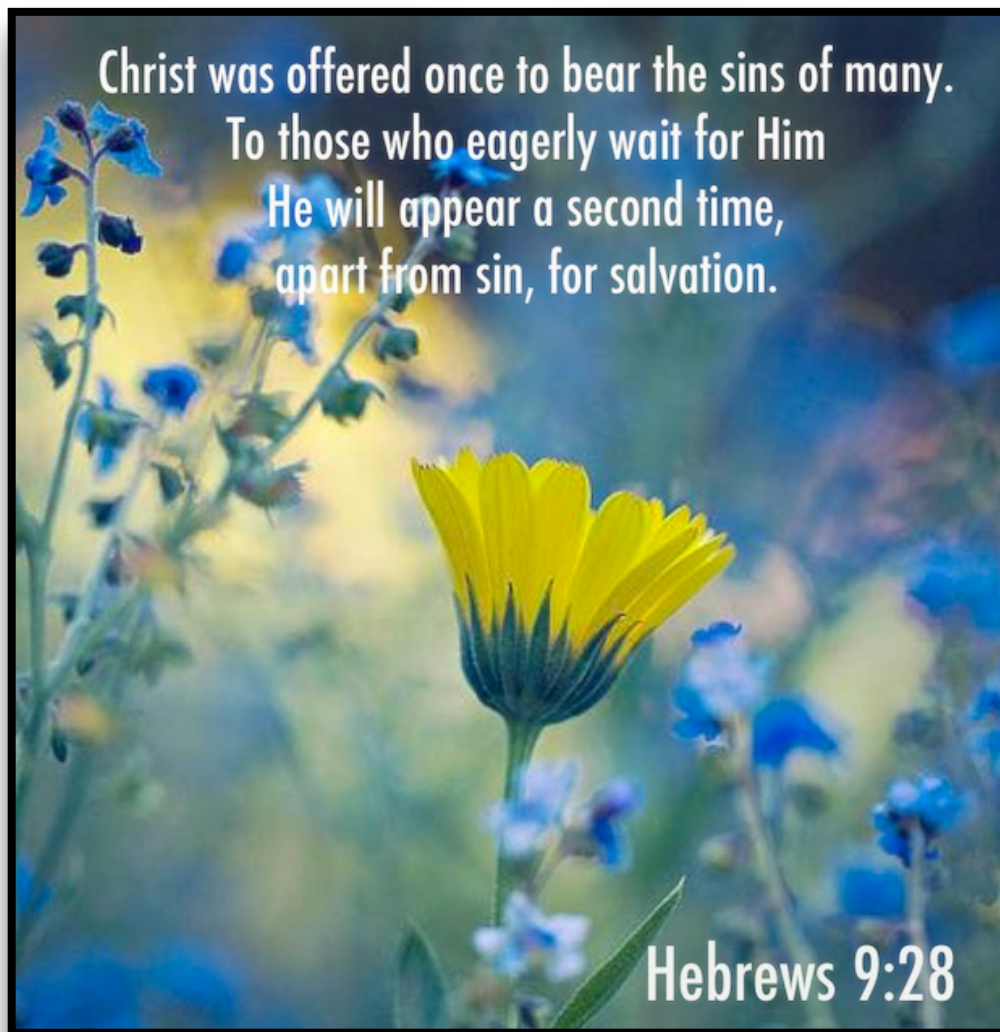


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**2nd Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment
November 7, 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

Lay Minister: Mike Sprengeler

Organist: Ruth Greening

Ushers: Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ The Hymns: 515 (1-3), 513, 636 (1-4,8), 515 (4)
- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 90 (pew bible, p.529)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Malachi 4:1-3, John 5:19-24
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 96
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Mark 13:33-37

“There's No Time To Sleep!”

Jesus' Second Coming Calls Us

1. ...to be Alert 2. ...to be Active 3. ...to Anticipate
(a CLC *Ministry by Mail* Sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (515, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Malachi 4:1-3

1 “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. 3 Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things,” says the LORD Almighty.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 96

P Sing to the LORD, praise his name:
C Proclaim his salvation day after day.
P Declare his glory among the nations:
C His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
P Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness:
C Tremble before him, all the earth.
P Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad:
C Let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
P Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them:
C Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.
P For he comes to judge the world in righteousness:
C And the peoples in his truth.

Second Lesson – John 5:19-24

19 Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. 24 “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Sermon Text – Mark 13:33-37

33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!” [NKJV]

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 is 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 (11/7) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (11/14) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:45 am New Member Welcome Reception (*see note below*)

A New Member Reception Is Planned for next Sunday, November 14, after the worship service for those who became a part of our St. Paul church family during the past year: *Karen Thompson; Jesse and Shelly Cornish and children Jesse Jr, Joseph, and Jacob; Dennis Roberson; and DeLisa Poholek.* Karen was received as a member in February. The Cornish's were received as members by transfer from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN, in June. Dennis and DeLisa were received as members at the October Voters' Meeting. Members are requested to bring soup and/or sandwiches for sharing at the after-service welcome reception. *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1.*

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 24, 7:00 pm

Our Current Sunday Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 12 *"God's Holy Spirit"* (from the study course **"LEARN FROM ME"**). Among the questions we are considering and searching for answers from the Scriptures are: 1) What is a Sacrament? 2) Where does Baptism derive its power to accomplish the amazing things that it does? 2) What blessings does God convey to people through the Sacrament of Baptism? 3) What is the Bible basis for baptizing babies? 4) What meaning does the Sacrament of Baptism – performed in the past – have for our lives in the present?

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).*

Our St. Paul Mary & Martha Group continues to financially sponsor our seminary student, Komla Agbayi, at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo. The annual cost is \$350, which is due each January. Members of St. Paul to help defray this cost through donations you may want to give toward this. To give a donation place your gift in a separate envelope marked “Mary Martha Kinship” & place it in the offering plate or you can give it to the Mary/Martha treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. If you would like to donate with a check, please make it out to “St. Paul Lutheran Church” and on the memo space write “Mary Martha Kinship.” Thank you!

Fall Mission Webinar – The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is “Mission Myths” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

Upcoming in December

- ➔ Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.5, 10:45 am
- ➔ Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.12, 10:45 am
- ➔ Children’s Christmas Eve Service Practices: TBA
- ➔ Children’s Christmas Eve Service: Friday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- ➔ Christmas Day Worship: Saturday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- ➔ NY’s Eve Communion Service: Friday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions November 8-13

Mon Jeremiah 18:1-11 Ancient Palestinians suffered much from foreigners, and God was using them to bring Israel to repentance. Israel's problem was common to humans: moral degeneration which begins with individuals (11) and soon infects the entire nation. Unrepented sin brings disastrous consequences; on the other hand, God relents and rebuilds a future for repentant individuals and repentant nations. [It sounds current, doesn't it?]

Tues Mark 13:1-11 Jesus upgraded Jeremiah's warning for the Jews (1-2), which fits our world, too (5-8). *So watch out for yourselves*, Christians, for you will be persecuted and face court trials (9). When that happens to you, God's Holy Spirit will give you the right responses for a testimony to/against them. [Martin Luther was blessed via that experience; praise the Lord!]

Wed Revelation 14:6-7 *Angel* = messenger, and this one was air-borne so he could broadcast his message *to all those who dwell on the Earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, "Revere God and give glory to Him, for your time of grace has evaporated! Get down on your knees and worship Him who created a viable Earth until He finishes it off in flames [2 Peter 3:10].* Martin Luther was God's messenger, and today many others are using the air-waves to broadcast God's Word.

Thurs Psalm 46 *Since God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble*, we can face catastrophes (1-3) from a safe place (4-5). Even if Europe, Asia, Africa, Indonesia, and the Americas go berserk, we will *take refuge in the God of Jacob* (cf. Genesis 28:13-15). When life gets scary, let's remind ourselves that God is still behind the steering wheel (8-9). That knowledge helps us o quit complaining (10). Repeat. Repeat. Repeat.

Fri Matthew 24:1-14 We are less interested in the Temple than the disciples were; they were impressed, Jesus was not. We are more interested in the next question: *"What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"* They wanted advance notice on the arrival of Judgment Day. Here are the clues: False saviors will deceive many, wars and natural disasters will multiply; you will be targeted, too. There's only one redeeming factor that will prepare humanity for meeting Jesus (14). God grant it!

Sat 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Let's sit down and count our blessings. We have been *given the grace of God via Christ Jesus; we have been enriched in every-which way via Jesus*; God has not begrudged us any blessing, and He has pledged to carry us through to the end, so *that we may be blameless in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ*. God is dependable! Count on it (9)! Amen and Amen!