

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

REJOICE WITH ME,
for I have found my
sheep that was lost.



Luke 15:6

**17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 30, 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 130 (pew bible, p.551)
- ◆ The Hymns: 801 (1-3), 915, *779, 801 (4)
**tan hymnal*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 51
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*last page of liturgy insert*)

Sermon Text – Luke 15:1-10

JESUS WELCOMES SINNERS

1. They are precious to Him.
2. He spares no effort to rescue them.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (801, stanza 4)

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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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Exodus 32:7-14

7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' 9 "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'" 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 51

P Have mercy on me, O God:

C According to your unfailing love.

P Wash away all my iniquity:

C And cleanse me from my sin.

P For I know my transgressions,

C And my sin is always before me.

P Against you, you only, have I sinned

C And done what is evil in your sight.

P Surely I was sinful at birth:

C Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P Hide your face from my sins:

C And blot out all my iniquity.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation:

C And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer

and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon Text – Luke 15:1-10

1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (10/6)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Last Days of Moses, OT 30)
	10:45 am	Bible Class downstairs
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up Day
Sun (10/13)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Israel Enters the Promised Land, OT 31)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- 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 (hosted by St. Paul)

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING OCTOBER

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

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

THANK YOU to all who helped to provide and serve food for last Sunday's Front Range Mission Festival meal. Everything was great!

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- Summary of the recent meetings of the CLC Boards and Coordinating Council. Please give this your attention in order to stay current with the work we are doing together as a church body. Copies of the full version of the report coming soon. (Or you may access the full report online at: www.tinyurl.com/Sept-2019-CC.)
- Coordinating Council Devotions (by the CLC President, Mission Board, and ILC Board of Regents).
- Mission Helper Flyer (announcing the July 2020 trip to Nepal).
- Extra copies of the above on the shelf under the tract rack.

2020 MISSION HELPER TRIP: The CLC Mission Helper Program is now accepting applications for the July 2020 Trip to Nepal. The trip will be limited to eight volunteers so apply early, if you are interested. An online application and more information can be found at www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2019 (letters postmarked December 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CALL NEWS: Timothy Wheaton of Blue Springs MO (Kansas City area) has been called to serve as the pastor of Prince of Peace, Loveland. ++ The CLC Mission Board has called Pastor Rob Sauers of Fond du Lac WI to serve as our third full-time foreign missionary. ++ Pastor Joel Fleischer of Sioux Falls SD has resigned from the public ministry for personal reasons.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
OCTOBER 7-12

Mon 2 Kings 4:8-37 This gentile family, farming south of Nazareth, lavished hospitality on Elisha (8-10), and when their miracle boy suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died, the mother tracked down Elisha for another miracle (18-26). Here's the point: God is not a racist; here and there He salvages souls to recognize and honor Him via His clergy. It seems these rural folks became converts, so we may meet this woman and her son in heaven. Hallelujah!

Tues Mark 8:22-26 On a visit to Bethsaida, just north of Lake Galilee, Jesus put His religion into practice. The details are noteworthy: Take the blind man in hand, get mutually acquainted, and apply a double dose of healing. But what was the point of keeping it hush-hush? Perhaps the healed man had work waiting for him at home—such as honoring God within his family circle, which was more important than being inter-active with his neighbors.

Wed 1 Corinthians 8:1-6 An egotist is an ignoramus, for he doesn't love God, and he doesn't love others (1-2). Contrariwise, because God's children (3) love God, they stay away from the fictional deities which have captivated the hearts of other people. God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ have proved themselves to us, and we live within the circle of God's blessed care (5-6).

Thurs Ezekiel 24:15-27 makes a prophecy that would come true in order to validate Jehovah, for the Hebrews in Babylon had ditched Jehovah for fake deities, and they needed to be set straight. How? As God took Ezekiel's most precious possessions away, so He would destroy the precious possessions the Jews had left behind in Jerusalem. "When it happens, don't act surprised, for I told you it would happen to your relatives who ditched Jehovah."

Fri Mark 7:31-37 Does it seem strange that Jesus regularly left the big city for rural venues up north? Needy people found Him and laid their handicapped friend at His feet. Note Jesus' M.O.: separate the man from distractions, focus his attention on Jesus and heaven as sources of healing, and by divine command restore the man to the world of sound and speech. We know, of course, that Jesus can fix faults in humans, and we depend on Him.

Sat Acts 3:1-10 Back in Jerusalem, when the disciples met another sad case, they followed the familiar M.O.: Remove distractions, get the fellow to focus on God's spokesmen and listen to what they are saying about Jesus, then let them lift you up (4-7). When his bones, tendons, and muscles had been rejuvenated, he could enter the house of God under his own power with the apostles and praise God with God's people—which is not a small blessing. Those who are physically limited and housebound would enjoy being rejuvenated, too—and for the same reason this fellow had. Lord, have mercy!