

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



The earth is the
LORD's, & everything
in it, the world, & all
who live in it.

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18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022

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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: Jeanna Kettner

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 146 (pew bible, p.558)
- ◆ The Hymns: 801 (1-3), 851, 784, 801 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Amos 8:1-12, 1 Timothy 2:1-8
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 24
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Luke 16:1-9

What Christians Can Learn From Unbelievers

1. Be concerned about the day of reckoning.
2. Prepare for that day of reckoning.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (801, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Amos 8:1-12

1 This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. 2 "What do you see, Amos?" he asked. "A basket of ripe fruit," I answered. Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 3 In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!" 4 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"— skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, 6 buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. 7 The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done. 8 Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt. 9 In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. 10 I will turn your religious feasts into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. 11 The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it."

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 24

P The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it:

C The world, and all who live in it.

P For he founded it upon the seas:

C And established it upon the waters.

P Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?:

C Who may stand in his holy place?

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart:

C He will receive blessing from God his Savior.

P Such is the generation of those who seek him:

C Who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

P Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors:

C That the King of glory may come in.

P Who is he, this King of glory?:

C The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Sermon Text – Luke 16:1-9

1 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ 3 The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ 5 So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.’ 7 Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ 8 The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

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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 (10/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class and Sunday School
Sun (10/16)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
	10:45 am	Sunday School (no Bible Class)

Upcoming in October

- Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Next Sunday, October 16, 10:45 am
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 22, 8 to noon
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, October 23, 10:45 am
- Front Range Reformation Festival hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, Oct. 30, 3:00 pm, with meal following

Gospel Outreach Brochures: New "John 3:16 Gospel Brochures" have been prepared and are being distributed today to all worshipers along with the bulletin. Additional copies are in the tract rack. Be encouraged to take a hand full along home today for keeping "at the ready" and for sharing with others as the Lord presents you with opportunities. *Challenge to everyone: Find three people this week to whom you can give a John 3:16 Brochure!*

Choir Practice Schedule:

- ▶ Next two Sundays, October 16 & 23, 8:30 am
- ▶ Sunday, October 30, 2:30 pm (before the 3 pm service) with the choir members of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne

Church Pantry: A notice is posted on the bulletin board in the entry showing items that are in need of replenishment for the church pantry. Please check to see if there are items you are able to supply. Thank you!

St. Paul Is Hosting this year's *Front Range Reformation Festival* on Oct. 30th. The church service is at 3:00 pm with a meal to follow in the fellowship hall. The Mary & Martha Ladies have decided the following menu for the potluck meal.

- ▶ **St. Paul members** are asked to bring: 1. "Something" on a bun! Examples are pulled pork/chicken, Sloppy Joes, or something else that you would like to put on a bun! 2. Hot side dishes such as baked beans, a vegetable, or whatever you would like. 3 Chips. 4. Relishes
- ▶ **Cheyenne members** will provide desserts or other menu item.
- ▶ **Loveland members** will provide salads or other menu item.

We look forward to this fellowship time together with everyone!

In His Name,
Lisa Sprengeler, Mary & Martha President

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is coming up on Friday, November 11th on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 A.M. in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *Is There a Doctor in the House?* Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu

Israel Trip – A CLC group trip to Israel is set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those interested. October 1st is the deadline for registering and guaranteeing that you will be able to fly to Israel and back with the rest of our group. While you can still register after October 1st, there is a good chance you would have to travel on the overseas flights separately from the others registered for the trip. We currently have 24 people registered from several CLC congregations across the country. If you have questions or would like more information about this special trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602; ndmayhew@gmail.com).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 10-15 '22

Mon Luke 17:11-19 Jesus noticed the piteous cry of the ten lepers, sent them to the authorities, and on their way, he healed them. One of them, seeing that he was healed, turned back, praised God with a loud voice, and fell before Jesus, giving thanks. Jesus noted his faith, most evident in his praise to God. May our faith be so evident!

Tues 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 Paul is discussing the offerings being collected for the believers undergoing tribulation in Jerusalem. He reminds the Corinthian Christians that not only will their offerings help the needy, but they will also result in overflowing thanks and praise to God on the part of the recipients.

Wed Genesis 8:15-19 Although Noah showed resourcefulness in sending out birds to determine how rapidly the flood waters were receding from the earth, he still waited until God, who had told him to go into the ark, also told him to come out, together with all the animals. Truly Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, and walked with Him (Gn 6:8,9).

Thurs Genesis 8:20-22 Noah, and all those on the ark with him, faced the task of refilling the earth, but first Noah, like the healed leper (Lk 17:15), turned back and praised God. We are not told of his rebuilding his home, but we are told of his building an altar and offering a large thanksgiving sacrifice to God.

Fri 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Paul, a prisoner in chains, encourages young Pastor Timothy to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He rejoices that the word of God is not bound by his chains, but bringing salvation, peace and joy to many who join in praising God for His inexpressible gift! (2 Co 9:15).

Sat Psalm 111 Praise and thanksgiving go together. In this Hallelujah Psalm, we are reminded of a multitude of reasons to return thanks to the Lord God, including our creation, our preservation, and our redemption, that singular glorious work by which He gives righteousness forever! (Cp.v3,9).