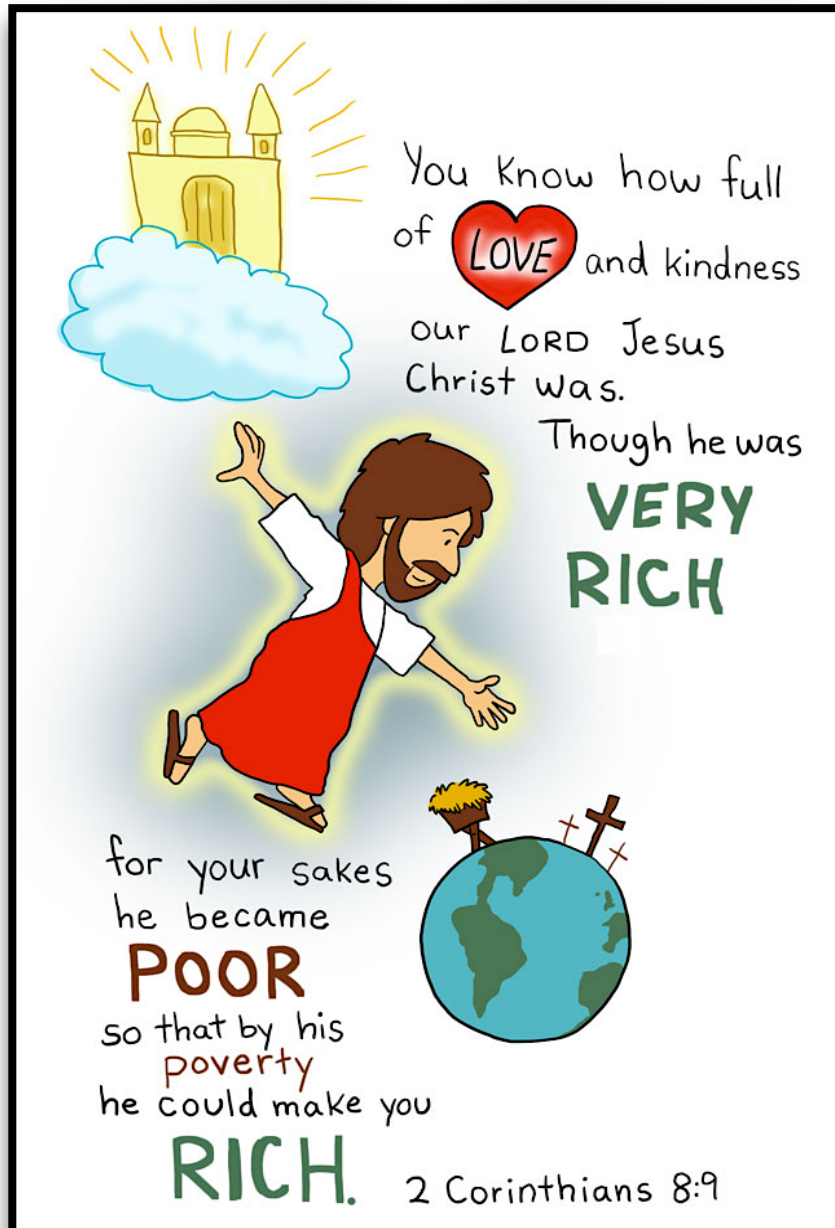


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



You know how full
of **LOVE** and kindness
our LORD Jesus
Christ was.
Though he was
**VERY
RICH**

for your sakes
he became
POOR
so that by his
poverty
he could make you
RICH. 2 Corinthians 8:9

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us at God's House Today

Organist, Suzannah Miller; Usher: Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 146 (pew bible, p.558)
- ◆ The Hymns: 790 (1-4), 787, 781, 851, 790 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Chronicles 29:1-17, 2 Corinthians 9:1-8, Mark 12:41-44
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation

Today's Thought for Meditation: "The Joy of Christian Giving"

- ◆ Following the Presentation: Hymn 781
- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (790, stanza 5)

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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 Chronicles 29:1-17

1 Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. 2 With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. 3 Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: 4 three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, 5 for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?” 6 Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. 7 They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9 The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. 10 David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, “Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 15 We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 16 O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 9:1-8

1 There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints. 2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. 3 But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. 4 For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident. 5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Third Lesson – Mark 12:41-44

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshiping 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

Sun (1/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Annual Voters' Meeting
Tues	9:00 am	Pastor Study Conference at Loveland (rescheduled from last Tuesday)
Sun (2/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion and installation of newly-elected council members
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Class

Annual Voters' Meeting: Following the service today. Agenda items include the following:

- Reports of the Pastor, Sunday School, Elders, and Treasurer, and Trustees
- Election of church officers
- Adopting of St. Paul 2022 Calendar
- Discussion of mission outreach options for the new year
- Action of the Board of Elders' recommendation to revise the St. Paul Constitution
- Setting of St Paul's 2022 CBP figure

Facebook Page: Live and past video worship services at St. Paul can now be viewed on our church Facebook page (Facebook account required). To view these services go to our church website (denverlutheran.com) and click on "Worship Services." Audio recordings of our services (full service or just the sermon) may also be found on our website. These can be listened to without a Facebook account.

Call News: Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine NE.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 31 – February 5

Mon Jeremiah 1:4-10 Here are the vital facts: the fetus IS a human person, predestination IS real, and verbal inspiration IS genuine. This overwhelmed Jeremiah, and he would have caved in, but God rescued him with the double assurance: a) “*I am with you,*” and b) “*I have put My words in your mouth,* so you must speak up. In fact, I have put you on top of every situation.” (10)

Tues Luke 4:38-44 Since Jesus dedicated Himself to help people with large problems, He had little time to relax. Though they came in droves, Jesus did not heal them wholesale, but one at a time, for each needed His undivided attention (40). Note: God neither wants nor allows testimony from those who are His rivals (41). Another reason He did not take time to relax is that He wanted to reach others with God’s salvation—before it was too late (42-43).

Wed 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Christians depend on parents and teachers to keep them in the Word (14-15), and we depend on God to lay His Word on our hearts, producing godly strength to face life’s challenges (16-17). So, then, dear professors, pastors, and teachers—do your job! (4:1-2) Since time is running out, and people are becoming immune to God (3-4), we depend on you to be faithful in your service to God . . . and for our blessing. Amen.

Thurs Jeremiah 5:30-31 History repeats itself: educators promote deviant sexual behavior, abortion is defended as a right—and the fact that clergy default as God’s spokesmen caps the whole mess. It’s *an astonishing and horrible thing that has been committed in our land*—that clergymen have deserted God and His Word. *They rule by their own say-so,* and the citizens *love to have it that way. But what will you do in the end?* Lord, have mercy!

Fri Luke 4:31-37 It’s quite believable that someone may go to church with an affliction or addiction—and when facing Jesus (at the *Confession of Sins*, page 5) cringes with agony. What is s/he to do? Well, let Jesus take over, for He is quite able to face the indwelling demon, take its power away, and in its place implant His Holy Spirit. “Grant this, Lord, unto us all.”

Sat 2 Timothy 2:22-26 *Flee* means **run!** Get as far away as fast as you can from temptations/activities that would lure you into Satan’s backyard to play games with him. Satan is a liar and a cheater, so don’t listen to his spiel or try to outsmart him, but rather strengthen your spiritual muscles in God’s family circle. God’s servants in the public ministry are Satan’s main targets, so they need our support to *be gentle to everyone, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition*—using all their skills to help others *come to repentance, so that they may know the truth and that they may escape the snare of the devil.* God grant it! Amen.

CLC DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL

The following is provided by various members of the CLC for devotional purposes. Please speak with Pastor if you have questions about accessing any of these resources.

PODCASTS (“subscribe” to follow):

- **“BeneathTheTreesAtGethsemane”** (all one word) Audio of **“Daily Rest”** Devotions (provided by Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA)
- **“Morning Chapels from ILC”** - Audio recording of daily chapels at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire
- **“Burdens and Blessings Podcast”** – discussing culture and current events in the light of God’s Word of Truth
- **“Twin Steeples”** – weekly podcast with a devotion and announcements produced by Immanuel, Mankato

VIDEO/AUDIO:

- Video of Daily Chapels at ILC: search **“ilcvideos”** on YouTube
- Walt Schaller's "Minute Meditations" --
www.minutemeditations.net

PRINT, ONLINE, and EMAIL:

- **The Lutheran Spokesman** (monthly magazine) – with some audio recordings available on www.lutheranspokesman.org
- **Ministry by Mail** – weekly sermons by CLC pastors by mail, email, and online www.lutheransermons.org
- **Daily Rest** – daily devotions written by CLC pastors, professors, and teachers
- **E-Devotions** – daily devotions by CLC pastors and professors, sent to your email <https://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries/>
- **The Branches** – quarterly magazine produced by women of the CLC



Guidelines for Christian Giving from God's Word

1. Give for Christ's sake as part of your worship.

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:9 – For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 9:15 – Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift.

2. Give joyfully.

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 9:7 – Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



3. Give according to your ability.

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 8:12 – The gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 16:2 – Let each one of you set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

4. Give liberally.

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 9:6 – Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

5. Give regularly and systematically.

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 16:2 – On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.

6. Give to the Lord the firstfruits of your income.

- ▶ Proverbs 3:9 – Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

7. Give with a heart of faith, trusting the Lord to take care of your needs.

- ▶ Matthew 6:31,33 – Do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ... But seek first the kingdom of God and righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- ▶ Luke 6:38 – Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 9:8 – And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.