

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: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Don Claeys, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 30 (pew bible, p.494)
- ◆ The Hymns: 794, 760, 725, 805
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Joshua 10:1-15, Romans 8:28-39
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 31
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

God Makes Everything Beautiful in Its Time

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Installation of the Sunday School Staff
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (805)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Joshua 10:1-15

1 Now Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had taken Ai and totally destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and that the people of Gibeon had made a treaty of peace with Israel and were living near them. 2 He and his people were very much alarmed at this, because Gibeon was an important city, like one of the royal cities; it was larger than Ai, and all its men were good fighters. 3 So Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem appealed to Hoham king of Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia king of Lachish and Debir king of Eglon. 4 “Come up and help me attack Gibeon,” he said, “because it has made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.” 5 Then the five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it. 6 The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.” 7 So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. 8 The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.” 9 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, who defeated them in a great victory at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. 11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them from the sky, and more of them died from the hailstones than were killed by the swords of the Israelites. 12 On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: “O sun, stand still over Gibeon, O moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” 13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. 14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel! 15 Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 31

P In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge:

C Deliver me in your righteousness.

P Be my rock of refuge:

C A strong fortress to save me.

P Into your hands I commit my spirit:

C Redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

P I trust in you, O LORD:

C I say, “You are my God.”

P My times are in your hands:

C Save me in your unfailing love.

P How great is your goodness:

C Which you have stored up for those who fear you.

P You heard my cry for mercy:

C When I called to you for help.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. 31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon Text – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

1 To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. 9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? 10 I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. 11 **He has made everything beautiful in its time.**

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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 (9/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service with installation of the Sunday School Staff
	10:45 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
Sun (9/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class and Sunday School

In Our Prayers: Carrol Rankin who will undergo a surgical procedure on Wednesday to correct a heart arrhythmia problem. May the Lord tenderly keep her. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging" (Psalm 46:1-3).*

West-Central Pastoral Conference: This week Tuesday-Thursday, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD. Pastor Schuetze plans to attend, traveling to Hecla tomorrow. Following the conference he will spend time in Minnesota visiting family, returning to Colorado on Monday. In his absence a lay service will be conducted next Sunday. Mike Sprengeler will serve as the lay minister.

Hard Copies of the August 2022 "CLC World Missions Prayer List" are available by the tract rack. Help yourself to a copy if you didn't obtain one yet. (An e-version of the prayer list was sent last week to St. Paul parishioners who have an email address.)

Sunday School Calls Updates: Mike Sprengeler accepted the call to serve as the Sunday School Coordinator and teacher substitute for the coming school year. Zachary Ruegge 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. Carly (Meyer) Mess accepted the call to serve as middle level teacher. Suzannah Miller accepted the music teacher call. We thank the Lord Jesus for providing these gifts to His Church to assist parents in fulfilling their blessed task of bringing up their children in His training and instruction.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 12-17 '22

Mon Luke 15:1-10 The Pharisees and scribes grumbled about Jesus receiving sinners. He responded with a double parable about one lost sheep of a hundred being worth finding, and one lost coin out of ten being worth finding. Then He pointed out that the angels in heaven were not grumbling but rejoicing over one sinner who returns to God.

Tues 2 Corinthians 2:5-11 The Corinthians had excluded a manifestly impenitent man. Now he had repented, but some perhaps thought it too easy for him if he was simply received back. Paul urged them to show their love and receive him. We are reminded again how Jesus received tax collectors and sinners seeking forgiveness.

Wed Hosea 3:1-5 Hosea's life was used by God as a parable to call out to His people who were guilty of spiritual adultery, going after other gods. His purpose in all of this was that the children of Israel should return and seek the Lord their God, and come to His goodness in the latter days (v5).

Thurs Exodus 32:7-14 Once the spiritual adultery of the children of Israel showed itself on mount Sinai, where the people made a golden calf and worshiped it. When the Lord expressed his anger, Moses interceded for them, reminding the Lord of His gracious promises. The Lord was favorable to such reliance on His sure Word.

Fri 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Paul cannot speak enough about the grace that overflowed to him with faith and love in connection with Jesus. He counted himself foremost among sinners, a blasphemer and persecutor, and yet Christ Jesus came into the world to save even him! Surely such a Savior deserves our honor, glory and trust!

Sat Psalm 51:10-15 David, guilty among other things of murder and adultery, repented and found forgiveness in the Lord. Now he prays for a clean heart that finds in the Lord's salvation both joy and a willing spirit. "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you" (v13).