

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



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JUNE 30, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 32 (pew bible, p.495)
- ◆ The Hymns: *742, 616, 611, 783 (*tan hymnal)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10,13-15; Galatians 1:11-21
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 32



Sermon Text – Luke 7:36-50

WHO CAN BE SURE OF SAVING FAITH?

1. He who knows his debt of sin is great,
2. Who trusts Christ's word of forgiveness, and
3. Gives proof of this faith in deeds of grateful love.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (783)

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A SPECIAL WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, 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!

Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by the tract rack or by request from an usher

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 2 Samuel 11:26–12:10,13-15

11:26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. 27 After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord. 12:1 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die! 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' 13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the Lord show utter contempt, the son born to you will die." 15 After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 32

P Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven:

C Whose sins are covered.

P When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me:

C My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

P Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

C And did not cover up my iniquity.

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD":

C And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

P You are my hiding place:

C You will protect me from trouble.

P Many are the woes of the wicked:

C But the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

Second Lesson – Galatians 1:11-21

11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. 20 I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. 21 Later I went to Syria and Cilicia.

Sermon Text – Luke 7:36-50

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. 37 When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, 38 and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” 40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. 41 “Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. 44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.” 48 Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” 50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today (6/30) | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 4:00 pm | Worship service in observance of Pastor John Klatt's retirement, at Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland |
| Sun (7/7) | 9:30 am | Catechism Q's & A's Service (*see note below) |
| | 10:45 am | Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting |

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Elders' Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm (parsonage)
- Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 13, 8:30 am
- Confirmation Service: Sunday, July 14, 9:30 am (*see note below)
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 14, 10:45 am
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 10:45 am

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JUNE

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Larry Reed
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Wayne Ruegge

DURING JULY

- Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

*TWO SPECIAL SERVICES COMING IN JULY:

- ➔ On Sunday, July 14, Zachary Ruegge will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. He recently completed three years of instruction in the main teachings of the Bible as summarized in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*.
- ➔ Next Sunday, July 7, there will be a question and answer session on selected portions of the catechism. In addition to providing Zachary the opportunity to confess his faith publicly, as Jesus encourages all of us to do (Luke 12:8, Romans 10:8-10), it will provide St. Paul parishioners the opportunity to review the main teachings of God's Word.
- ➔ Both services will remind us of the importance of daily renewing our own vows of faithfulness to the Lord and praying for the Holy Spirit's strength to fulfill them to the end (1 Corinthians 1:8-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).



REMINDER FOR OUR COMMUNICANTS: Lord's Supper will be celebrated in July one week later than is customary, on Confirmation Sunday, **July 14**.

PRAYER NEED: Please remember in your prayers our nine East Africa Mission Helpers during their three week trip, which begins this Tuesday, July 2. Pray for their safe travels and good health, for their witness and work, and for the eternal Word of God they share to blood-bought souls of Christ. May our Lord Jesus bless them in this work in His kingdom. To follow along with their trip, go to: 2019clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com

JULY BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

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| Lisa Sprengeler, July 3 | (Ed & Sharlene Chiappetti, July 4) |
| Dax Franzen, July 8 | (Dennis & Jennifer Roberson, July 4) |
| Nicholas Peters, July 9 | (Wayne & Crystal Ruegge, July 13) |
| Brianna Brethauer, July 26 | (Darrick & Naomi Peters, July 15) |
| Ashley Scow, July 29 | (Fred & Bobbie Brethauer, July 16) |
| | (Ed & Agnes Scott, July 18) |
| | (Jordan & Sarah Potter, July 19) |
| | (Fred & Pat Newton, July 30) |

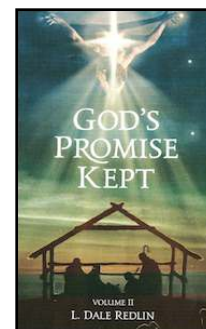
PASTORAL CONFERENCE REPORT

On June 18-20, the CLC's General Pastoral Conference met on the campus of ILC in Eau Claire, WI. The assembled pastors enjoyed a time of Christian fellowship and study of God's Word. We were enriched by the Word of God which was proclaimed by our conference chaplain, Pastor Ted Barthels, and by our communion service speaker, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh. The following papers were presented, which are available by request from the pastor:

- New Testament Exegesis: 2 Thessalonians 1:1ff. (Pastor David Ude)
- Is Agreement on Historical Perspective Necessary for God-Pleasing Fellowship? (Pastor Paul Tiefel)
- Report on "In Statu Confessionis" in Light of the Inter-Synod Discussions (Pastor Paul Nolting)
- Review of Theses/Antitheses Re: Fellowship (Pastor John Hein)
- Board of Doctrine - Analysis of the Joint Statement

A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the disposition of the proposed "Joint Statement on the Termination of Church Fellowship," which has been adopted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). This document was neither adopted nor rejected by our CLC Convention in 2018. We are looking for a final resolution on this matter at next summer's 2020 CLC Convention. The 2019 CLC Pastoral Conference resolved to send a report to our next Convention, which concludes by saying "*...we cannot recommend that the Convention adopt the Joint Statement on the Termination of Fellowship.*" The Conference also gave a report, in response to a request from the 2018 CLC Convention, concerning the status of a CLC Board of Doctrine document entitled "Theses and Antitheses on the Role of Admonition." Copies of both of these reports are also available by request from the pastor. They can also be seen online at this address: www.tinyurl.com/2019-pc-responses. We are thankful for this time together studying the Word of God and pray that His will might be done in all things, including the matters that have separated us from the WELS and ELS for many years.

GOD'S PROMISE KEPT VOLUME II by Pastor Dale Redlin is available for \$15. It is a volume of 450 pages beginning with "Israel Deserts God for a Golden Calf" and ending with "Joseph-Mary-the Christ Child." Copies may be found in the church entry. Payment information for Volume II is found inside the front cover. There is also a single copy of Volume I (420 pages). It begins with creation and ends with God's giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Cost: \$15. Payment for Volume I should be made to St. Paul.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS – JUNE 24-29

(catching up from last week, readings from the three epistles of John)

Mon Theme of the First Epistle of John: We are so blessed with God's love in Christ Jesus that our hearts respond with love to Him and one another, while we detest our sin and devote ourselves to serve God and our siblings. **Ch. 1:** No doubt about it, John was a companion of Jesus, so he knew first-hand that Jesus was nothing less than human and nothing less than God, too. God rescues us from our dark side and via Jesus plants us in His sunlight.

Tues Ch. 2: Regrettably, weeds sprout in sunlight, too, so we uproot them from our family garden. This age-old gardening routine is always current, for everyone in God's family pulls weeds, and everyone benefits from following His orders, identifying weeds and applying the weed-killer of His Word.

Wed Ch.3: We are so unique that we puzzle worldlings (1-3); we detest filthiness (4-9), and cling to one another 10-15), even putting our lives on the line for each other (16-23).

Thurs Ch. 4: We steer clear of all who undermine God's salvation via Christ Jesus, and we support each other as God enables us. Encircled by God's love and with His Spirit dwelling in us, we love Him because He first loved us; this is perfectly clear to us . . .

Fri Ch. 5 . . . and is evident in our lifestyle. It's all very basic, for we have three impeccable witnesses that we possess spiritual and eternal life in His Son, a life pulsating with loving concern for others. (Now repeat this to yourself.)

Sat The Second letter of John is directed to a Christian lady and focuses on her perseverance in God's Truth.

"1) Depend on the Truth that God has given you His commandments in order to keep you from insulting Him and harming yourself.

"2) Don't listen to un-Truth! Being hospitable to strangers is fine, but false teachers do not deserve your hospitality; turn them away.

"See you later."

The Third letter of John is also short; Gaius is praised for being hospitable to Christians on their way through town (5-8).

On the other hand, a renegade and false shepherd should be dealt with sternly (9-10).

A good reputation has been earned by a good friend (12).

"We'll have much to talk over when I see you. Until then, God be with you, one and all. Each of you is precious to God and to us! Say hello to everybody for us."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS – JULY 1-6

(readings from the Second Epistle of Peter and the Epistle of Jude)

Mon 2 Peter 1: In view of everything God has given us already—which is almost too much to put into words (1-4)—don't let it all go to waste, but use it, apply it, develop it, enjoy it, and live it from here to eternity (5-11). Since I won't be around much longer, let me remind you again that our religion is God's religion. With our own ears we heard Him speak from heaven, the way God has done with His spokesmen down through the ages. Listen up!

Tues 2 Peter Ch. 2: Those who peddle a contradictory message are false teachers; they have deceived entire civilizations; don't join them in their errors as Lot did and was rescued only by God's intervention. Warning: nominal Christians can become turncoats and traitors, too.

Wed 2 Peter Ch. 3: The world is very evil; the times are waxing [growing] late—and Jesus is poised to cleanse planet Earth with atomic fire! So be prepared to survive by living in God's Word, being on guard against soul-infecting error, and *growing/maturing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory both now and forever. Amen!*

Thurs Jude identifies himself as a *servant* of Jesus Christ, which is not small change, for Jesus had given him this great honor. *As brother of James* (chairman/president of the Jerusalem congregation and Jesus' half-brother), he had gained respect for being God's spokesman and for his experience, too. Q: To what *service* was Jude referring? A: The self-sacrificing service of helping Christians enjoy their God-given privileges: they were salvaged from hellfire, converted in heart and life, and preserved by dwelling in Jesus Christ.

Fri We agree with **Jude** that we must earnestly, sincerely, and passionately defend the Word of God against being mixed with garbage, for trash is septic. **Jude** focuses on a specific brand of garbage—the filthy notion that God allows His children to indulge themselves in sexual immorality. We know the argument: “God is love; God doesn't judge us.” That's a slimy argument, and Jude will have none of it. They are dreamers, brute beasts, a pox, twice dead, foaming up with their own shame, etc. (5-16)—whom God will judge (15)!

Sat I, Jude, now turn my attention back to you, my dear friends, for you have been forewarned about the world's fatal disease. Let me repeat: Build up your spiritual muscles by rigorous training; keep yourselves in the love of God (avoiding His disgust), looking forward to the goal of your pilgrimage, which is eternal life with our Lord Jesus. Deal with each problem of soul-care as it arises, having *compassion on some and pulling others back from the edge of the fire!* As I now sign off, I commit you into God's wise, powerful, and protective care. God be with you; Amen!