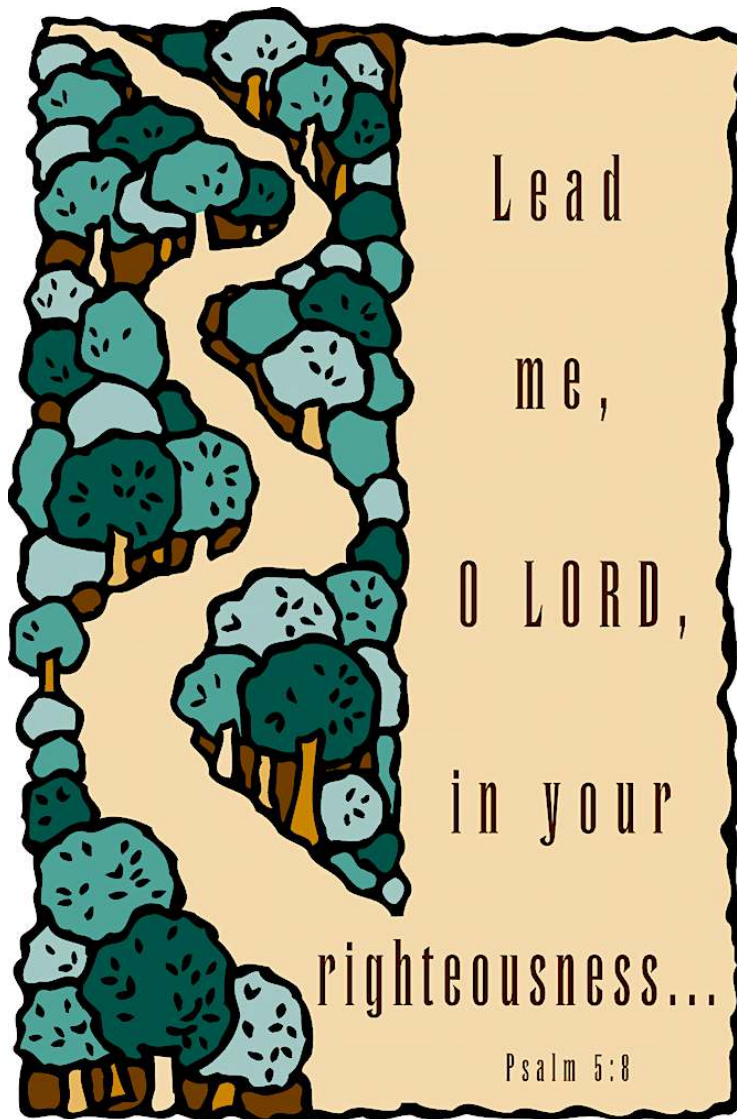


**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 4, 2019**

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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 25 (pew bible, p.492)
- ◆ The Hymns: 909, 743, 608, 924
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 25
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed *(last page of liturgy insert)*

### **Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 30:9-14,19-20**

### ***THE SIMPLE WORD OF GOD IS ALL WE NEED***

1. It alone turns our hearts and souls to God.
2. Nothing else can bring God to us or us to Him.

- ◆ 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.

*Large print bulletins are available by the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (8/4) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sun (8/11) 9:30 am Worship Service

### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING AUGUST**

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Ed Chiappetti
- Communion Assistant: Mike Sprengeler

**CALL NEWS:** Pastor James Albrecht returned the call extended to him by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland.

**A KITCHEN SHOWER LIST** has been posted on the bulletin board in the entry for restocking items for our church kitchen. Please look over to see if there are items you are able to provide.

**ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:** Registration info for ...

- The "Women's Retreat West" scheduled for September 20-22 at Chadron State Park in Nebraska.
- The men's "Man-Up" Retreat planned for September 12-15, at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI.

**CHOIR PRACTICES** are planned for the following Sundays in September, in preparation for our Fall Mission Festival Service on September 29: September 1,8,22,29. Practice time: 8:30 am.

**DIVINE CALLS WERE ISSUED** at the recent voters' meeting to the following individuals to serve on our Sunday School teaching and support staff for the coming school year:

- Classroom instructors: Ed Chiappetti, Sharlene Chiappetti, Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler
- Teacher substitutes: Jo Blakey, Willa Mae Janssen
- Music teacher: Suzannah Miller
- "Feeding His Lambs" secretary: Julie Whitmer-Wright

We pray for the Lord's blessing on each in their call deliberations, asking Him to guide them to a decision in keeping with His will, for the welfare of His Church.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Colossians 1:1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 25

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul:

**C in you I trust, O my God.**

P Show me your ways, O Lord:

**C Teach me your paths;**

P Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior:

**C And my hope is in you all day long.**

P Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love:

**C For they are from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways:

**C According to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.**

P Look upon my affliction and my distress:

**C And take away all my sins.**

P Guard my life and rescue me:

**C For I take refuge in you.**

## **Second Lesson – Luke 10:25-37**

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## **Sermon Text – Deuteronomy 30:9-14,19-20**

9 Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, 10 if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" 14 No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. 19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life ...

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**AUGUST 5–10**

**Mon Genesis 41:38-57** God Almighty leveraged Joseph into becoming Prime Minister of Egypt and marrying the ranking clergyman's daughter, who would become mother of Manasseh and Ephraim, two of the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph was not an office manager but got into the field, acquainting himself with farmers and plantation owners; he became Egyptian. Why? Because God had great plans for him in the course of world history—more precisely, in God's kingdom amidst a world hungry for the Bread of Life. Stay tuned.

**Tues Matthew 15:1-11** "Cleanliness is next (second-best) to godliness" is an old saying, but it's not very perceptive. It didn't hold water with Jesus, who nailed the Pharisees for ranking godliness second-best to cleanliness. That was religious hypocrisy (7-9), as Jesus clarified: God is less concerned about germs entering our mouths and more concerned about filth coming out of our mouths (11). Falsehoods about God can be classified as filthy talk, too.

**Wed Hebrews 12:12-17** Besides working on your inner core, follow God's formula for strengthening: Get your hands busy with God's interests (12), do long-distance running (spiritually) in order to build up your endurance (13), cultivate your people-skills religiously (14), and don't let yourself slip away from God's grace (15). Esau despised his birthright, and pressuring his father to change his mind and re-direct the blessing to himself didn't work (17).

**Thurs Psalm 141:1-5** Why do I pray? A) Because I know I am a sinner, and I need God's forgiveness (1-2). B) I pray because I know God listens to me, feels sorry for me, and wants to help me (1-2). C) Because I know Satan and the world prompt my heart to love evil, to hang out with them and join them in wicked works (3-4). Dear friend, you can help me by correcting me when I need it; I will accept your intervention as a blessing from God (5). Thank you.

**Fri Mark 7:14-23** After all, diet does not make us who we are, but our ethics, the principles by which we breathe and live. The problem we have with our identity lies within our inner core, our hearts. Are we lustful, hateful, selfish, egocentric, foolish? If so, what's to be done about our hearts? We need a heart transplant. God can do it, and he does it by embracing us in love, which prompts us to repent of our sinfulness and hug Him close to our hearts.

**Sat 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22** Here's God's training program for our spiritual health: respect pastors as your spiritual mentors (12-13); help your team members when they need help, and do so generously (14-15). Keep active with other spiritual activities—toward God first of all (16-20), evaluating everything according to God's standards and directives. And steer clear of anything and everything that is not God-pleasing. Lord, have mercy on us!