

# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 56 (pew bible, p.509)
- ◆ The Hymns: 901, 768, 559, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:46-52
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 126
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed *(last page of liturgy insert)*

### **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 31:7-9**

#### ***THERE WILL BE TEARS OF JOY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE!***

1. For His mercy in bringing us back to our homeland.
2. For the father-son relationship He has established with us.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 126

P When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion:

**C We were like men who dreamed.**

P Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy:

**C Then it was said among the nations: "The LORD has done great things for them."**

P The LORD has done great things for us:

**C And we are filled with joy.**

P Restore our fortunes, O LORD:

**C Like streams in the Negev.**

P Those who sow in tears:

**C Will reap with songs of joy.**

P He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy:

**C Carrying sheaves with him.**

## **Second Lesson – Mark 10:46-52**

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

## **Sermon Text – Jeremiah 31:7-9**

This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (11/4) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 am Sunday School (Jonah, OT 51)  
10:45 am Bible Class downstairs  
Sun (11/11) 8:30 am Elders' Meeting  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Sunday School (Three Men in the Fiery Furnace, OT 55)  
10:45 am Bible Class

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Thanksgiving Worship: Thursday, Nov.22, 9:30 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service Practices: Dec.1,8,15,22 (10:00-11:30 am)
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.2
- Christmas Potluck: Sunday, Dec.9
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Monday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Monday, Dec.31, 7 pm

**UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES:** Sunday, November 18,25  
(*time: 8:30 am*) Sunday, December 2,16,23

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING NOVEMBER

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Don Claeys
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### NOVEMBER 5–10

**The Book of Isaiah** tracks the storm before we reach God's calm harbor.

**Mon** Isaiah 2:1-4,10-22 *The latter days* are days when God's rulership is so clearly evident that folks from around the globe will seek His guidance and live accordingly (2-4); that's on the plus side. However, the *day of the LORD* will demolish human *pride and loftiness* (17), and there will be no safe hiding place when *He arises to shake the earth mightily* (21). Stay tuned.

**Tues ch. 6** How awesome is the Lord God? Take a look for yourself, and tune in on Luther's Hymn **249** also. Isaiah's dismay was overcome by God's grace, and he was eager to be God's spokesperson to his generation. **Ch. 7:10-14:** Good king Ahaz was pressured on all sides, so God assured him that (after many tribulations) Immanuel would provide a bright future for His people.

**Wed 9:1-7** The day would come when heathen Galilee would see the great Light (cf. John 1:5-9) that God shines upon them, for He is eager to share His Son with humanity; Jesus is the be-all-and-end-all forever and ever (6-7). **11:1-12:** The Day of the LORD is the Christian era, when Jesus (of Old Testament stock) arrives with the Spirit empowering Him to Judge unrepentant sinners and deliver the poor and meek (repentant) of the Earth.

**Thurs 12:1-6** We are living (right now) in the time zone of the *latter days*, for God has turned away His anger from sinners like us. This is the time zone (the latter days) for which God has prepared us, and we praise the Lord for having become our salvation. Great is the Holy One of Israel in our midst!

**Fri ch. 25** We have a personal interest and conviction about God—even though ours is not a military interest (2-3), a matter of our social security (4-5), or prosperity for everyone (6-7). Rather, our interest is in Resurrection Morning and Judgment Day (8). *In that day* we will welcome His return to save us—just as we always expected would happen (9). Hallelujah!

**Sat ch. 28:16-19** We know a few things about the Cornerstone of our salvation, which we have learned both from Isaiah and God's spokesman, the Apostle Paul. "*Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes **on Him*** [note these two words missing from Isaiah] *will not be put to shame* (Romans 9:32-33). So, Paul is clarifying what Isaiah is talking about: the Stone is a Person, and that Person is Jesus (Romans 10:9-13). What shall we say to these things? Isaiah knew about Jesus and preached about Jesus during his lifetime—a time when Christmas would not arrive for another 750 years! God blueprinted His plan of salvation and then built His Church on the solid Foundation and Cornerstone. He graciously opens the doors to everyone and welcomes them into His Kingdom. Amen!