

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



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and a cloud hid him from their sight. Acts 11:9.*

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**6th Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 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: Ruth Greening – Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 47 (pew bible, p.504)
- ◆ The Hymns: 491 (1-3), 493, 492, 491 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 1:1-11, John 14:23-29
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

**Sermon Text – Revelation 22:12-20**

### ***Our Ascension Day Prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus!"***

1. Come to me daily in Your Word to refresh my soul with the water of life.
2. Come for me on the Last Day to take me into the Holy City.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (491, stanza 4)

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# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” 6 So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

## Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P God ascends to His throne.

C **There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets as the Lord goes up.**

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C **This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.**

P By this we know that we abide in God and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

C **And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.**

P See, I am coming soon," says the Lord.

C **“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”**

P Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

C **“Surely, I am coming soon,” says the Lord.**

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

C **He has given us of His Spirit.**

### **Second Lesson – John 14:23-29**

23 Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

### **Sermon Text – Revelation 12:12-20**

12 “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. 17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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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 (5/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tue-Thu	6:30 pm	West-Central Delegate Conference at St. Paul ( <i>see note below</i> )
Wed	7:00 pm	Conference Communion Service
Sun (5/29)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

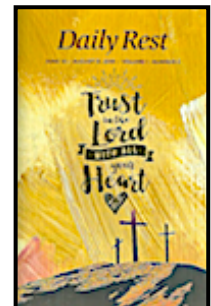
### **Upcoming Events**

CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 23-26

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** to Joshua Ruegge upon the occasion of his high school graduation. He graduated last Thursday from Rock Canyon High School in Castle Rock. We thank the Lord for bringing Joshua to this milestone in his life and pray for His blessing on the pathway of life that lies ahead for him, in accordance with His gracious promise: *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight"* (Proverbs 3:3-4).

**Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic** is Lesson 16 "Prayer" from the study course *"Learn from Me."* We are in the midst of a study of the Lord's Prayer. Today's lesson: The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *"But deliver us from evil."* <> *"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path"* (Psalm 119:103-104).

**Daily Rest Subscriptions:** Our congregational bulk group subscription to the *Daily Rest* devotional expires with the June 2022 issue. If you are already a subscriber your subscription will be renewed automatically. If you aren't a subscriber and would like to become one, please inform Pastor Schuetze by next Sunday, May 29 and he will be happy to add your name to the list. The cost for a annual subscription is \$15 for four quarterly issues. Subscribers to *Daily Rest* may defray the cost to the congregation by placing an offering in the Sunday collection.



## West-Central Delegate Conference

- ▶ When: Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26
- ▶ Where: Here at St. Paul
- ▶ Representing St. Paul at this conference: Fred Brethauer, Bob Rankin, Pastor Schuetze
- ▶ 28 pastors, lay delegates, and visitors from 12 churches of the CLC's West Central district are expected to be in attendance.
- ▶ The conference will be in session from 10:00 am Tuesday through noon on Thursday
- ▶ A potluck supper will be served Wednesday at 5:30 pm. All are invited to come and partake of this meal. A worship service with Holy Communion be conducted after the supper at 7:00 pm. Parishioners of St. Paul are welcome and encouraged to attend. Pastor Del Maas of Mapleton ND will be the guest speaker.
- ▶ A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for donations of food needed and volunteers for each meal during the conference. Please add your name if you can help. Questions? See ladies' chairman, Lisa Sprengeler, or meal-organizers, Carrol Rankin and Sharlene Chiappetti.



## Conference Agenda

### Essays:

- 1) Is it a sin to disobey illegal laws, guidelines, regulations, etc. –Laymen Loren Hansen (Hecla, SD)
  - 2) “The Bible Term ‘Blessed’” - Does It Refer to a Preceding Action or Subsequent Action or Both, and How to Tell the Difference? – Pastor Jim Naumann (Jamestown, ND)
  - 3) “The Athanasian Creed: Is the Unexplained Use of this Creed, Once a Year, More Hindersome than Beneficial?” – Pastor Tim Daub (Hecla, SD)
  - 4) “How Can We Respond Biblically to Transgenderism and Its Social/Political Agenda?” – Pastor Paul Nolting (Valentine, NE)
  - 5) “Contrasting the Ministries of Ezekiel and Jeremiah” – Layman Craig Wiste (Watertown, SD), to be presented by Layman David Klatt
  - 6) “What Constitutes an Appropriate Use of the Phrase ‘Scripturally Correct’”? – Pastor Paul Krause (Watertown, SD)
  - 7) “Minor Prophet Study (Obadiah)” – Pastor Tim Wheaton (Loveland, CO)
  - 8) Review of the 2022 CLC Convention Prospectus
- Chaplain – Pastor Cory Drehle (Sioux Falls, SD)
  - Communion Service Speaker (Wednesday, 7:00 pm) – Pastor Del Maas (Mapleton, ND)
  - Worship Service Choir Song – “*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*” (LSB #531:1-3)

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 23-28, '22

**Mon John 16:16-24** As Jesus' time in the tomb was limited, so was the sorrow of His disciples limited. Then the good news of Jesus' Resurrection changed their sorrow into joy! So also are the Christian's sorrows in this life limited, and when Jesus comes again, it will mean the end of all sorrow, the beginning of endless joy!

**Tues Acts 14:8-22** Truly the mind of the sinful human nature is hostile toward God. If God raises up someone who was crippled from birth, the fleshly mind wants to give the credit to human beings. But if those human beings stand up for God's truth, the fleshly mind is quickly persuaded to stone them to death. God, however, can raise up His spokesman from the stones.

**Wed Revelation 21:21-27** Nothing hostile to God is found in the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. In John's vision there is no temple to atone for sin in this city, for God and the Lamb already dwell among these people and give them joy and life and light.

**Thurs Luke 24:44-53** The risen Savior points His disciples to the Scriptures and opens their minds to understand them. His going through death was all part of God's plan to rescue lost mankind. Then Jesus is parted from His disciples again as He ascends. This time the disciples understand and rather than mourning, they return to Jerusalem with great joy!

**Fri Acts 1:1-11** A continuation of Luke's gospel, Acts is addressed to the same person (cp. Lk 1:3), and begins with an elaboration of the Ascension with which Luke's first book ended. The promised Spirit will give them power, not to rule over people, but to witness to them in ever widening circles to the end of the earth. As Jesus promised before His death that His disciples would see Him again, so now after His ascension to heaven, the promise is made that Jesus will return again.

**Sat Revelation 19:11-16** In the seventh vision, John sees the King with many diadems returned from the battle victorious! He rides a white horse, as do His armies. His robe is dipped in blood, but not His own. He is the Victor! His name is The Word of God and no enemy can touch that Word any more. "*See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*" (TLH218/LSB494). On His thigh a name is inscribed: "King of kings and Lord of lords." Hallelujah!