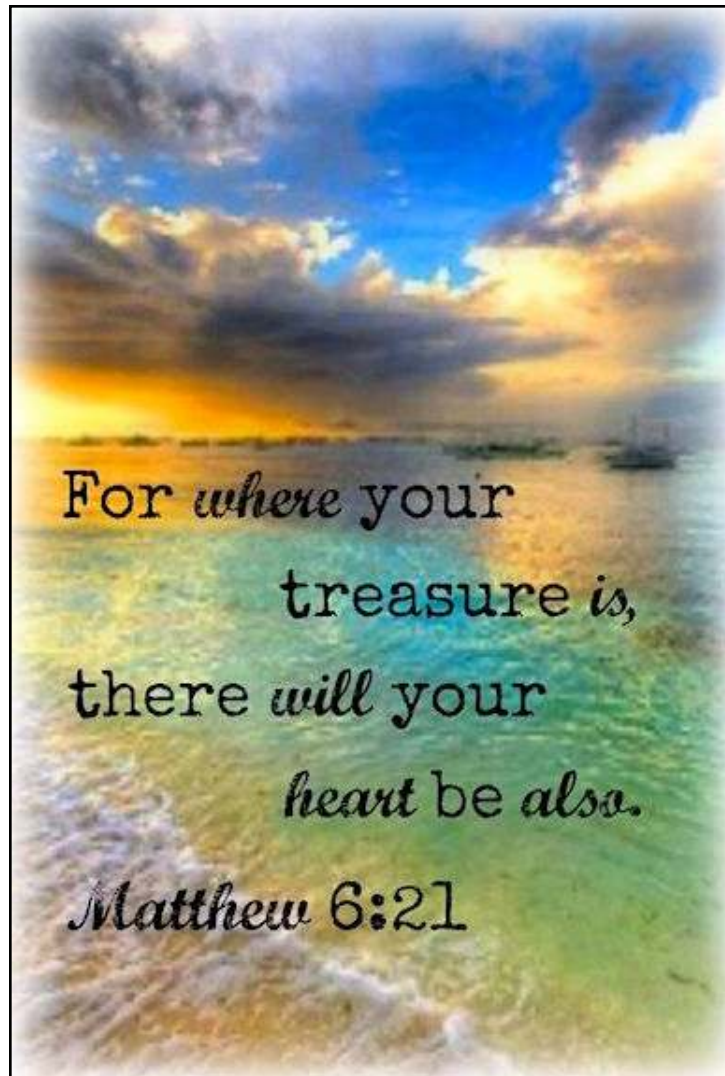


# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 25, 2019**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p.529)
- ◆ The Hymns: 812, 733, 685, 707
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 2:17-26; Colossians 3:1-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 90

### **Sermon Text – Luke 12:13-21**

#### ***LIFE PLAN OF A FOOL***

1. He has plans that center in storing up treasures.
2. He has hopes that center in a life of pleasure.
3. He ignores God in his plans.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (707)

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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!

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Ecclesiastes 1:1-3, 2:17-26

1:1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: 2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” 3 What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? 2:17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. 18 I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. 20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. 21 For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. 22 What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? 23 All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. 24 A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, 25 for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? 26 To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 90

P LORD, you have been our dwelling place:

**C Throughout all generations.**

P Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world:

**C From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

P For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by:

**C Or like a watch in the night.**

P You have set our iniquities before you:

**C Our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

P You turn mortals back to dust:

**C You sweep them away in the sleep of death.**

P The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength:

**C Yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

P Teach us to number our days aright:

**C That we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

## **Second Lesson – Colossians 3:1-11**

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, 2 set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## **Sermon Text – Luke 12:13-21**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (8/25)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
Sun (9/1)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Installation of SS teachers/support staff: Sunday, Sept. 8
- SS & Adult Bible Study resume: Sunday, Sept.8, 10:45 am
- Sunday School picnic at the parsonage: Sunday, Sept.8, noon
- Fall Mission Festival: Sunday, Sept.29, 3 pm (guest speaker, Pastor Matthew Ude); mission presentation 4 pm; meal: 5 pm

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING AUGUST

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

### DURING SEPTEMBER

- Ushers: Larry Reed, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Steve Rogers (husband of Patty Rogers, son-in-law of Georgia Waters) who is receiving medical treatment for complications related to diabetes. ++ Brianna Brethauer and Joshua Bryson who will be united in holy wedlock on Friday, August 30.

**CHOIR PRACTICES** are planned for the following Sundays in September, in preparation for our Fall Mission Festival on September 29: September 1,8,22,29. Practice time: 8:30 am.

**CALL NEWS:** Michael Wilke, currently serving as pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1	Joyce Maulis, Sept 19
Brandi Erwin, Sept 3	Courtney Wamboldt, Sept 24
Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9	(Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3)
Kathy Souchek, Sept 17	(Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**AUGUST 26-31**

**Mon Genesis 6:18-22** When humanity had sold itself to the Devil, was corrupt in heart and soul, unsalvageable, and planet Earth needed cleansing of its filth, God took a firm grip on things and prepared His dear children for the showdown. The end was in sight for every air-breathing creature (17), except for those afloat in the Ark, which was big enough (14-16), thank God!

**Tues Luke 20:9-19** Sinfulness survived the Flood, sinners despised God during the time of the prophets (10-12), and clergy assassinated the Savior (13-15). What should the Lord do to them (15)? With infinite good-heartedness God decided to displace the Hebrews from His vineyard and entrust its care to Gentiles. Footnote: Only losers wager against God (19), so don't try it!

**Wed Hebrews 5:12-6:12** A key thought: God intends us to develop perceptivity in spiritual matters (14), based on foundational articles of faith, of course (6:1-3) by keeping ourselves grounded in His Word (5:12-14). Those who *fall away* from God's gravitational field are beyond our grasp, but we remember that God can do miracles (Matthew 19:26). When we honor God's children, we are honoring God, too (9-12), so let's get at it and stick with it.

**Thurs Ezekiel 33:30-33** Why did those folks go to church? Perhaps to listen to the sermon, a pleasant interlude provided by a troubadour with soothing intonations (32). Did they go home to put the sermon into practice? That would have been evidence (proof of the pudding) that God had sent them a spokesman (33) who moved them **both** to listen **and** to act accordingly.

**Fri Matthew 21:33** The landowner is God, and the vineyard is His kingdom planted among the Hebrews; He hedged them in with His Law, the legal code that prescribed every detail of life. Anticipating fruit, God built a winepress, and the watchtower was manned by sharp-eyed guardians of the Truth. This was a good plan, but not fool-proof, as we know from the rest of the parable.

**Sat 1 Peter 3:18-21** Did you ever wonder what Jesus was doing during those dark hours between His death on Calvary and His bodily resurrection on Easter morning? He was not in limbo, but was *made alive by the Spirit, by whom* (that's the Holy Spirit) He was authorized and directed to *descend into the prison* (that's Hell) where He *preached* (delivered a speech) to persons who had despised God's grace at the time of the Flood. We don't have a recording of that speech, but it sufficed to clinch their doom as well as His superiority. Then He left Hell under His own power, reappeared on Earth for forty days, then left Earth behind for heaven, where He presides to this day. What a trip Jesus made, and none of it was vacation! Lord, have mercy on us!