

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39



**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 126 (pew bible, p.550)
- ◆ The Hymns: 527 (1-3), *548, *559, 527 (4)
**printed below*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:42-52, John 4:27-41
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 67

Sermon Text – Luke 10:1-9,16-19

WHEN THE LORD SAYS "GO"

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (527, 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!

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 13:42-52

42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'" 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us:

C And make his face shine upon us.

P May your ways may be known on earth:

C Your salvation among all nations.

P May the nations be glad and sing for joy:

C May you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

P Then the land will yield its harvest:

C And God, our God, will bless us.

P God will bless us:

C And all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Second Lesson – John 4:27-41

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. 31

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." 33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" 34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." 39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers.

Sermon Text – Luke 10:1-9,16-19

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 5 When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. 8 When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' | 16 He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (9/29)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Bronze Serpent, OT 29)
Sun (10/6)	10:45 am	Bible Class downstairs
	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Last Days of Moses, OT 30)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.12, beginning at 8:00 am
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, Oct.13, 8:30 am
- Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.13, 10:45 am
- Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.18, 6:30 pm
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.20, 11:45 am
- Area Reformation Service: Sunday, Oct.27, 4:00 pm

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING SEPTEMBER

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

DURING OCTOBER

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

OCTOBER CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE: Sunday, Oct.6,20,27, 8:30 am. We will rehearse a song for the October 27 Reformation Festival Service.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Mark Hartmeister, Oct 1	Sharlene Chiappetti, Oct 29
John Sprengeler, Oct 8	(Mark & Susan Hartmeister, Oct 23)
Jaxon Potter, Oct 14	

"FRONT RANGE" MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE: Today at 3:00 pm. Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan WI, will serve as our guest speaker. The choir and children will also sing. Following the service Pastor Ude will share a mission presentation. A meal will follow. Invitations for sharing with friends and family may be found on the shelf by the tract rack.

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List – September 2019
- August CLC Financial Report

IN THE HOME BIBLE CLASS: In a recent elders' meeting the idea was discussed of holding a during-the-week evening Bible Class in the homes of St. Paul members. It would likely be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday night. Time: 6:30 or 7:00 pm. The idea is also to invite unchurched friends and neighbors, and there would be coffee and snacks. Please inform pastor if you are willing and able to host one or more such gatherings.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 5

Mon Psalm 37:12-29 Those people are especially *wicked* who afflict God's *righteous* children. Generic sinfulness is not the subject of the moment, but rather the sin of targeting God's family; God takes it personal. Bringing it home—our CLC brethren in India are under attack because they are God's children via Christ Jesus; thus God is being targeted. If these children of God are reduced to poverty (16, 19), God wants them/us to know that He has not deserted them and has better things in store for them (24-29).

Tues Mark 9:14-29 Satan's helper was making life miserable for this family, and nobody was able to send him back to hell. Enter Jesus. Help the father first, then the lad. Well and good. Next problem: "*Why could we not cast him out?*" [Do we note a self-centered (not God-centered) approach?] Jesus' answer: To serve others, enlist God first and diminish your own importance.

Wed Romans 3:1-20 *Circumcision* is code for being Jewish, suffering under the delusion that you can get in good with God via some decent, law-abiding behavior. That doesn't work, as God explains (11-20). Everybody makes the mistake of thinking their two-cents' worth of human rectitude will impress God. God is not impressed. It's better to declare bankruptcy and throw yourself on the mercy of the court. Jesus is strong on mercy.

Thurs Isaiah 56:8-57:2 Perhaps it goes without saying that God expects His children to not throw mud on His good name but to behave decently and even endure being outcasts (8). Don't envy folks who follow dizzy shepherds (9-12), and when God separates you from evil influences, He is doing so in order to keep you safe. Go to bed tonight under God's blessings (57:1-2).

Fri Matthew 17:17 Jesus is scolding somebody, and somebody deserved it. Was it the distraught father who came to Jesus imploring mercy for his son? Or was it the disciples? Answer: He was scolding both. In fact, He was fed up with that entire generation of folks who came to Him when they wanted a quick solution to an earthly problem but devalued Him as Savior from sin. And when the disciples adjusted their ministry down to that level, they were being perverse too. Jesus was disgusted with the attitude. How long would it take for people to take to heart His reason for being on Earth?

Sat Acts 2:40-47 It was still a *perverse generation* at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit brought many Jews to understand and appreciate what God was doing via Jesus, and they *continued steadfastly* (deliberately) in the *apostles' doctrine*—which put new vigor in their social gatherings and worship. What impressed others (43) was that Christians were happy to share everything they had (44-46). Stay tuned for further developments.


548 – O LORD, IN PRAYER YOU SPENT THE NIGHT



1 O Lord, in prayer you spent the night, Then sent the twelve at
 2 Keep pas - tors faith - ful, strong, and true, Not work - ing for them -
 3 May all your peo - ple faith - ful be And treat your pas - tors
 4 So may we, when our work is done, To - geth - er meet be -



morn - ing's light. Our hearts at your re - quest are stirred To
 selves but you. En - dow them with the grace they need, The
 rev - 'rent - ly And with them work and for them pray, Re -
 fore your throne And joy - ful hearts and voic - es raise In



ask for her - alds of your Word: Send preach - ers forth and
 lambs to serve, the sheep to feed, The pre - cious flock to
 mem - b'ring what the Scrip - tures say: Re - ceive the proph - et
 one u - nit - ed song of praise, With all the bright, ce -

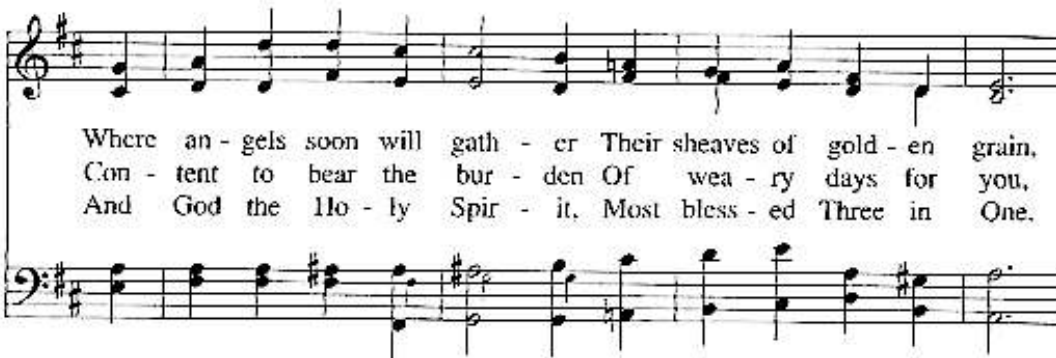


each one bless With cour - age, zeal, and ho - li - ness.
 lead and guide — The Shep - herd thus is glo - ri - fied.
 of the Lord And gain the proph - et's own re - ward.
 les - tial host, To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

559 – LORD OF THE LIVING HARVEST



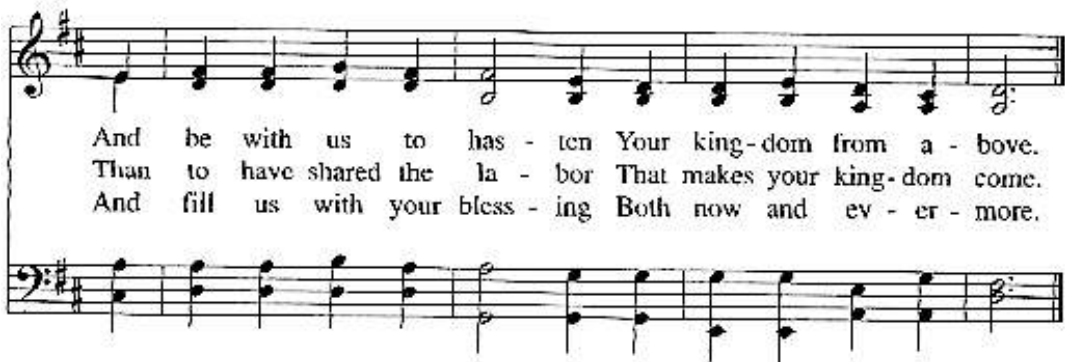
1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens o'er the plain,
2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us work to do,
3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us, God the Son



Where an - gels soon will gath - er Their sheaves of gold - en grain,
Con - tent to bear the bur - den Of wea - ry days for you,
And God the Ho - ly Spir - it, Most bless - ed Three in One.



Ac - cept our hands to la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love,
To ask no oth - er wa - ges When you will call us home
Make us your faith - ful ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore,



And be with us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
Than to have shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
And fill us with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

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