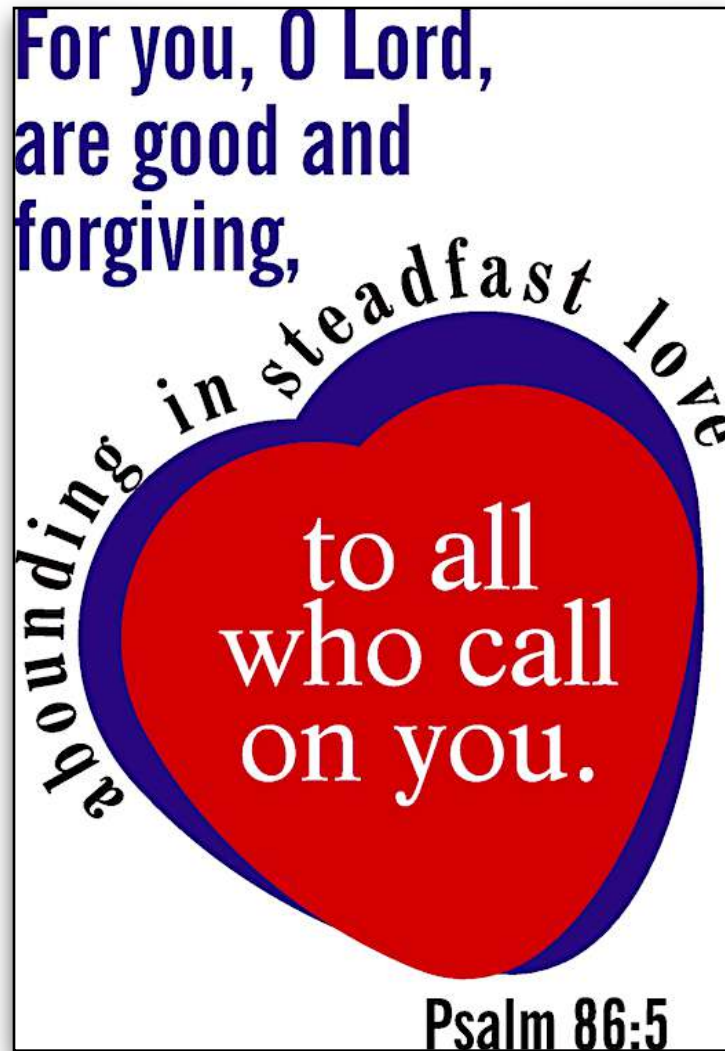


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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 34 (pew bible, p.496)
- ◆ The Hymns: 803, 688, 851 (1-3), 851 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hebrews 13:1-8, Luke 14:1-14
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 146

### **Sermon Text – Proverbs 25:6-7**

#### ***DON'T EXALT YOURSELF IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING***

1. Christ humbled Himself to give you His righteousness.
2. Watch for opportunities to reflect His love to others.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (851, stanza 4)

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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 in the tract rack or by request from an usher*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Hebrews 13:1-8

1 Keep on loving each other as brothers. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. 4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 146

P Praise the LORD:

**C Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

P I will praise the LORD all my life:

**C I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob:

**C Whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

P The Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them:

**C The LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

P The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations:

**C Praise the LORD.**

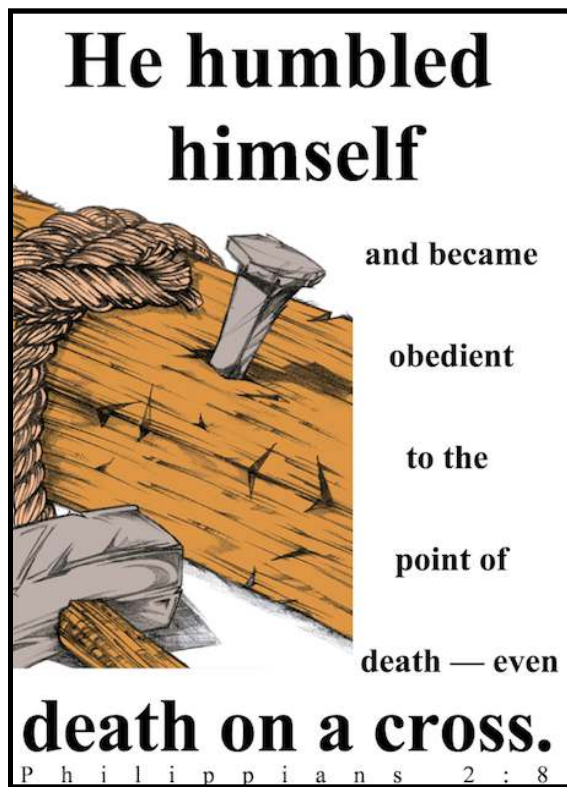
### Second Lesson – Luke 14:1-14

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 2 There in front of him was a man suffering from dropsy. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" 4 But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him away. 5 Then he asked them, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they had nothing to say. 7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up

to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. 11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." 12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**Sermon Text – Proverbs 25:6-7**

6 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; 7 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (9/22)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Twelve Spies, OT 28)
	10:45 am	Bible Class downstairs
Sun (9/29)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Bronze Serpent, OT 29)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	3:00 pm	Mission Festival Service ( <i>see note below</i> )

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.12, beginning at 8:00 am
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, Oct.13, 8:30 am
- Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.13, 10:45 am
- Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.18, 6:30 pm
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.20, 11:45 am
- Area Reformation Service: Sunday, Oct.27, 4:00 pm

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

- Ushers: Larry Reed, Mark Hartmeister
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**A MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE** will be held at St. Paul *next Sunday*. Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan WI, will serve as our guest speaker at the 3:00 pm service. The choir and children will also sing. Following the service Pastor Ude will give a mission presentation. A meal will follow. The parishioners of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne, have been invited. Invitations for sharing with friends and family may be found on the shelf by the tract rack.

**OCTOBER CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:** Sunday, Oct.6,20,27, 8:30 am. We will rehearse a song for the October 27 Reformation Festival Service.

**CALL NEWS:** Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris MN, has called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as its vacancy pastor beginning in October. Pastor Klatt has accepted this call. ++ The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac WI, to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary.

**THE IMMANUEL PROFESSORAGE COMMITTEE (IPC)** is calling for volunteers in the months of September and October. Prof and Mrs. Paul Sullivan have moved out of the professorage on the ILC campus to a home in Eau Claire. This allows that professorage to get a rework and be ready June 1 for the new professor to be called soon for the 2020-2021 school year. The IPC would like to get soffit and fascia, new windows and siding done this fall. If we could finish the exterior before the cold comes, we can use the winter months to rework the interior (kitchen and bathroom remodel, new floor covering, paint and other repairs). Students from Immanuel's "Leave It Better" group will be helping out starting September 20. We can use workers with all levels of skill. To volunteer that weekend or any other times or for more information, please call Pastor Paul Tiefel at 715-829-2000.

**YOUTH CAMP:** Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC, invites all 3-9 grade CLC children to a CLC youth camp in South Carolina. Our Christ's Explorers Camp will be held Thursday, August 13, to Saturday, August 15, 2020. 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 near Columbia, SC, at Bethel Christian Camp. If you have questions, please contact Sara Kloke (RunsForFun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com). You may also call our church office at 803-796-0770. Like our Facebook page to keep up with the latest information and communication.

**ISRAEL TRIP:** A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those interested. The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the places which we read and hear about in the Scriptures and where God brought His plan of salvation to completion through the life and the death of Jesus. More information can be found in a brochure on the table in the church entry. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net).

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 23-28**

**Mon Numbers 12** The motivation of Miriam and Aaron was not to protect the status of Moses but to upgrade their own, so they slandered him. When Moses refrained from asserting himself (3), the LORD Jehovah put His foot down (4), setting the record straight about Moses and chastising them for bad-mouthing God's servant (which amounted to bad-mouthing God). Aaron repented quickly, but Miriam needed to learn humility by being ostracized, losing her health and good looks to boot. Lord, have mercy!

**Tues Luke 6:6-11** In another confrontation with God, the ungodly set Jesus up for a situation that would test His "orthodoxy." They bet that He would ignore the Sabbath traditions and help the crippled man. So Jesus quite deliberately and pointedly did a labor of love on the day when nobody else dared to work. That undercut their orthodoxy, which they took as an insult. Bottom line: motivation is everything, just as we knew all along.

**Wed James 3:6-18** We humans are perverse in how we use God's gifts—even the gift of speech. From time to time we're guilty of slander—against God or neighbor; we might even spread harmful gossip about a member of our church. What's behind it all? Envy, insecurity, false pride, and cheating on the Truth (14). May God grant us more of His peaceable, gentle, good-hearted, merciful, impartial, honorable, and decent attitude (17-18). Amen!

**Thurs Zechariah 8:7-13** This prophet was one of God's spokesmen during those 70 years when God was chastising the Hebrews in a foreign country (the Babylonian Captivity), but God didn't want them to lose hope. So He vowed, "I will save My people . . . I will bring them back home (7-8); hang in there, for I am preparing you to be a blessing to others; don't be so scared of the future that you lose your grip on Me (13)." Lord, help us in like manner!

**Fri Mark 3:1-6** It really hurt that the church leaders wanted to catch Jesus promoting false doctrine or ungodly behavior but were unconcerned about helping the crippled man. Their hardness of heart was painful to Jesus, but that didn't stop Him from restoring the fellow to a normal life so he could care for himself, hold a job, and be a provider for his family. How sad that the church council didn't see it that way (6)! Glory be to Jesus!

**Sat Acts 2:37-41** God worked hard to salvage what could be salvaged, and He squeezed them to repent (37). With hearts reborn via Jesus' Holy Spirit, they were invited to share in all of God's blessings (38-39), and they absorbed everything Peter told them (40). God accepted them into the Holy Christian Church, and they joined the local congregation (41). Hallelujah! Stay tuned.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER 16-21 (CATCHING UP FROM LAST WEEK)**

**Mon 1 Samuel 2:27-36** Eli's clergy sons had debased the public ministry, but Eli had not defrocked them, so God confronted Eli: "Didn't I give you the privilege of being My spokesman, an honor despised by your sons? Therefore they have to go, your entire family tree will die out at an early age, and I am shifting this privileged responsibility over onto Samuel." Bottom line: those who diss God are committing suicide. Lord, have mercy on such (and on us)!

**Tues Luke 20:41-44** In Jesus' day, the reigning clergy had gone astray in a way that was just as bad, for they no longer believed in the Resurrection. They didn't understand Exodus 3:6,15 and Psalm 110, where Jehovah speaks to His Son, our Lord Jesus, who prevails over all opposition on Earth and over Satan. They were blind leaders of the blind, and both were falling into the ditch.

**Wed Romans 2:11-16** The line of thought goes like this: There are two kinds of people—those who have the Bible as their compass in life, and those who don't; their compass in life is conscience unguided by the Bible. Neither of them gets away with sin, for God judges fair-and-square by Jesus Christ. Bottom line: Depend on God's impartial mercy delivered via His Son.

**Thurs Proverbs 2** Meanwhile, what's our compass in every-day life? We want to understand what God wants us to understand about Him and about ourselves. That's true wisdom, for it bolsters our daily walk of life, makes us sensitive to others, governs the way we treat others, and preserves us in the way God outlines for us while we live in a world that has gone to the Devil.

**Fri Luke 11:44-54** It's almost beyond belief that Jewish clergy of Jesus' day were so perverse that they used religiosity as a cover-up for their inner rottenness (44), and they felt comfortable with a double standard of morality (46). They honored their forefathers who had murdered God's spokesmen in ancient times (47-48), and they were using their Bible classes to turn people away from the Truth. When Jesus warned that they were in deep trouble with God, they turned against Him viciously and vehemently. WOE to them!

**Sat Acts 2:29-36** presents a real Bible class, where Peter explained the meaning of Joel's prophecy (Joel 2:28-30) before moving on to explain Psalm 16:8-11, which is understandable when you are clear on Psalm 110:1 -- that David was not speaking about himself being resurrected, but about Jesus being raised from the dead and ascending to heaven, where He is Lord and Messiah. "Now," said Peter, "You must realize and take it to heart that you treated God's chosen Lord and Messiah like dirt!" They had put themselves on a track that would lead to their destruction, and they needed to know it. Was God merciful to them, inspiring them to repent? Stay tuned.