

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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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: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 25 (pew bible, p.492)
- ◆ The Hymns: 354 (1-3), 62 [*bulletin, back page*], 563, 354 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 85

Sermon Text – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold Your King, the Branch of David!

1. He comes to you from a gracious God.
2. He brings to you the blessing of His righteousness.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (354, stanza 4)

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. 12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Psalm for the Day – From Psalm 85

P You showed favor to your land, O Lord:
C You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
P You forgave the iniquity of your people:
C And covered all their sins.
P Show us your unfailing love, O Lord:
C And grant us your salvation.
P I will listen to what God the Lord will say:
C He promises peace to his people, his saints.
P Surely his salvation is near those who fear him:
C That his glory may dwell in our land.
P Love and faithfulness meet together:
C Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
P Faithfulness springs forth from the earth:
C And righteousness looks down from heaven.
P Righteousness goes before him:
C And prepares the way for his steps.

Second Lesson – Luke 21:25-36

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 “I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on

the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon Text – Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 15 “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.’”

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A CORDIAL GREETING AND WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	New Member Welcome Reception
Sun (12/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Children’s Christmas Eve Service Practice
	10:45 am	Christmas Decorating
	3:00 pm	Redeemer, Cheyenne Pastor Installation Service, followed by meal

Upcoming in December

- ➔ Choir Practices: TBA
- ➔ 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

The Members of Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, invite you to join them in the installation of their new pastor, Benjamin Libby, next December 5 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.

Christmas Basket Items – The Mary & Martha ladies group is planning to prepare Christmas baskets again this year for sharing with St. Paul members unable to regularly attend our services. If you have non-perishable food items you would like to donate for the baskets, please bring them to church by next Sunday, December 5. Cash donations for purchasing basket items are also welcome. These may be given to ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. Thank you.

Student Sponsorship – Our St. Paul Mary & Martha ladies continue to financially support a sem student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo. The student's name is Komla Agbayi. The annual cost to support him is \$360 which is due each January. All of our St. Paul members are welcome to give a donation for our sponsorship of Komla. To do so place your gift in a separate envelope marked "Mary Martha Kinship" and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Mary/Martha treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. If you wish to donate with a check, please make it out to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" and write "Mary Martha Kinship" on the memo space. Thank you!

Mission Webinar – The "Committee on Domestic Fields" Mission Webinar from November 13 can be viewed online at <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>. In addition to the video webinar you can access presentation slides and worksheets to guide you in your personal study. Please check out these resources and make use of them as you seek to grow in your faith and in the saving message of salvation in Christ Jesus!

Israel Trip – The group trip to Israel, which was postponed till January 2022 due to COVID, has been postponed once more. The new dates are now set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three-day extension to Jordan for those interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact to Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602; nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many events from the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.

Copies of the Church Year Calendar for 2021-2022 may be found in the tract track. It lists the Bible readings for each Sunday of the year, which will be read in our worship services. A good devotional resource. Help yourself!

December Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Ethel Eastridge, Dec 2	Karen Thompson, Dec 20
Willie Tiefel, Dec 8	Carrol Rankin, Dec 25
Brooke Peters, Dec 16	(Mike & Lisa Sprengeler, Dec 4)
Steve Phillips, Dec 11	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 29 – December 4

Mon Jeremiah 29:1-23 lays out a readable survey of some history. Because the Jewish nation had not heeded God (15-19), He put them (20-23) into detention for 70 years (!) in a foreign land where He expected them to settle in (4-7) but not be taken-in by crazy talk (8-9). Let them rather keep faith that God would manage to get them back to Palestine (10-11), and they could start in again where they had left off (12-14). Lesson: God has ways and means to humble a nation that disses Him.

Tues Luke 19:28-40 It was not a grand entry and would have escaped notice except for two loud announcements. First, the miracle which befit Jesus' lowly service on our behalf (28-35), and then the disciples' broadcast of Him as *the LORD, their Righteousness* (38)--per Ps. 118:26 (37-38). Those who did not see Jesus that way (39-40) still live among us today. Lord, have mercy!

Wed 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Fast-forward to a missionary's gush of praise for God's work in a foreign land (9-10), followed by his prayer for God to make these converts *increase and abound in love to one another* (and to everyone else, too), so that God would *establish* (fortify and solidify) them to hold their ground in God-pleasing conduct – as they looked ahead to the *coming* [Advent] of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. Amen!

Thurs Jeremiah 33:14-16 After God downloaded the bad news that He was about to punish Judah (the South) for the evils they had done to Him, God gave Jeremiah (and all repentant sinners) a bright light at the end of the tunnel. It's Jesus, of course. We knew it all the time because God has told us so more than once; it's the truth which the Apostle Paul was getting across to his countrymen in Rom. 1:17 and 10:4, in 1 Corinthians 1:30; the truth which other apostles emphasized, as in Jeremiah 23:5-6 and 2 Peter 1:1.

Fri Luke 21:25-36 "It's darkest just before dawn" has some truth to it—for that's the scenario prior to Jesus' second coming/advent (25-28). *Look up* (not downcast) and *lift up your heads* (to receive a blessing) *because your redemption is drawing near*. How about an illustration (29-30)? People get drunk and carouse in futile efforts to escape their anxieties, and absorption in life's problems is a distraction from God's perfect escape plan (27-28).

Sat 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 There's a lot of misinformation about Jesus' return; here's the straight of it: Jesus will *descend from heaven with much shouting, the voice of an archangel, and trumpet fanfare* loud enough to wake the dead; God's people will arise from their graves to join up with the rest of us, and in grand assembly *we will meet Jesus* and float up to heaven. Heaven is my home. Heaven is my home. Heaven is my home.

Hymn Before The Sermon

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

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Is. 69: 29

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

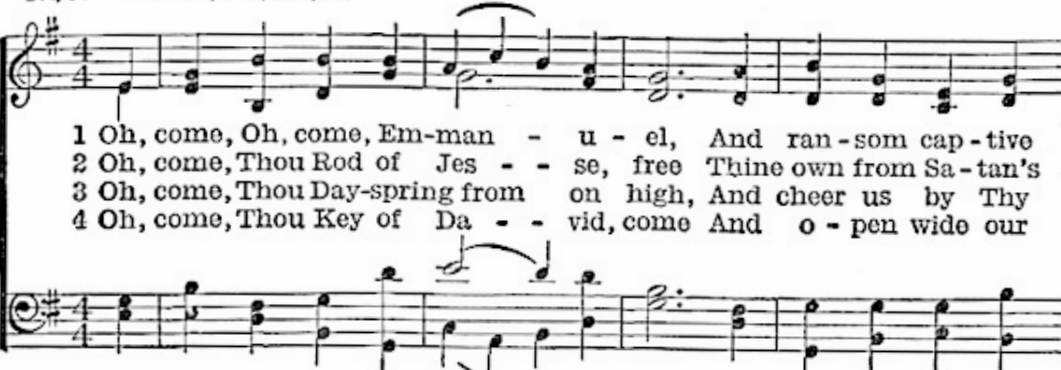
Latin author unknown, c. 1100

Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.

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Veni, Emmanuel

Plain-song melody, c. 1200




1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive
2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa-tan's
3 Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy
4 Oh, come, Thou Key of Da - - vid, come And o - pen wide our



Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone-ly ex - - ile here Un-
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night And
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high And



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-
death's dark shad-ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-
close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el. A-men.