

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

He is

God

not of the dead,

but of the living

Luke 20:38

3rd Sunday of End Time – Saints Triumphant
November 13, 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: Carly Mess

Ushers: Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 16 (pew bible, p.486)
- ◆ The Hymns: 677 (1-6), 672, 515 (1-3), 515 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5, Luke 20:27-38
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 150
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Isaiah 65:17-25

Saints of God,

Await with Joy the New Heaven and New Earth!

1. God has already begun His renewal.
2. On the Last Day He will make it complete.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (515, stanza 4)



Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.

We, where no troubles distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.

Now let us worship our Lord and our King,
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

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Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5

2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 150

P Praise God in his sanctuary:
C **Praise him in his mighty heavens.**
P Praise him for his acts of power:
C **Praise him for his surpassing greatness.**
P Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet:
C **Praise him with the harp and lyre.**
P Praise him with tambourine and dancing:
C **Praise him with the strings and flute.**
P Praise him with the clash of cymbals:
C **Praise him with resounding cymbals.**
P Let everything that has breath praise the LORD:
C **Praise the LORD.**

Second Lesson – Luke 20:27-38

27 Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 28 "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children

for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. 30 The second 31 and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. 32 Finally, the woman died too. 33 Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” 34 Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. 37 But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ 38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Sermon Text – Isaiah 65:17-25

17 “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20 Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. 23 They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. 24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

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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 (11/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
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	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Thanksgiving Day Worship: Thursday, Nov.24, 9:30 am
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.4, 10:45 am
- Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.11, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Saturday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

Basket Items: The Mary & Martha Ladies Group is planning to prepare Christmas baskets again this year for sharing with various St. Paul members and friends. If you have non-perishable food items you would like to donate, please bring them to church by Sunday, November 27. A list of donations needed is posted on the board in the church entry. (We are planning to prepare five baskets this year.) Cash or check donations for purchasing items are welcome too. These may be given to ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. Thank you!

Worship Service Live-streaming: Information is being shared today regarding live-streaming of St. Paul Worship Services on Facebook (see bulletin insert). You can also watch a livestream of our worship services *without* a Facebook account by going to: facebook.com/StPaulLakewood.

Call News: Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has received the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Kinship Sponsorship

The Mary & Martha Ladies Group is supporting a new seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo (Africa). The student's name is Jac Adossi. He is one of eight students currently attending this seminary. The annual cost for Jac's support is \$360 which is due in January. All members of St. Paul are welcome to give a donation for this cause. You may do so by ...

- Placing your gift in your St. Paul Offering Envelope (use the "Other Local Purpose" line on the left and write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "specify" line), or by
- Placing your gift in a plain envelope labeled "Mary/Martha Kinship" and dropping it in the collection plate.

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But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him! 2 Peter 3:13-14.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 14-19 '22

Mon Luke 21:5-9 Jesus does not give the requested “sign” for the end of the temple, warns against false hopes in human structures or false Christs. A wondrous building, like the temple of Herod was over eighty years in the building and destroyed less than ten years after it was finished. Similarly would false saviors and other upheavals come and go, but these would not reveal the date of judgment day.

Tues Luke 21:10-19 While much sounds fearful in those times before the day, Jesus reminds us that this will be an opportunity to witness (v13) and that He is still the King, giving words and wisdom. Even being put to death cannot end the life which He has given us.

Wed 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 The patience and faith of the Thessalonians under persecution is evidence of their membership in the kingdom of God. But God will vindicate them and, contrary to present appearances, it is God’s enemies who will be removed from the presence of the Lord, and His believers who will be glorified in His presence.

Thurs Malachi 4:1-6 After graphically describing the different outcomes for the righteous and the unrighteous, the prophet looks forward to the coming of the Lord our righteousness (cpJer23:6), after the way is prepared before Him by John the Baptist (“Elijah who is to come” Mt11:13-15).

Fri 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 In view of Christ’s glorious return, some concluded that this life didn’t really matter, so they quit their jobs and waited for Judgment Day. However, this resulted in their becoming leeches and busybodies. Paul urges them to join the rest in working quietly and not growing weary in doing good.

Sat Psalm 98 Praise God for His salvation, righteousness, love, and faithfulness (v1-3). Praise Him with joyful voices and instruments, melodious, tender, and strong (v4-6). Let the whole earth praise Him when He comes to judge the world with righteousness and equity (v7-9). “And heaven and nature sing...”