

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 liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us at God's House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer; Usher: Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 42 (pew bible, p.502)
- ◆ The Hymns: 570, 560, 685 (1-3), 685 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Philippians 3:17–4:1, Luke 13:31-35
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalms 42 & 43
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Jeremiah 26:8-15

Like Savior, Like Servant

1. Both came with God's message.
2. Both met with opposition.
3. Both carried out their mission, trusting the Lord.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (685, stanza 4)

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Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Philippians 3:17–4:1

3:17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. 4:1 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Psalm of the Day – From Psalms 42 & 43

P As the deer pants for streams of water:
C **So my soul pants for you, O God.**
P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:
C **When can I go and meet with God?**
P Why are you downcast, O my soul?:
C **Why so disturbed within me?**
P Put your hope in God:
C **For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**
P Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me:
C **Let them bring me to the place where you dwell.**
P Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight:
C **I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Second Lesson – Luke 13:31-35

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” 32 He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ 33 In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! 34 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Sermon Text – Jeremiah 26:8-15

8 But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! 9 Why do you prophesy in the LORD’S name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’S house. 11 Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!” 12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. 13 Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. 15 Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

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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

Sun (3/13)	8:30 am	Elders’ Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed (3/16)	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/20)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday, March 16. Conducting the service this week: Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Loveland. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Redeemer, Cheyenne. Our Lenten theme this year is *“Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns.”* This week’s hymn for meditation is Hymn 438: *“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.”* The sermon text: Isaiah 53:6-7.

Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 16 *“Prayer”* from the study course *“Learn from Me.”* In this lesson we are considering “the elements of prayers,” wrong and right kinds of prayer, and we will undertake a study of the cream of all prayers: *The Lord’s Prayer*. Jesus said: *“Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39).*

Choir Members, Take Note: Practices are scheduled for three upcoming Sundays: March 27, April 3 & 10, at 8:30 am. We will work on a song for our Easter Sunday celebration on April 17.

New in Our Tract Rack: *“CLC World Missions Prayer List”* for March (provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann). Take, read, pray!

Synod News & Notes

Black Hills Family Bible Camp: “Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God’s Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, climbing/repelling, swimming, kayaking, bonfires, s’mores etc. The camp runs from the evening of Friday July 15th through the morning of Tuesday July 19th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.”

Call News: Teacher Claire Abbas of Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grade teacher at Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights MN.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 14-19

Mon Jeremiah 26:8-16 The clergy opposed Jeremiah because he threatened their status, and so they ganged up on him. Jeremiah did not cave in, for God had given him a holy assignment. When the civil authorities were called in, Jeremiah explained God's plan all over again, and they sided with Jeremiah. A good first step. Note: Having skin in the game can make a person biased and on the wrong side of God's enterprise. Lord, have mercy!

Tues Luke 13:31-35 These Pharisees may have had ulterior motives in urging Jesus to get out of town, for Jesus sent them back to their boss to report that He was not intimidated. Rather, He asserted that He would take no shortcuts from reaching His goal of *being perfected* (31-33) via Calvary and the empty tomb. The window of opportunity was closing on Herod, Pharisees, and all Jewry—and who would be the loser? They, not Jesus (34-35).

Wed Philippians 3:17-4:1 *Walking* happens when we take one balanced step after another, moving forward. Here the Apostle Paul encourages us to walk in tandem with other Christians—sharing our balance and stride with others, somewhat like partners in a three-legged gunnysack race. We learn to copy one another's good steps as we march forward together. "I walk with Jesus all the way; my walk is heavenward all the way." We belong together.

Thurs Jeremiah 26:17-24 Some old-timers had gone through the drill before, and from at least one case they had learned that when people repent, God relents (1). People don't always repent, of course, and that brought to mind another case that ended badly for the prophet (20-23). Now, what about Jeremiah? His case would have ended badly, too, except that Ahikam, prince of Judah, intervened and took Jeremiah into protective custody (24).

Fri Matthew 23:34-39 Every Hebrew knew Zechariah's significance, and true Israelis shuddered at the barbarism of his assassins, who murdered this servant of God while he was conducting a worship service in church! Jerusalem was rotten to the core, and Jesus tried over and over to rescue its people from hellfire. Lord, have mercy on our rotting world, too!

Sat Colossians 2:6-10 & Philippians 3:17-21 in poetic form: (TLH #413)

My walk is heavenward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When thou shalt find release for aye From all thy sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, be gone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay!
My walk is heavenward all the way. Amen.