

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



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August 21, 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: Carly Meyer – Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Ed Chiappetti

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:33-40 (pew bible, p.545)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 580, 728, 577
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 13:1-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 43
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

#### **Sermon Text – Psalm 119:105**

***Thank You, Lord, for the Precious Light of Your Word!***

1. Use it to guide me safely through the darkness.
2. And into the radiancy of Your presence.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (577)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 43

P Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:

C **Rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.**

P You are God my stronghold:

C **Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?**

P Send forth your light and your truth:

C **Let them guide me.**

P Let them bring me to your holy mountain:

C **To the place where you dwell.**

P Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight:

C **I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

P Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him:

C **My Savior and my God.**

### Second Lesson – Matthew 13:1-17

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A

farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.” 10 The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” 11 He replied, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’ 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

### **Sermon Text – Psalm 119:105**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. [NKJV]



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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 (8/21) 9:30 am Worship Service  
Sun (8/28) 9:30 am Worship Service  
3:00 pm Front Range Mission Festival at Fort Collins (*see note below*)

**Recently Some Reorganizing Work** was done in the downstairs storage room. In the process a number of items that were in storage have been deemed expendable. They have been placed on tables in the downstairs fellowship hall. You are welcome to look them over and help yourself to anything you might find useful. The items will remain out for two weeks after which time they will be disposed of.

**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 3:00 pm with Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD, serving as guest speaker. A meal provided by the Prince of Peace ladies will be served after the service.

**"The Women of the Southeastern Conference of the CLC** will host a women's retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC October 7-9, 2022. CLC women who would like to join us (as well as any friends you would like to bring) can obtain a registration form from their pastor or can find it on the 'CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat Information' Facebook page. The registration deadline is September 1, 2022."



*For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.  
Psalm 36:9*

## Psalm 119:105-112

An example of a Hebrew "acrostic."

Notice how the Holy Spirit inspired the psalm writer to begin each line with the same Hebrew letter (נ, *nun*, equivalent to our "N") and to use a distinct term for **God's Word** in each verse.

נִרְ-לְרַגְלִי דְבַרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִי: 105

**Your word** is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי וְאַקְיָמָהּ לְשֹׁמֵר מִשְׁפָּטֶי צְדָקָה: 106

I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep **Your righteous judgments**.

נִעֲנִיתִי עַד-מְאֹד יְהוָה תִּינִי כְדַבְרְךָ: 107

I am afflicted very much; revive me, O LORD, according to **Your word**.

נִדְבֹת פִּי רָצִיה־נָא יְהוָה וּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לְמַדְנִי: 108

Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,  
and teach me **Your judgments**.

נִפְשִׁי בְכַפִּי תִמְיֵד וְתוֹרַתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי: 109

My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget **Your law**.

נִתְּנוּ רְשָׁעִים פֶּחַ לִי וּמִפְקוּדֶיךָ לֹא תַעֲיִתִי: 110

The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from **Your precepts**.

נִחַלְתִּי עֵדוּתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם כִּי-שִׁשׁוֹן לִבִּי הָמָּה: 111

**Your testimonies** I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are  
the rejoicing of my heart.

נִטִּיתִי לִבִּי לַעֲשׂוֹת חֻקֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם עֶקֶב: 112

I have inclined my heart to perform **Your statutes** forever, to the very end.

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### Examples of English Acrostics

<b>E</b> aster	<b>G</b> od so loved the world that He gave His
<b>A</b> ssures	<b>O</b> nly begotten
<b>S</b> inners	<b>S</b> on, that whoever believes in Him should not
<b>T</b> heir	<b>P</b> erish, but have
<b>E</b> ternal	<b>E</b> verlasting
<b>R</b> edemption	<b>L</b> ife

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; August 22-27, '22

**Mon Luke 13:22-30** Sometimes we are tempted to think that because of our personal knowledge of Jesus, we're "in" even without repentance and forgiveness. To one in the crowd who asks how many others will be saved, Jesus says, in effect, maybe one less than you think. Instead of worrying about the size of the group, strive to enter yourself, like the one who came to Jesus on the cross saying, "Jesus, remember me" (Lk23:42).

**Tues Hebrews 12:18-24** This is what will strengthen weak knees and lift drooping hands, cause us to strive for peace with everyone, root out bitterness, and properly value our inheritance in Christ: the sight of the city of the living God, Jesus our mediator, innumerable angels, and the festal gathering to which He brings us!

**Wed Psalm 107:1-9** Jesus said, "People will come from east and west, and from north and south" (Monday's reading) and the Psalmist here thanks God for the redeemed who are gathered in from lands east, west, north, and south. Even in desert places, "they cried to the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them from their distress" (v6).

**Thurs Isaiah 66:18-21** The prophet Isaiah also speaks of the Lord gathering all nations and tongues to see His glory. From all over and by many means of transport they will come to His holy mountain, and some He will even make servants in His temple as priests and Levites forever.

**Fri Isaiah 66:22-24** The new heavens and the new earth will remain God's own forever, and so also the inhabitants from all the nations shall remain before Him! The sobering last verse of Isaiah's book of prophecy pictures the fate of the Lord's enemies, and reminds us again of Jesus' words in Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

**Sat Psalm 107:1-3, 10-16** The Lord has brought the redeemed from all directions, some of them even from a prison's darkness and the shadow of death! They cried to Him. He delivered them. Is there any distress from which He cannot or does not want to deliver people. Thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy, His steadfast love!