

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



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*1 John 1:8-9*



**7th Sunday of Easter – May 29, 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: Lisa Sprengeler – Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 8 (pew bible, p.483)
- ◆ The Hymns: 645 (1-4), 614, 611, 645 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 John 1:1-10, Matthew 16:13-19
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

### **Sermon Text – John 20:19-23**

### ***The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven***

- From the risen Savior let us learn:
1. What *are* these keys?
  2. How/when does He want us to use them to *lock* heaven's door?
  3. How/when does He want us to use them to *unlock* heaven's door?

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (645, stanza 5)

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## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – 1 John 1:1-10

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

### Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

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

P God's love was revealed among us in this way:

**C God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.**

P Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

**C Christ suffered for our sins once for all the Righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.**

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

**C "Because I live, you will live also.**

P "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

**C Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.**

P In Him we live and move and have our being.

**C Come and see what God has done, God's wonderful acts toward all people.**

P "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you."

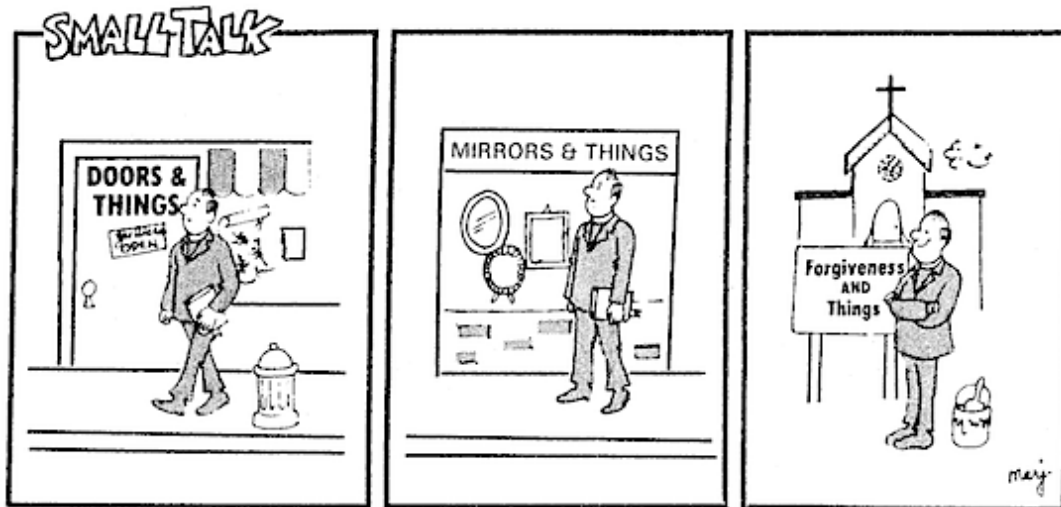
**C "Because I live, you will live also."**

## Second Lesson – Matthew 16:13-19

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

## Sermon Text – John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”



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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 (5/29)    9:30 am    Worship Service  
                    10:45 am    Bible Class (*Sunday School in recess till Sept*)  
Sun (6/5)        9:30 am    Worship Service  
                    10:45 am    Bible Class

### **Upcoming Events**

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

**Called Home** – It pleased the Lord to receive Burt Miller into His heavenly presence last Wednesday, May 25. He had been struggling with health issues since he moved to Boise, Idaho several years ago to be by his son. Funeral arrangements are pending. This information will be shared when it is known. (The burial will be at Ft. Logan Cemetery in Denver.) *“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (Revelation 14:13).*

**Our Current Bible Class Topic** is Lesson 17 *“The Ten Commandments, Guides for Christians”* from the study course *“Learn from Me.”* In this lesson we'll consider what Scripture teaches about The Third Use of the Law (how the Ten Commandments serve as a guide to show Christians how we may express our faith in the God who has graciously redeemed us). *“Teach me, O LORD, to follow Your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law and obey it with all my heart” (Psalm 119:33-34).*

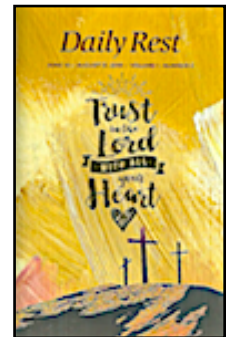
### Alternate Order of Worship Next Sunday

In a recent elders' meeting a decision was made to implement an alternate Order of Worship once a month (on the first Sunday). This will be done on a trial basis for a period of six months. The alternate Order of Worship will be the "Order of Holy Communion" found on pages 15-31 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*, with updated language. The decision was made to incorporate an additional service order into our worship with the thought that it could serve for the spiritual benefit of worshipers by fostering thoughtful and meditative worship, as David prayed in Psalm 19:

- *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer"* (Psalm 19:14).

Feel free to share comments on the alternate Order of Worship with the elders and pastor as we proceed through the six-month "trial period."

**Daily Rest Subscriptions (Final Call)** – Our congregational bulk group subscription to the *Daily Rest* devotional expires with the June issue. If you aren't a subscriber and would like to become one, please inform Pastor Schuetze *today* so he may add your name to the subscription list. The subscription cost 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.



**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](mailto:aaronude@gmail.com)."

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 30–June 4, '22

**Mon John 17:20-23** On the night of His betrayal, Jesus prays not only for the twelve, but also for all who through their words would be persuaded to believe, namely you and me. What does He want for us? The unity with each other and with God that comes from being “in Christ.” In this the world may see that the Father sent the Son, and that He loved the world as much as He loved His only-begotten Son. (Cp. Jn 3:16)

**Tues John 17:24-26** Wonder of wonders! That the Son of God should want us to be with Him, to see His glory, and to know His love! This is the same love that the Father had for the Son before the foundation of the world, and through the Son will we also learn to know the Father’s love.

**Wed Acts 16:6-8** God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform (TLH514). We cannot say for sure just how the Holy Spirit stopped Paul from going to Asia or further north to Bithynia. Perhaps Paul’s bodily ailment (Gal. 4:13) had a hand in it. In retrospect the missionary group would see that God wanted them in Troas. It is sometimes in retrospect that we also see God’s guiding hand.

**Thurs Acts 16:9-10** Not only did God give Paul a vision at Troas to show why it was so important to reach this seaport town, but the change in subjects from “they” to “we” indicates that it was at Troas that “Luke, the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14) joined the group. Together they conclude that Lord wants them to preach His Gospel also in Macedonia (on the European continent).

**Fri Revelation 22:12-15** When the Lord, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, returns in glory “to repay each one for what he has done,” those in washed robes will be able to enter the Holy city by the gate, and have the right to the tree of Life. Truly blessed are they who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (7:14)!

**Sat Revelation 22:16-20** At the conclusion of the book is the repeated promise “I am coming!” “I am coming soon! And the repeated response of the faith-filled – “Come! Come!” – adds new meaning to the common daily table prayer: “Come, Lord Jesus!” In Him alone do we receive that which Isaiah promised: “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!” Isa.55:1