

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

Amazing Grace

1. A - max - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

13th Sunday after Pentecost – September 4, 2022

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Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Ruth Greeting; Ushers: Don Claey's, Bob Rankin
Communion Usher: Ed Chiappetti

Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 130 (pew bible, page 551)

*Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

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.

Order of Worship

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Hymn

915 – *Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

A - men.

Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord

C

Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P/C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

P Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven:

C **Whose sins are covered.**

P Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him:

C **And in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P When I kept silent, my bones wasted away:

C **Through my groaning all day long.**

P For day and night your hand was heavy upon me:

C **My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

P Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

C **And did not cover up my iniquity.**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD":

C **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

P Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found:

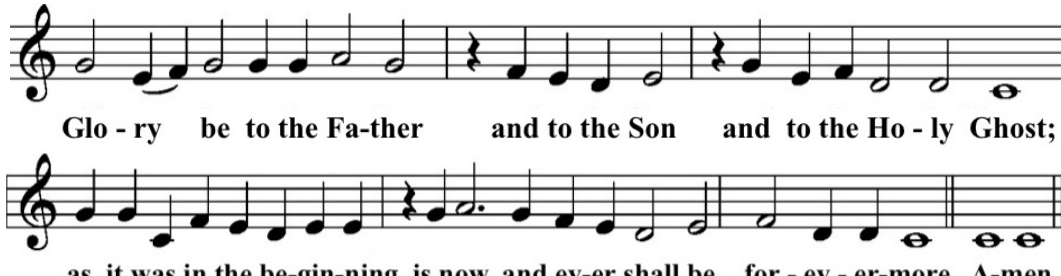
C **Surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

P You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble:

C **And surround me with songs of deliverance.**

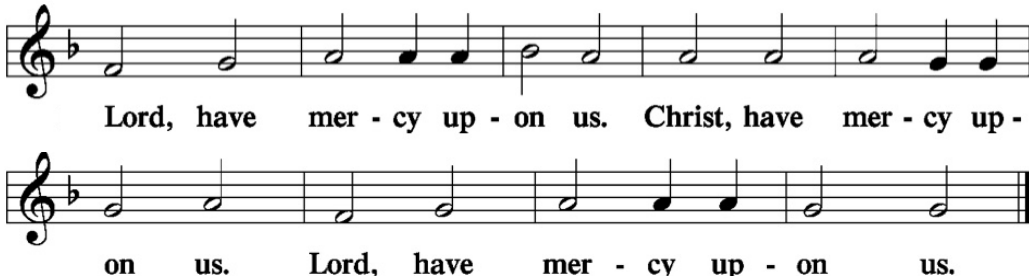
P Glory be to God!

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation sings:

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

[LSB 506:1-2]

P Let us pray:

C



A - men.

+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Genesis 32:7-16,20-28

7 In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. 8 He thought, “If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape.” 9 Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’ 10 I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two groups. 11 Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. 12 But you have said, ‘I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.’” 13 He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: 14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. 16 He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, “Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds.” | 20 And be sure to say, ‘Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.’” For he thought, “I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me.” 21 So Jacob’s gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp. 22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.” But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” 27 The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered. 28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.”

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 1:12-17



12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Our Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. <> And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. <> And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

611 – *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

Sermon

Text – John 1:14,16-17

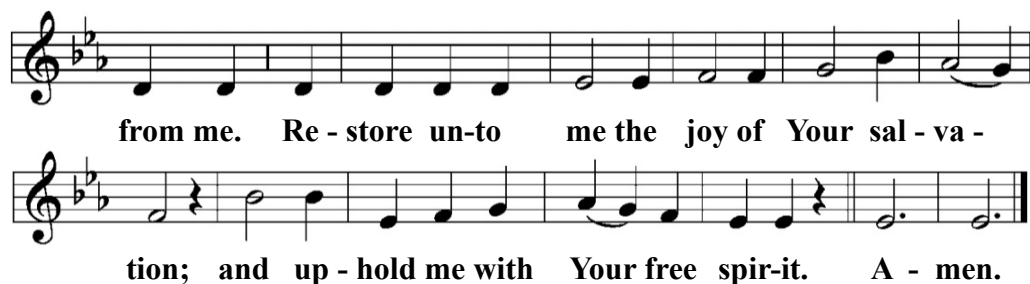
14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **full of grace** and truth. | 16 From the **fullness of his grace** we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ.

God’s Grace Is ... Amazing!

+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

Offertory





from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -
tion; and up - hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Altar Prayer

Hymn

744 – *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

+++ Our Lord Gives Himself to Us +++

P The Lord be with you.

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And with your spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

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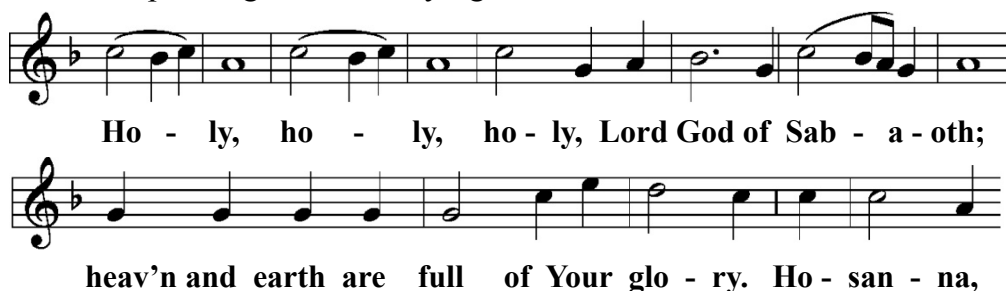
We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising God and saying:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na, Ho-san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est!

P *(The Lord's Prayer)*

For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Lord, Now Let Us Depart

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people.
A light to light - en the Gen - tiles, and the glo - ry of Your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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and His mercy endures for - ev - er.

P Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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A - men.

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

632 – *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*



This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/4)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tue	6:30 pm	Elders' Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (9/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service, with installation of the Sunday School Staff
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

West-Central Pastoral Conference, Hecla SD: Sept 13-15
CLC Boards/Coordinating Council Meetings, Eau Claire WI: Sept 19-21
Western Women's Retreat, Chadron SD: Sept 23-25

September Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1	Joyce Maulis, Sept 19
Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9	(Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3)
Jacob Cornish, Sept 18	(Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9)

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.

Copies of the August 2022 "CLC World Missions Prayer List" are available by the tract rack. Help yourself to a copy.

Sunday School Calls: Mike Sprengeler the call to serve as Sunday School Coordinator and teacher substitute for the coming school year. Zachary Ruegge has accepted the call

to serve as lower level teacher (from September through December). Emily Ruegge accepted the call to serve as a teacher Aid/intern. Jo Blakey has declined the call serve as a teacher substitute.

Synod News & Notes

Pastor Emeritus Jonathan Schaller was taken home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, August 23. Tragically, he was struck by a car while walking and died from his injuries. We give thanks that our Lord has received Pastor Schaller, by grace in Christ, to Himself in heaven. He was 93 years old. His victory service was held at Messiah, Eau Claire, last Thursday. We pray the Lord to comfort his wife, Dorie, and family in their time of grief and loss. For correspondence: Dorie Schaller, 2304 John St, Eau Claire, WI 54701. *Ps. 116:15 - "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."*

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Austin MN, will observe its 80th Anniversary on September 25, 2022 in a 3:00 pm worship service, with dinner and anniversary program following at 4:00. The service will feature two sons of the congregation: Pastor Michael Eichstadt as guest speaker and Pastor Wayne Eichstadt as guest liturgist. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration. RSVP to Pastor Ted Barthels at tedbarthels@gmail.com by Monday September 19 so that dinner plans can be finalized.

The full *Proceedings* of the June 23-26 CLC Convention, including the *Prospectus*, may be viewed at this internet address: tinyurl.com/clc-proc-2022. The *Proceedings* without the *Prospectus* may be viewed at this address: tinyurl.com/2022-proc-only.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
September 5-10 '22

Mon Luke 14:25-33 As great crowds follow Him, Jesus warns that it will not do simply to follow along with the crowd. The disciple must value the Savior beyond the great gifts in this life: family and friends. “Hate” here indicates “love less than Jesus,” as is shown by the call even to hate one’s own life. Jesus is a greater treasure than anything else that we have (v33)!

Tues Luke 14:34-35 The kind of disciples that God makes are like salt, which both seasons and preserves. But salt’s value does not come from its appearance, from looking like salt. If it is actually not salty, without the attributes of salt, it is worthless. Jesus’ disciples also are not just part of a crowd, but have the attributes which His Spirit gives them.

Wed Philemon 1-7 Even imprisoned in Rome, Paul rejoices and is comforted to hear of Philemon’s faith working by love among “all the saints.” He gives constant thanks to God, for He is really the source of true faith and love in all of Jesus’ disciples.

Thurs Philemon 7-21 Remembering how Philemon’s faith has been working by love, Paul calls upon him to receive his runaway slave Onesimus with the same love. Onesimus met Paul in Rome and came to faith through the Gospel which Paul shared with him. Now he returns to Philemon as a fellow-servant of Christ, much more valuable to Philemon than he had been before. Salt indeed!

Fri Deuteronomy 30:15-20 As the Children of Israel are about to enter the promised land, Moses addresses them, renewing their covenant with Jehovah God. Stressing the importance of their life with God, he shows that loving God means “hating” anything that comes between them and God, for that brings death.

Sat Proverbs 9:8-12 Another reading that speaks of hate and love. A wise man loves God’s instruction, but the scoffer does not value it, and will not bow before Him. But such respect for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and leads to life (multiplies our days, v11).