

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”
(Acts 9:5-6 – The Conversion of Saul)*

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Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament (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 89:1-15 (pew bible, p.528)
- ◆ The Hymns: 465, (**see page 6*), 629, (**see page 6*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 9:1-19, Revelation 5:11-14
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 67
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – John 21:1-14

Fishermen of Jesus

1. He cares about our catch.
2. He instructs us on how to fish.
3. He blesses our work.
4. He provides what we need.



- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (*stanza 7 of the hymn on p.6*)

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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 – Acts 9:1-19

1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 67

P May God be gracious to us and bless us:
C **And make his face shine upon us.**
P May your ways may be known on earth:
C **Your salvation among all nations.**
P May the nations be glad and sing for joy:
C **For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**
P May the peoples praise you, O God:
C **May all the peoples praise you.**
P Then the land will yield its harvest:
C **And God, our God, will bless us.**
P God will bless us:
C **And all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

Second Lesson – Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” 14 The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sermon Text – John 21:1-14

1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. 6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” 11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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A warm welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/1) 8:30 am Elders' Meeting
 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (5/8) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming Events

West-Central Delegate Conference at St. Paul: Tue-Thu, May 24-26
Conference Worship Service: Wed evening, May 25 (time TBA)
CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 23-26

Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 16 "*Prayer*" from the study course "*Learn from Me.*" Currently we are in the midst of a study of the Lord's Prayer. "*Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation*" (Psalm 25:4-5).

St. Paul Will Be Serving As Host for the West-Central Delegate Conference scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26. Fred Brethauer and Bob Rankin have volunteered to represent St. Paul as lay delegates. **Housing Will Be Needed** for an estimated 25-30 participants at this conference (from about twelve congregations of the CLC's "West-Central District"). A housing sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board. Please add your name if you can help in this way. Note: We plan to rent motel rooms for lodging some of the delegates. If you are unable to serve as host for delegates but would like to give a donation for the motel room rentals, place your gift in the offering plate, designating it for "conference lodging."

Synod News & Notes

CLC History Video – “Brothers, There’s an excellent but little-known video about the origin of the CLC called *“By the Grace of God.”* It was produced by Jamie Arndt in connection with the 50th anniversary of the CLC, but I don't think it ever got the distribution it deserves. I shared the video with Prof. Mark Weis for his high school church history class at Immanuel, and several other people have since asked for the link. Here it is.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nvego1OmAzT7WfLlanyr2uyMKKngItMi/view>

It's well worth watching if you have some spare time. It bears a particular poignancy because many of the people who were interviewed for it are now asleep in the Lord. It's good to see and hear them again. I would certainly consider this video recommended viewing for every convention delegate. In our Risen Lord” *(from ILC Prof. Paul Naumann).*

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CLC Midwest Women’s Retreat – “Greetings! We want to provide an update regarding the Midwest Women’s Retreat 2022. Due to feedback we have received and in talking with the retreat location coordinator, we have cancelled this year’s retreat and postponed it to 2023. We are still waiting on a date for next year. <> Going forward, we are looking for volunteers to take over the planning and running of the Midwest Women’s Retreat. Both of us intend to step down from this role, but are willing to help transition the responsibilities to the new coordinators in 2023. Please email (emradichel@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking over this retreat. Thank you, Erin Radichel and Sarah Radichel”

*Come, Let Us Join in Praise

*(stanzas 1-6 before sermon, stanza 7 to close service)
(sung to melody of "Crown Him with Many Crowns")*

1. Come, let us join in praise God's people one and all,
Who through the years have been both blest In body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing And raise your voices strong.
Let all the world behold our God And join to sing our song.

2. Come, let us hear His Word Inspired by our God.
It lights our every step as we Through this world's darkness plod.
As we thus walk with God Our hand in His each day,
We'll find a peace in heart and soul In Him, the Truth, the Way.

3. Come, let us talk with God, We never are alone,
He hears us each and every one And all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain Our God will comfort us
And bring us through the trying hours To peace and happiness.

4. Come, let us offer gifts With hearts of thankfulness,
That we may tell the whole wide world What God has done for us.
And give to people lost And caught in Satan's lies
The gift of God's redemptive grace To dry repentant eyes.

5. Come to the water font And there by God be blest,
For with the water and the Word The Spirit gives us rest.
Our sins are washed away And we are born again
To live a life of praise to God, And cast out every sin.

6. Come to the Sacred Board. Let each of us prepare.
For there's His body and His blood For all His saints to share.
With sorrow o'er our sins, We come before His face,
He pours on us forgiving love, And smothers us with grace.

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7. Come, let us dedicate Ourselves to God each day,
May He inspire our heart and mind And everything we say.
The future of our life Rests firmly in His love,
Throughout our life we'll live for Him On earth and then above.
Amen.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 2-7

Mon Acts 9:1-8 *Breathing out* seems an understatement for Saul's rant against Jesus people—for he convinced the synod president to authorize persecution of locals who were deserting their synagogues (1-2). Jesus had other plans (3-4). Note: Sometimes a person who has made the awful mistake of dissing Jesus must be knocked down from his high horse before he is able to face the awesome reality of Jesus. [Could be someone we know.]

Tues John 21:1-14 How could it be that the disciples did not recognize Jesus? Perhaps they were distracted with the mundane affair of earning a living—or the Easter angel's message was doing its work to get them back to Lake Galilee—just as Jesus intended (1-4). Here's proof positive that He was not only alive but also fully functional (4-11)--a miracle which produced the spin-off miracle—that they finally recognized Him (11-14). Some good steps.

Wed Revelation 5:11-14 God lets us stand with John and from the sidelines listen-in as the heavenly choir raises the roof with a new (not in the Jewish psaltery) chorale which honors Jesus for His self-sacrifice, making heaven a haven for all humanity (11-13). The four lively creatures represent the four evangelists, and the twenty-four elders represent Old and New Testament Church—that is, all those who worship Jesus, *alive forevermore* (14).

Thurs Acts 9:9-19 Seeing Jesus in a whole new light was so upsetting that Saul couldn't eat or drink for three days, for he was discovering that Jesus was the fulfillment of all Messianic prophecies. He was also busy praying for forgiveness and the opportunity to serve Jesus in any way he could. Across town, God was setting the stage for Christians to welcome Saul as a brother in Christ. [In times of persecution Christians are wary of newcomers.]

Fri John 21:7-11 What seems like a sidelight was nuclear for Peter, for since he headed the fishing enterprise, John expected Peter to make the call of whether to head for shore (and to Jesus), or to stay where they were (7). Peter didn't puzzle over it but headed for shore as fast as he could—because Jesus was back! What happened next between Lord and servant?

Sat Revelation 5:12 *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain . . .* Why? Since God alone can cancel humanity's debts, God did it via the Lamb of God's blood. **6:1** *Blessing and honor and glory and power be to . . . the Lamb, forever and ever!* Jesus, the Lamb of God, deserves these accolades. **7:17** *the Lamb . . . will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters* as the Good Shepherd. **14:4** *These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes , for we trust Him to lead us not into temptation but to deliver us from every evil in this world and the next. Hallelujah to Jesus! Amen and Amen!*