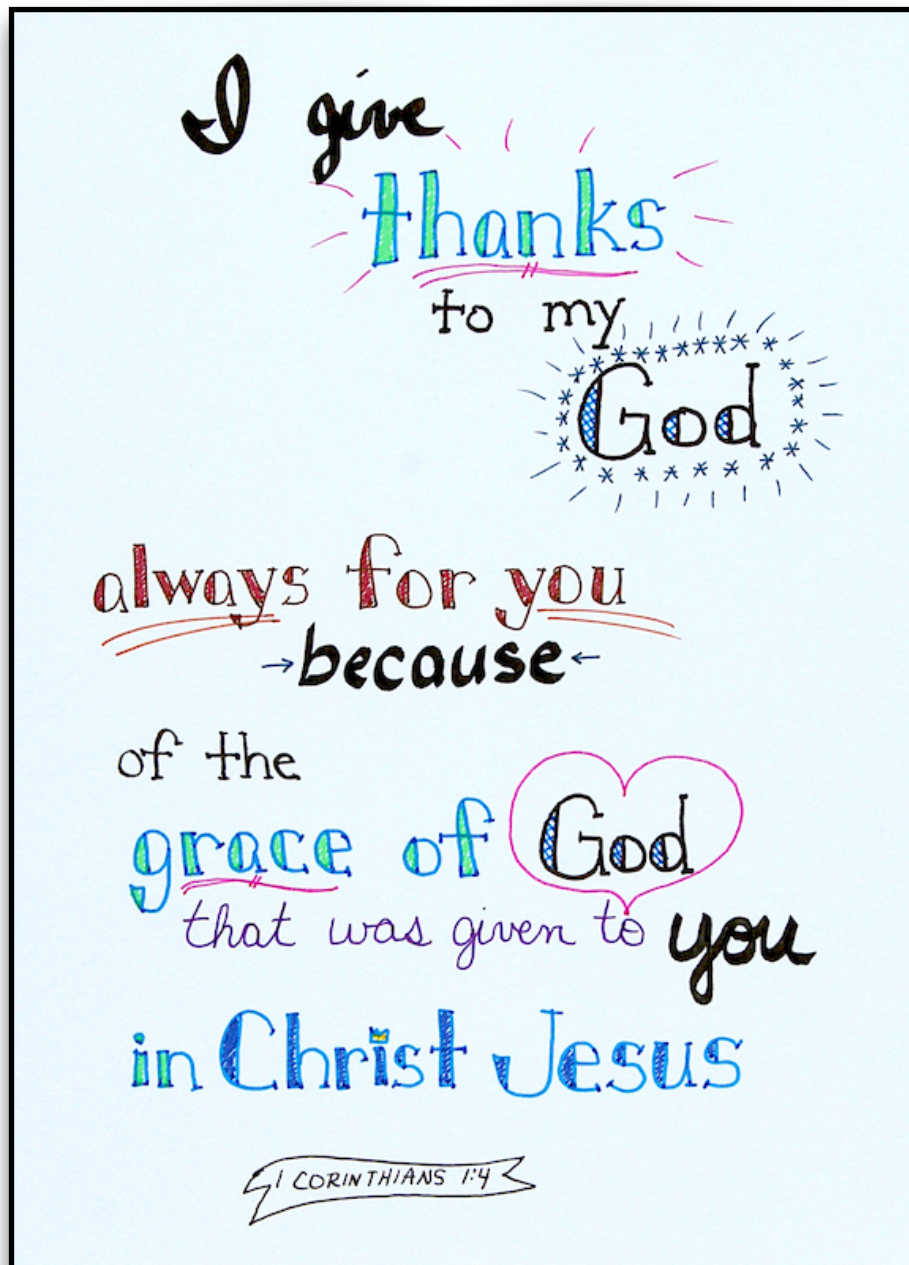


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– 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; Usher: Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 107:1-22 (pew bible, p.539)
- ◆ The Hymns: 409, 346, 917 (1-3), 917 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 49:1-7, John 1:29-41
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 136
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

I Thank God For You ... Because ...

1. He called you into the saving faith.
2. He has enriched you with gifts for your faith.
3. He will keep you strong in your faith to the end.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (917, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.” 4 But I said, “I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’S hand, and my reward is with my God.” 5 And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— 6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” 7 This is what the LORD says— the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel— to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: “Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 136

P Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

C **His love endures forever.**

P To him who alone does great wonders:

C **His love endures forever.**

P To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt and brought Israel out from among them:

C **His love endures forever.**

P With a mighty hand and outstretched arm:

C **His love endures forever.**

P To him who divided the Red Sea asunder and brought Israel through the midst of it:

C **His love endures forever.**

P But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea:

C **His love endures forever.**

P To the One who remembered us in our low estate, and freed us from our enemies:

C **His love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the God of heaven:

C **His love endures forever.**

Second Lesson – John 1:29-41

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.” 35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” 37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. 40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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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 (1/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	CLC Cooperative Budget Plan Presentation
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Tues	9:30 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (1/22)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting

Extended Calendar

- January 29 – Annual Voters' Meeting, 10:45 am
- February 5 – Installation of Church Officers
- February 13 – Elders Meeting, 8:30 am

St. Paul 2023 Usher Duty List

Month	Usher	Backup Usher	Communion Usher	Backup Communion Usher
January	Bob	Mike	Ed	Mike
February	Mark	Ed	Wayne	Ed
March	Bob	Mark	Mike	Wayne
April	Mark	Don	Ed	Mike
May	Wayne	Ed	Wayne	Ed
June	Josh	Jesse	Mike	Wayne
July	Mike/John	Joe	Ed	Mike
August	Zach	Don	Wayne	Ed
September	Wayne	Mike	Mike	Wayne
October	Mark	Ed	Ed	Mike
November	Wayne	Mark	Wayne	Ed
December	Bob	Don	Mike	Wayne

Ushers, please take time to carefully review "*Usher Guidelines and Helps*" (in your mailbox) as you begin another year of serving the Lord at His house. Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

Appreciation: "Janelle and I desire to convey our deep appreciation for all the wonderful support we have received since my cancer diagnosis. Many of our fellow Christians, known and unknown, have sent us cards, letters, emails, etc., with edifying reminders from Scripture and letting us know they are praying for us. These and the generous outpouring of financial support sent to us and to Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, have been absolutely incredible. We stand in awe at how the LORD uses our challenges to remind us what a gracious God He is in our lives, even as He moves hearts to such expressions full of Christian love. Our cup overflows! May the LORD be glorified during my treasured time of grace as I face what lies ahead according to His good pleasure. In Christ, Pastor John Hein (www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein)"

Mission Helper Trip Deadline Approaching: The application deadline for the 2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is tomorrow, January 16th. There are still a few open slots available. Find more information and apply at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2023-nepal>

Camp Counselor Opportunity: "The Christ's Explorers Camp (sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of West Columbia, SC) announces that the application period for junior counselors is now open! We are looking for 12 students (entering grade 10 or higher for the 2023-24 school year) to help us at Christ's Explorers Camp this summer. The dates for camp are July 20-24, 2023, and it will be held in Sevierville, TN. The camp is held for students entering grades 3-9. The counselor position is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain experience with Christian leadership and mentoring skills, guided by the Christian adult leaders and pastors. Applications are due by Sunday, March 5. Speak with your pastor to receive a copy of the application."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 16-21

Mon John 1:43-51 Jesus gathers His disciples. Even before Nathanael “comes and sees” Jesus (v46), Jesus has seen him when “no one was looking.” Nathanael sees by this that Jesus is the Son of God, the King of Israel. Even before we came to Jesus, He saw us and came to save us. By this we see the glory of our Savior, and shall see more in the future.

Tues 1 Corinthians 2:6-8 The message proclaimed by the apostle was nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified (2:2). Yet in this is the secret and hidden wisdom of God revealed. Even while not looking glorious to the rulers of this world, at His lowest point (crucified), Jesus is “the Lord of glory.”

Wed 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 What God has prepared for His own is beyond human imagination, but revealed by the very Spirit of God. The Spirit alone knows the things of God and reveals to us our glorious future with “the Lord of glory.”

Thurs 1 Corinthians 2:13-16 The very words that the apostle uses to proclaim Jesus Christ are taught him by the Spirit, and without the Spirit’s work it would all be foolishness to us. But because the Spirit of God works through the apostolic word, we have the mind of Christ (v16).

Fri Isaiah 61:1-3 The Servant of the Lord speaks of His mission, fulfilled by Jesus (Lk4:21), not only to defeat God’s enemies (v2), but especially to show His glory through the tender care of the lowliest of His poor people, brokenhearted, bereft, in bondage though they be.

Sat Isaiah 61:4-6 Those whom the Lord raises up and plants as trees of righteousness (61:3) will become builders in the kingdom, reflecting His glory. They will no longer be “poor,” the Lord will see to that. And everyone will have access to God as a priest through the anointed One (61:1), the Servant of the Lord.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 9-14 (catching up from last week)

Mon Matthew 3:13-17 The glory of the Child of Bethlehem was revealed many times throughout His life. Here at the beginning of His ministry He came to John for baptism, not because He needed to repent but because it was the right thing for those He came to represent. The Spirit and the Father testified to His divine glory.

Tues 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 The apostle Paul also proclaimed the gospel which revealed “the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (v4). Through the gospel proclamation God has also shined in our hearts, giving us the gift of beholding God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ (v6).

Wed Isaiah 2:2-5 Isaiah looks forward to the “latter days,” when people from all over the world come to worship in spirit and in truth. Truly these are the days of glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Thurs John 1:35-42 John declares that Jesus is “the Lamb of God,” and two disciples of John follow Jesus, not because He looked so glorious, but because they heard John’s testimony. Jesus invites them to come with Him, and one of them, Andrew, goes and brings his brother to Jesus also.

Fri 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1 To come and see Jesus (Jn1:39) is to be with God and to be His people. It is a wonderful thing that the Lord Almighty wants to be a Father to us, and this moves us to behave as His own children and to cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit.

Sat Psalm 122 “Let us go to the house of the Lord” has a wonderful sound because of whose house it is! He brings people together in thanksgiving and praise. In His house there is peace – peace with God and peace with one another. It is the peace of God that “will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Ph4:7).