

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 31, 2022**

# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## **Order of Worship: Service of the Word**

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

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler – Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 97 (pew bible, p.532)
- ◆ The Hymns: \*779:1-3, 536, 587, \*779:4 (*\*tan hymnal*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Colossian 3:16-22, Luke 10:38-42
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 100
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

**Sermon Text – Joshua 24:1-2,14-18**

### ***The Christian's Pledge of Allegiance***

1. The Lord has pledged Himself to us in covenant faithfulness.
2. Let us renew our pledge to remain faithful to Him (see page 7).

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (779, stanza 4, tan hymnal)

# Today's Scriptures

## **First Lesson – Colossian 3:16-22**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

## **Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 100**

- P Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth:  
C **Worship the LORD with gladness.**  
P Come before him with joyful songs:  
C **Know that the LORD is God.**  
P It is he who made us, and we are his:  
C **We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**  
P Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise:  
C **Give thanks to him and praise his name.**  
P For the LORD is good and his love endures forever:  
C **His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## **Second Lesson – Luke 10:38-42**

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" 41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

### Sermon Text – Joshua 24:1-2,14-18

1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 Joshua said to all the people, | 14 “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**” 16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! 17 It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. 18 And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

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**A Warm Welcome To Our Worship Guests.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God’s Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It is gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

#### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (7/31)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
Sun (8/7)	8:30 am	Elders’ Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

## Upcoming Events in August

- **National Women's (Virtual) Retreat** – “You’re Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: “Press Pause: God’s Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life.” <> The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. <> Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran>. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt ([teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com), 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!”
- **Mission Festival** – "The Front Range Joint Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, August 28, at Mountain Range Shadow Clubhouse at 8401 Mummy Range Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80528. The service begins at 3 pm with Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke’s, Lemmon SD, as the guest speaker. A meal will be provided by the Women of Prince of Peace after the service. Please, register with your pastor by August 7 (for facilitating the meal preparation). If directions are needed, please email Pastor Wheaton at [tbwheaton@comcast.net](mailto:tbwheaton@comcast.net). Hope to see you there."

### **August Birthday Blessings To . . .**

Georgia Waters, Aug 2	Bob Rankin, Aug 22
Doug Tiefel, Aug 2	Joseph Cornish, Aug 26
Jo Ellen Blakey, Aug 5	Judy Garvin, Aug 29
Bobbie Brethauer, Aug 16	Zachary Ruegge, Aug 30
Joyce Wamboldt, Aug 20	

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; August 1-6, '22

**Mon Luke 12:13-15** How often Jesus' followers are tempted in matters of inheritance! Jesus does not say whether or not the inheritance should be divided, but warns against the unholy desire for earthly possessions (covetousness). Focusing on possessions can make one blind to the true source of Life and the greater gifts of God.

**Tues Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14** If our life consisted in the abundance of our possessions, even the wealthiest would be poor, because all earthly things are temporal (for a time). "All is vanity," the Preacher says, as empty as a breath of air. Only Christ gives us the Life that outlasts the entire universe.

**Wed Colossians 3:1-4** The apostle echoes his Lord when he reminds us not to "set our minds" on things that are on the earth, but rather on things that are above. Since Christ died in our place, we died with Him, and with Him we have been raised! Our life is now with Him, although hidden until His return. Nevertheless it is He who makes us "rich toward God" (Lk12:21).

**Thurs Luke 12:16-21** By means of a parable Jesus puts earthly riches in perspective. It was not the rich man's wealth or savings that made his end so sad, but the fact that he was not rich toward God. Precious little could all his barns and RV's do for him when he stood before his Maker.

**Fri Ecclesiastes 2:18-26** Without a parable, the Preacher also taught in the Old Testament that the results of our life's work must be left for others. "This also is vanity" (v23). Recognizing that our toil and the results of it are all gifts from God, may we enjoy them as such, and look to Him for our Life, "our wisdom and knowledge and joy" (v26). May He also use us to leave the richer spiritual gifts for those who come after us.

**Sat Colossians 3:5-11** Here the covetousness which Jesus warned us about is labeled for the idolatry that it is and placed in the list of self-serving wickedness which we who are risen with Christ should leave behind in the tomb. The "new self" (v10) is the creation of the Spirit and is *renewed* in knowledge after the image of its creator (cpGn1:27).

## *The Christian's Pledge of Allegiance*

*I pledge this day:*

- ❖ To make diligent use of the Bible in private and public worship —
- ❖ To attend the Lord's Supper frequently for the strengthening of my faith in the forgiveness of my sins —
- ❖ To witness for Christ in all I do or say, because He has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light —
- ❖ To seek the company and companionship of my fellow Christians and work with them in the holy task of spreading the Gospel —
- ❖ To pray regularly for myself, for my fellow Christians, and for all mankind —
- ❖ To live every day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow —
- ❖ To lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, and daily repent of the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do —
- ❖ To look forward in faith to my Lord's return, when He shall take me and all believers to Himself in heaven.

*Since God alone is faithful and able to help me keep this pledge, this is my prayer:*

Heavenly Father, I thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing me to the knowledge of Your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling me both with my heart to believe and with my mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, I may continue steadfast and victorious to the Day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness. In Jesus' saving name I pray. Amen.