

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**Last Sunday of End Time – Christ the King
November 21, 2021**

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer

Ushers: Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 45 (pew bible, p.503)
- ◆ The Hymns: 525 (1-4), 905, 680, 525 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Daniel 7:13-14, John 18:33-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 45
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p. 15*)

Sermon Text – Isaiah 35:1-10

Isaiah's Splendid Description of Our Future Heavenly Home

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (525, stanza 5)

Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

9 As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. 10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. | 13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 45

P My heart is stirred by a noble theme:

C As I recite my verses for the King.

P You are the most excellent of men:

C And your lips have been anointed with grace.

P Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One:

C Clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

P In your majesty ride forth victoriously:

C Let your right hand display awesome deeds.

P Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever:

C A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

P You love righteousness and hate wickedness:

C Therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

P I will perpetuate your memory through all generations:

C Therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

Second Lesson – John 18:33-37

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” 34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” 35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” 36 Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.” 37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Sermon Text – Isaiah 35:1-10

1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, 2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. 3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; 4 say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. 7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. 8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. 9 No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, 10 and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are glad you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God’s Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come and worship with us again!

This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/21)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Sun (11/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	New Member Welcome Reception (<i>rescheduled from Nov 14</i>)

Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 13 *“The Church: Getting Into It, Living In It”* (from the study course *“LEARN FROM ME”*). In this lesson we are looking at some of the beautiful pictures the Bible uses to describe the Holy Christian Church and delving into the questions: 1) How does a person get into the Church? 2) What kind of behavior does the Savior look for in those who are members of His Church? 3) What should our attitude be towards public worship? 4) What does Scripture teach about false teachers and false worship? 5) What Scripture teaches about “antichrists” and THE Antichrist? 6) What instructions did Jesus provide for us, before ascending, about supporting the mission of the Church?

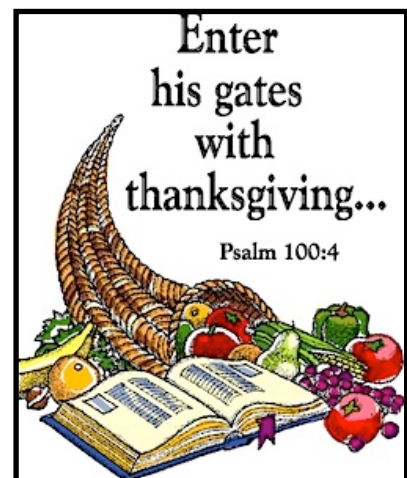
Next lesson (#14): *“The Forgiveness of Sins.”* Among the questions we’ll consider and search for answers from the Scriptures are: 1) What does God do with our sins? 2) What is the extent of His forgiveness? 3) The impartiality of His forgiveness (who all may receive it)? 4) Where is God’s forgiveness offered to us? 5) How we can be sure about having God’s forgiveness and His gift of eternal life?

All are invited to participate in the blessings of Bible Class, recalling Jesus’ words: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”* (Matthew 11:28-29).

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Paul: Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"



The Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, invite you to join them in the installation of their new pastor, Benjamin Libby, on December 5, 2021, at 3:00 pm. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will preach the sermon and Pastor Timothy Wheaton will be the liturgist and perform the installation. A dinner will follow the service.

Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters in India – *“Southeast India, where the BELC is located, is currently being hit by heavy rain that is causing massive flooding. Many of our BELC pastors are surrounded by flood water and unable to leave their homes and unable to do their daily work to earn their livelihood. This heavy rain is expected to continue until the 16th of November. Chennai has particularly hard-hit. <> While the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have set up some flood relief shelter in Chennai and major cities, they are neglecting the villages where most of our pastors and fellow Christians live. <> Please keep the people in these hard-hit areas in your prayers! <> I have not heard anything from the CLCI. They are more north than the BELC, and so they might be escaping the most of the flooding, but I know they have some churches along the coast that may be impacted as well. Missionary Peter Evensen” (11-11-21)*

Call News – Mrs. Marcie Schierenbeck has accepted the call to be a half time teacher in the lower grades of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire WI.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions November 22-27

Mon Daniel 7:9-14 The *Ancient of Days* (9) is God the Father, here acting as Judge (11-12). Jesus is ushered into the Judge's chamber (13), and another verdict is issued—that Jesus should be granted *dominion and glory and a Kingdom that shall not be destroyed*. We acknowledge Jesus as King of kings; we are His subjects in the kingdom of God/heaven. *Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!* [TLH, 339:6]

Tues John 18:33-37 In a lower court Jesus was invited to testify – but Pilate's question was so lop-sided that Jesus needed to clarify that His kingdom is not an adjunct of the Roman Empire nor a replica of oriental potentates, but rather a kingdom authorized by the Supreme Court to preside over the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. That stymied Pilate, but he was honest enough to declare Jesus not guilty of any civil or social crime.

Wed Revelation 1:4-8 There is no tribute too great for the Father (4) and for Jesus Messiah, God's *faithful witness* from the grave, King of kings, *who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to God*. Nobody else—past, present, or future comes close to Jesus, the *Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is* (presently) *and who was* (historically), and *who is to come* (any day now), *the Almighty*.

Thurs Deuteronomy 8:10-18 Who has the gumption to read this passage aloud as we push away from the Thanksgiving table? We too are negligent about His commandments, we get preoccupied with acquiring affluence too, and God gets sidelined (12-13) even though He has supported us through our rough times (14-16). God deserves our remembrance, *for it is He who gives us the power/ability to get rich*. Rich? Yes, and Amen!

Fri Luke 17:11-19 So we don't have leprosy, but Covid-19 is rumbling along, so let's be thankful for daily blessings. This episode highlights two truths: On Jesus' side, He has power to heal a contagious disease, and (on our side) we have power to step away from the crowd and return to Jesus, giving Him thanks. [It is certainly possible (even likely) that Jesus gets more attention from foreign converts than from old-line Lutherans—just as in the old days.]

Sat Philippians 4:10-20 The Christians in Philippi were newcomers, too, but they loved Pastor Paul and remembered him with a gift. Though Paul was a toughed veteran in God's service (11-13), he was thrilled they had gone out of their way to make his life more pleasant—for they had their hearts in it. *Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall ! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all*. Amen.