

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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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: Suzannah Miller – Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 1 (pew bible, p.481)
- ◆ The Hymns: 700 (1-3), 649, 426, 700 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Samuel 18-19 (selected verses), 1 John 3:1-3,11-18,23
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 31
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – John 13:31-35

Christ's New Command: Love One Another

1. The love on which this "new command" is based.
2. A love that shows itself to others.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (700, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 1 Samuel 18-19 (selected verses)

18:6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. 7 As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." 8 Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" 9 And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. 10 The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand 11 and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. 12 Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. 15 When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. 28 When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, 29 Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days. | 19:1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David 2 and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. 4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. 5 He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?" 6 Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death." 7 So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 31

P In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame:

C Deliver me in your righteousness.

P Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue:

C Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

P I hate those who cling to worthless idols:

C I trust in the LORD.

P I will be glad and rejoice in your love:

C For you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.

P My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies:

C And from those who pursue me.

P Let your face shine on your servant:
C **Save me in your unfailing love.**
P Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me:
C **When I was in a besieged city.**
P Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful:
C **But the proud he pays back in full.**
P Be strong and take heart:
C **All you who hope in the LORD.**

Second Lesson – 1 John 3:1-3,11-18,23

1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. | 11 This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. 13 Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. | 23 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.

Sermon Text – John 13:31-35

31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately. 34 **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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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 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 (8/28) 9:30 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Front Range Mission Festival, Fort Collins (*see note below*)
Sun (9/4) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Upcoming on the Calendar

Sunday School Staff Installation: Sunday, September 11
Sunday School & Bible Class Resume: Sunday, September 11
West-Central Pastoral Conference (Hecla SD): Tues-Thurs, Sept.13-15

The Front Range Joint Mission Festival will be held this afternoon at Mountain Range Shadow Clubhouse at 8401 Mummy Range Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80528. The service will begin at 3:00 pm (choir members are asked to come a half hour early for practice). Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD, will be guest speaker. A meal provided by the Prince of Peace ladies will follow the worship service. Everyone is invited.

Two New Invisible Sunday School Lessons have been printed and are available in the tract rack. The lessons are designed for families with young children. Take as many as you would like for sharing with neighbors and friends. The lessons may also be left at business establishments (who are agreeable to this) nearby to where you live, as a Gospel outreach tool.

"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."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 28 – Sept 3, '22

Mon Luke 14:1-6 The Pharisees watch Jesus carefully to catch Him breaking one of their Sabbath laws. Jesus did not have to watch them carefully to know that they showed mercy on the Sabbath when it benefitted their own family or possessions. Jesus had mercy on the man with dropsy, even if it would bring Him criticism from the Pharisees. So great also is His mercy toward us!

Tues Luke 14:7-11 Our sinful human nature is not satisfied with the honors which God bestows, and presumes that a much higher position of honor is deserved. But it is not the honor we give ourselves that matters, but the honor which comes from one above us. Jesus did not honor Himself, but humbled Himself even to the cross, all to save us. For us this is honor indeed!

Wed Luke 14:12-14 If one gives dinners only for those who can return the favor, he will no doubt gain some earthly reward. But if one invites also those who cannot repay him, he serves as a steward of Him upon whom the eyes of all wait (Ps145:15), and whom he will meet in the resurrection.

Thurs James 2:1-7 To show partiality in the Christian assembly is to be like a judge who makes decisions according to who can pay the highest bribe. Thank God that He did not send His Son to die for those who could do the most for Him, but rather in Christ gives honor and heavenly riches even to a poor Lazarus (cpLk16:19ff).

Fri James 2:8-13 To be unmerciful toward those who cannot repay you is to love oneself more than one's neighbor. But the "law of liberty," that "word of truth" (1:18,25) by which we were brought forth, sets us free before God to serve Him all our lives. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Sat Ephesians 4:1-6 The apostle Paul calls upon us to live in a manner worthy of our humble, gentle, patient Savior and deal with our fellow-believers as Christ dealt with us. He made us all one body when He called us by the one Spirit to be children of one God and Father.