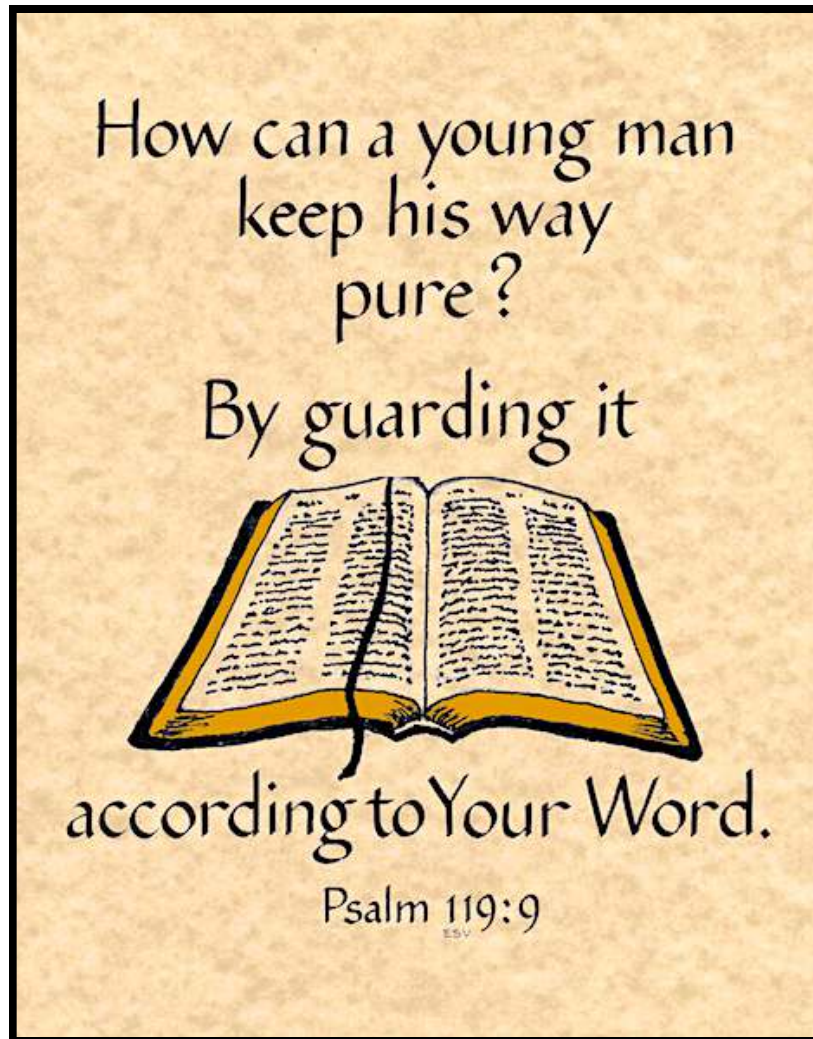


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 28, 2020

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***QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
ON MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM***

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!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn 908

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

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.**

P 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 from Psalm 119

P Blessed are they whose ways are blameless:

C **Who walk according to the law of the LORD.**

P Blessed are they who keep his statutes:

C **And seek him with all their heart.**

P You have laid down precepts:

C **That are to be fully obeyed.**

P Oh, that my ways were steadfast:

C **In obeying your decrees!**

P Then I would not be put to shame:

C **When I consider all your commands.**

P Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees:

C **Then I will keep them to the end.**

P Direct me in the path of your commands:

C **For there I find delight.**

P Turn my eyes away from worthless things:

C **Preserve my life according to your word.**
P Fulfill your promise to your servant:
C **So that you may be feared.**
P How I long for your precepts!:
C **Preserve my life in your righteousness.**
P Oh, how I love your law!:
C **I meditate on it all day long.**
P I have more insight than all my teachers:
C **For I meditate on your statutes.**
P I have more understanding than the elders:
C **For I obey your precepts.**
P I have kept my feet from every evil path:
C **So that I might obey your word.**
P I have not departed from your laws:
C **For you yourself have taught me.**
P How sweet are your words to my taste:
C **Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM
(Catechumen, John Sprengeler)

Introductory Comments by the Pastor

PART 1

**QUESTIONS ON THE INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHISM,
THE BIBLE, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

The Conclusion to the Commandments
(Read responsively at the end of Part 1)

P What does God say of all these commandments?
All 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?
All 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.

PART 2
QUESTIONS THE APOSTLES' CREED

Luther's Explanation to the Third Article

(Read by all at the end 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 588

Jesus Loves Me

PART 3
QUESTIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Meaning of Baptism

(Read responsively at the end of Part 3)

- P What is the meaning of this baptism with water?
All 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?
All 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 590

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

PART 4
QUESTIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

(Read responsively at the end of Part 4)

- P How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?
All Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" which do this. These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.
P When is an individual properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?
All Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation. However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, "for you," require nothing but believing hearts.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Special Petition For Linda Wamboldt who is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery this Tuesday

Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

Benediction Congregation sings: “Amen, amen, amen.”

Closing Hymn 582 *God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*

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SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Ruth Greening
- ◆ Ushers: Bob Rankin, Larry Reed
- ◆ Elder: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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| Today (6/28) | 9:30 am | Catechism Questions & Answers |
| | 10:45 am | Quarterly Voters’ Meeting (rescheduled from April) |
| Thu | 8:00 pm | Elders’ Conference Call Meeting |
| Sun (7/5) | 9:30 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 18 (8:00 am to noon)
- ◆ Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 8:30 am
- ◆ Mary & Martha Ladies’ Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 10:45 am
- ◆ Quarterly Voters’ Meeting: Sunday, July 26, 10:45 am

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE DURING JULY

- ◆ Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Joshua Ruegge
- ◆ Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- ◆ Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

IN OUR PRAYERS: Linda Wamboldt, who is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery this coming Tuesday, June 30.

A MEETING OF THE MARY & MARTHA LADIES’ has been scheduled for Sunday, July 19, at 10:45 am.

ON SUNDAY JULY 12 John Sprengeler will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. Following the service all are invited to a reception for John in the church basement. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



NOTE TO OUR COMMUNICANTS: The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on two Sundays in July, on the 5th and the 12th (Confirmation Sunday).

JULY BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Lisa Sprengeler, July 3	(Ed & Sharlene Chiappetti, July 4)
Dax Franzen, July 8	(Dennis & Jennifer Roberson, July 4)
Nicholas Peters, July 9	(Wayne & Crystal Ruegge, July 13)
Brianna Bryson, July 26	(Darrick & Naomi Peters, July 15)
Shawna Fritzler, July 28	(Fred & Bobbie Brethauer, July 16)
Ashley Scow, July 29	(Jordan & Sarah Potter, July 19)
	(Travis & Kylee Acker, July 28)

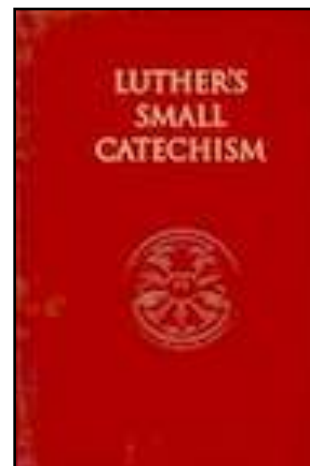
ILHS Graduation: "Due to COVID-19, Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI, has rescheduled its graduation for Sat., Aug. 1, 10:30 am. While in the past this has been a public worship service open to anyone, attendance this year will be 'by invitation only' due to local gathering limitations. This will be viewable as live stream or archived at ilc.edu. The college and seminary had their graduation service on May 30. May the LORD continue to keep our graduates in His care as they look to His Word with all their future endeavors. (ILC Board of Regents Chairman, Pastor John Hein)"

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**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**



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

JUNE 29 – JULY 4

Mon Exodus 19:2-8a God put His cards on the table: “Since you know how severely I deal with My enemies—in contrast to how gentle I have been with you (4), you should realize I love you dearly; besides, I have a grand destiny for you. Now, are you ready to yield to My guidance and directives (5-6)?” The Israelites declared they were ready and willing (8:a). That was the right attitude and a good resolve. Hallelujah!

Tues Matthew 9:35-10:8 Jesus lived and performed according to the highest standards (35-38) and gave His disciples (one and all, including the misfit Judas) power to do likewise (10:2-4). With HIS equipment and precise directions, they went out to do His work—among their Hebrew friends and relatives (5-6). Jesus directed them to attend to spiritual needs first, to bodily needs second—and always be generous (5).

Wed Romans 5:6-11 Here’s God’s program: a) Because we were weaklings, b) Jesus took over, and c) with superior love sacrificed Himself to set things straight between us and God. d) Now then, since Jesus’ death canceled all of our negatives, e) His life provides us with all of God’s positives. Believe it!

Thurs Psalm 100 We add our voices to this choir—and for good reason: We too know that the LORD (Jehovah) is God, and we too know that He made us to be *His people, the sheep of His pasture*. The last verse is same as the first: *Praise the Lord, for He is good, always merciful, and has entrusted His Word to us and our descendants, forever after. Amen!*

Fri Luke 17:1-4 In a “new normal” world we have awesome responsibilities: Let’s be painfully careful about what we say and do, both in public and in private (1-2). And when it happens that we get into trouble with one another, let’s do our best to get things straightened out, even if it happens over and over. God has given us the opportunity and ability to do so, in Jesus’ name.

Sat Acts 12:25-13:3 As *the word of God grew* from its seedbed and *multiplied* by producing the fruit of saved souls, our attention shifts from Peter’s work in Jerusalem to the work which God had lined up for others in the wider field of the Mediterranean world. Since the large congregation in Syrian Antioch had already been blessed with a full roster of teachers and preachers (13:1), the Holy Spirit decided that Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark (not to be confused with Apostle John or Evangelist Mark) should become traveling missionaries (2-3). They were lean and keen (via fasting and praying) to go forward with God’s grand search-and-rescue enterprise. Stay tuned.