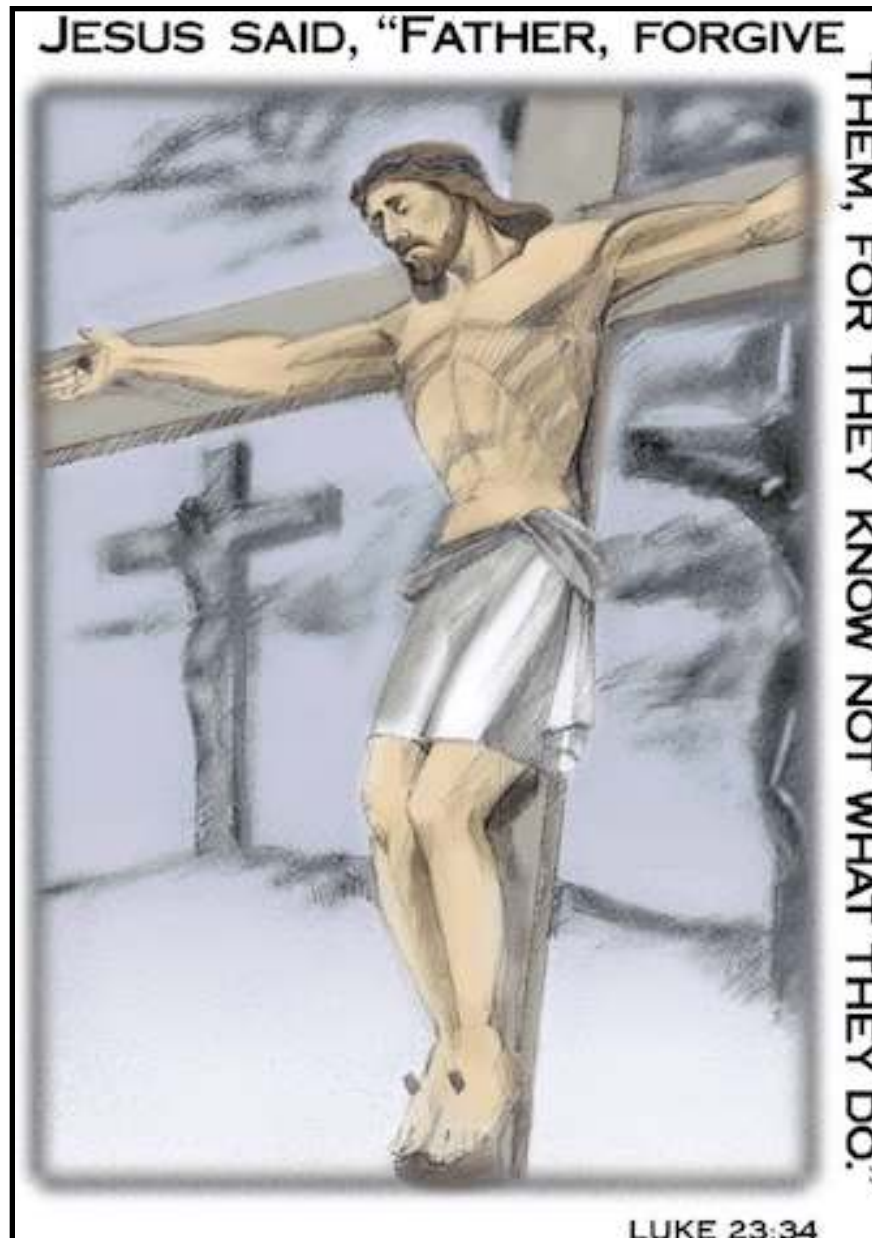


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION -  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 10, 2019**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 91 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 420 (1,4-5), 418, 453 (1-5), 453 (6-7)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: John 8:42-51, Passion History Reading
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 109

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 26:59-66**

#### ***LANDMARKS OF JESUS' PASSION: THE HALL OF CAIAPHAS WHERE THE SAVIOR WAS CONDEMNED***

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (453, stanzas 6-7)

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**Visitors, Welcome!** The members of St. Paul Lutheran are pleased to meet you and are happy you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! The Lord be with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – John 8:42-51

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 109

P O God, whom I praise:

**C Do not remain silent.**

P For wicked and deceitful men have opened their mouths against me:

**C They have spoken against me with lying tongues.**

P In return for my friendship they accuse me:

**C They repay me evil for good, and hatred for my friendship.**

P But you, O Sovereign LORD, deal well with me for your name's sake:

**C Out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.**

P They may curse:

**C But you will bless.**

P When they attack they will be put to shame:

**C But your servant will rejoice.**

P My accusers will be clothed with disgrace:

**C And wrapped in shame as in a cloak.**

P With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD:

**C In the great throng I will praise him.**

P For he stands at the right hand of the needy one:

**C To save his life from those who condemn him.**

### Second Lesson

(Chapter 2 of the Passion History)

### Sermon Text – Matthew 26:59-66

Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun (3/10)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Special Voters' Meeting ( <i>see note below</i> )
	11:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus and Nicodemus, NT 10)
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wed (3/13)	7:00 pm	ILC Tour Choir Concert
Sun (3/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, NT 11)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

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

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

### **EXTENDED CALENDAR**

- Wed. Lenten services: March 20,27; April 3,10 (7 pm)
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April 18 (7 pm)
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 19 (7 pm)

### **UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES**

- Sunday, March 24 & 31, 8:30 am
- Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am

**SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING**, following today's service (rescheduled from last Sunday). The lone agenda item is to decide on whether or not it's feasible for us to invite the CLC's Traveling Vacation Bible School teams to come here this summer (one, to distribute fliers advertising a VBS hosted by our church, and another, to staff the school).

**DAILY REST DEVOTIONS:** The first issue of *Daily Rest*, the CLC's new devotion book, arrived in the mail a week ago. This issue is free. Paid subscriptions will begin with the second issue. The cost for an annual subscription (for 4 issues per year) is \$15. To subscribe, write your name on the sign-up list posted on the bulletin board in the entry. The subscription deadline is April 7. Payments may be given to church treasurer Wayne Ruegge or the Pastor. Or you may place your payment in the Sunday collection with the notation "devotions" written on your envelope. (Note: There are extra free copies of Issue #1 in the box on the shelf by the tract rack. Take one or more for sharing with family and friends.)

**CALLED HOME:** "God in His great mercy called Ron Roehl to His side last night. It was directly after Eunice Roehl's funeral that we learned of Ron's diagnosis of stage 4 pancreatic cancer. That was only weeks ago. Last night, after calling 911 due to pain and immobility, Ron received his upward call on the trip to the hospital. Pastor Tiefel was there with God's Word for the family who could be present. The loss to Ron's family is great, as is the loss to Immanuel and to the CLC. In Christ we will be at peace, as Ron was and now is. When service information has been set it will be announced. In Christ, (Bruce Naumann, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire)."

**CAMP INVITATION:** Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, would like to invite all CLC children in grades 3-8 to a CLC youth camp this summer! Our Christ's Explorers Camp will be held Friday, August 23, to Sunday, August 25, 2019. Our theme will be, "Journey Together in Christ," as we focus on the message of Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." The weekend will be full of activities that engage our youth in learning about and worshipping their Savior, meeting youth from other congregations within the CLC, and having fun with various activities and games. The camp will be hosted in Columbia, SC, at Sesquicentennial State Park. The registration fee is \$40 and is due by July 1. If you have questions, please contact Sara Kloke (RunsForFun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com). You may also call the church office at 803-796-0770.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE TOUR CHOIR CONCERT

This Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 pm.  
Can you think of a friend or two to invite?



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### ST PAUL LENTEN SERVICES (REMAINING SCHEDULE)

<i>LANDMARKS OF JESUS' PASSION</i>			
DATE	THEME	TEXT	SPEAKER
Mar 20	<i>The Garden of Prayer where God's Will was Done</i>	Luke 22:39-42	C. Seybt
Mar 27	<i>The Way of Sorrows where Jesus carried His Cross</i>	John 19:16-17	J. Klatt
Apr 3	<i>The Seat of Judgment where Justice Prevailed</i>	John 19:12-16	C. Seybt
Apr 10	<i>The Mount Called Calvary where the Savior Died</i>	Luke 23:32-33	T. Schuetze
Apr 19 (Gd Fri)	<i>The Garden Tomb where the Dead Savior Lay</i>	John 19:31-42	T. Schuetze

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Worship: April 14, 9:30 am  
*(followed by brunch served by the men)*  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 18, 7:00 pm  
Good Friday Worship: April 19, 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday Worship: April 21, 9:30 am

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**

### **MARCH 11-16**

**Mon Acts 1:1-14** For forty days Jesus prepped His disciples for bearing witness that He was alive and well. They should pour out God's water of Life in their own backyard first; the next ripple would anoint all Jewry, the following wave would inundate mixed-ethnic Samaria, and finally God's tsunami would flood humans everywhere. What great opportunities for blessing!

**Tues Acts 2** Pentecost arrived ten days later, and Jesus took advantage of the opportunity, for Pentecost was one of the three times each year when Jews from all over the Near East would make pilgrimage to Jerusalem and participate in this "early harvest" event (5-11). Peter provided God's own explanation of the miracle (14-21) predicted from olden times in Joel 2, Psalms 16 and 110. The Holy Spirit touched the hearts of many to take advantage of their golden opportunity (37-47); a great harvest, indeed!

**Wed Acts 7** Stephen took advantage of a rigged trial (8-15) to prove that he respected God (2-17), he respected Moses more than generations of Jews had done (35-43), and that he respected the Temple, even though it wasn't God's home (44-50). When the Jews reacted badly, he switched tactics and roasted his accusers (50-53). That signed his own death warrant, which Jesus turned to his advantage (54-60). God is gracious in so many ways.

**Thurs Acts 9** Saul was suffering from inborn ignorance and inbred prejudice against Jesus, so Jesus took him in hand, firmly and decisively (1-9). What made Saul's stomach churn for three days? He realized that Jesus was God, alive in heaven, dominant, and holding Saul accountable for rejecting Him. During those three days for the Holy Spirit took Saul from unbelief to faith in Jesus (probably by revisiting his Bible memory verses); then he got the good news that Jesus was with him, and he could serve his Savior (10-19).

**Fri In Acts 10** God settled an important issue for mission outreach: God loved non-Jews, and Cornelius was the case which proved it. Peter needed God's guidance in order to swallow his ethnic prejudices (9-23), get with God's program, and defend God's way of doing things (**Ch. 11:1-18**). Barnabas and Saul had similar experiences (11:19-26), Antioch became another home base for Christians, and a wave of Christian love flowed back to Judea (27-30).

**Sat Acts 20** After years of foreign travel and on his way home to Jerusalem, Paul dropped some bad news on the Ephesian congregation. Satan finds weak spots in a congregation, gets members *to speak perverse things and to draw away disciples after themselves*. [Watch out for them!] It's old news to those whom God brought through such tribulations, but God's children must stay on guard all their lives. Lord, have mercy upon us! Amen.