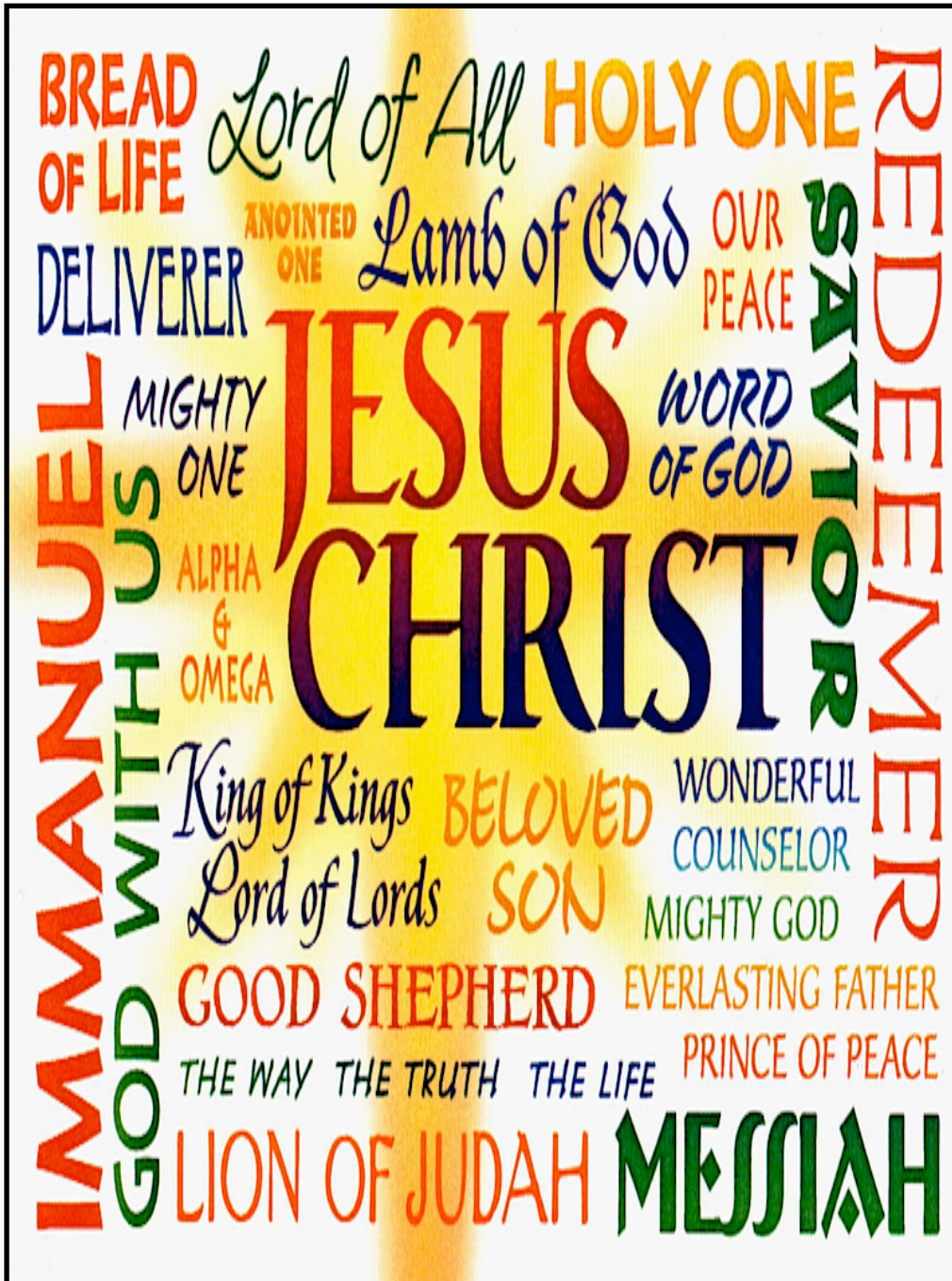


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– 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 4 (pew bible, p.482)
- ◆ The Hymns: 528, 912, 646 (1-3), 646 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 4:23-31, Matthew 21:33-46
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 118
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Acts 4:8-20

Only by the Name of Jesus . . .

1. . . are the lame made whole.
2. . . are sinners saved.
3. . . are we equipped to witness.

(A Ministry-by-Mail Sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (646, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 4:23-31

23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. 24 For the LORD your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God. 25 “When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong *your* days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. 28 And there you will serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 (for the LORD your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 118

P The LORD is my strength and song:
C **He has become my salvation.**
P I shall not die, but live:
C **And declare the works of the LORD.**
P I will praise You for You have answered me:
C **And have become my salvation.**
P The stone which the builders rejected:
C **Has become the chief cornerstone.**
P This was the LORD’S doing:
C **It is marvelous in our eyes.**
P This is the day the LORD has made:
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Second Lesson – Matthew 21:33-46

33 “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and

they did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ 39 So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. 40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” 41 They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ” 43 “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.” 45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Sermon Text – Acts 4:8-20

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the “*stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

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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 (9/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
Sun (9/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class and Sunday School

Our thanks to Mike Sprengeler for conducting today's service in the pastor's absence. He plans to return tomorrow after attending the West-Central Conference in Hecla SD and a family visit in Minnesota.

Upcoming Synod Events

- CLC Boards / Coordinating Council Meetings at Eau Claire WI: September 19-21
- Western Women's Retreat at Chadron NE: September 23-25

Upcoming in October

- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 2, 8:30 am
- Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, October 16, 10:45 am
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 22, 8 to noon
- Front Range Reformation Festival, hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, October 30, 3:00 pm, with meal following.

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Statement of Beliefs

In an age of constant change, we believe in the unchanging Holy Trinity: God the Father our Creator, God the Son our Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

In an age of human theorizing we believe God's eye-witness account in Genesis that He created the world out of nothing in six days.

In an age of doubt, when Bible miracles are considered myths, we believe God's Son was miraculously conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of fear, when many are troubled by feelings of guilt, we believe God's Son laid down His life on the cross to atone for our guilt and provide us with the peace of sins forgiven.

In an age of anxiety, when many have worries about what will happen when they die, we believe Jesus rose from the dead to comfort us with the assurance of the resurrection and assure us that a life of unending joy awaits us in heaven.

In an age of skepticism, when many believe it is impossible to know the Truth, we believe God gave us His Word in the Bible so that we might learn the true answers to life's crucial questions.

In an age of godlessness, when the Bible's standard of morality is called "irrelevant" for people living in a modern, high-tech world, we believe the Ten Commandments are God's unchanging standard of morality for people living in every era of history.

In an age of pride, when many believe they can blaze their own trail to heaven by doing good works, we believe we are made right with God through faith in Christ alone, apart from good works, because of Jesus' life of holiness and His innocent death on the cross.

In an age of compromise, when many churches have sold out the Truth for the sake of outward growth, we believe our calling as a Christian church is to preach the message of repentance, remission of sins, and life eternal in Jesus' name.

In an age of many religious philosophies, we believe our lives should be guided only by the lamp of God's Word, the Bible.