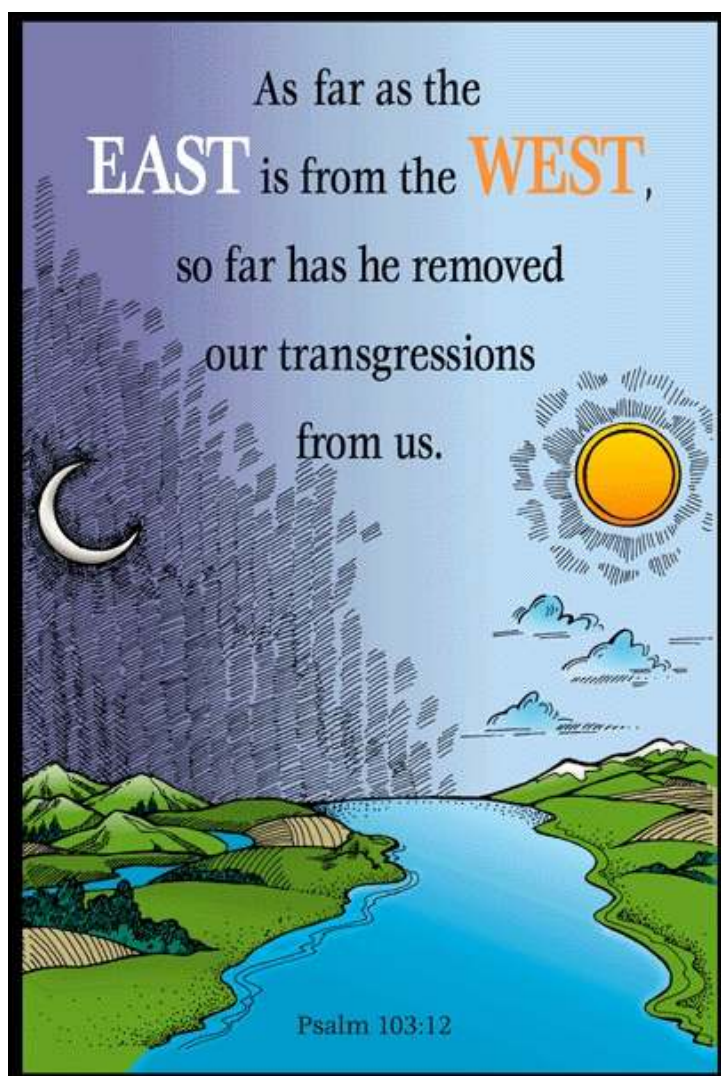


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 13, 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 38 (pew bible, p.500)
- ◆ The Hymns: 785, 783, 790, 577
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 37

Sermon Text – Amos 8:1-7

WORSHIP THE LORD

1. By your heart's attitude towards the needy.
2. By giving formal worship your full attention.
3. By letting His commandments guide your daily work.
4. Because He has forgiven and forgotten all your sins.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (577)

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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!

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 37

P Delight yourself in the LORD:

C And he will give you the desires of your heart.

P Do not fret when evil men succeed in their ways:

C When they carry out their wicked schemes.

P For evil men will be cut off:

C But those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

P The LORD'S enemies will be like the beauty of the fields:

C They will vanish—vanish like smoke.

P The wicked borrow and do not repay:

C But the righteous give generously.

P I was young and now I am old:

C Yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

P They are always generous and lend freely:

C Their children will be blessed.

P The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD:

C He is their stronghold in time of trouble.

P The LORD helps them and delivers them:

C Because they take refuge in him.

Second Lesson – Luke 16:1-13

1 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ 3 The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ 5 So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The

manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' 7 Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 8 The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Sermon Text – Amos 8:1-7

1 This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit. 2 "What do you see, Amos?" he asked. "A basket of ripe fruit," I answered. Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. 3 "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!" 4 Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"— skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, 6 buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. 7 The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (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	Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting (no Bible Class)
Tue	10:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Fri	6:30 pm	Movie Night (<i>see note below</i>)
Sun (10/20)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Pastor to conduct the worship service at Prince of Peace, Loveland
	9:30 am	Worship Service at St. Paul
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Last Days of Moses, OT 30)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Sun, Oct.27, 4:00 pm (hosted by St. Paul)
- Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday, Nov.3
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Nov.3, 10:45 am
- Elders' Meeting: Sunday, Nov.10, 8:30 am
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Wednesday, Nov.27, 7:00 pm

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING OCTOBER

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

CHOIR PRACTICES:

- Sunday, October 20 (8:30 am)
- Sunday, October 27 (8:30 am & 3:30 pm)
- We will rehearse our song for the Front Range Reformation Festival Service, to be held at St. Paul on October 27.

MARY & MARTHA LADIES' MEETING: Today after the service.

THE QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING, originally scheduled for Sunday, October 20, will be held on Sunday, November 3, at 10:45 am.

MOVIE NIGHT

- When: This Friday, October 18
- Time: 6:30 pm
- Movie Title: “*Here I Stand – The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther*”
- Martin Luther entered a monastery to escape the world and seek his own salvation. But in finding it, he rediscovered a biblical Christianity that shook the late medieval world—and paved the way for our modern era. Discover his motivations, the turning points in his life, the issues he confronted, the profound changes he brought about, and more.
- Popcorn and refreshments will be served.
- Come, and bring a friend!



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(Letter sent to Pastor Mark Gullerud on behalf of St. Paul upon the occasion of his retirement from the ministry)

Dear Pastor Gullerud,

On behalf of the people of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, a note to extend our best wishes for God’s blessings to you and Barb upon the occasion of your retirement from the public ministry.

Thanks be to God for the blessings of the Gospel which the Lord of the Church has provided to His people through the years of your lengthy ministry in the various corners of His kingdom where you have served Him, using the Spirit-given gifts He has supplied, most recently there at Redeemer, Bowdle, and Zion, Ipswich. His continued blessings to you and Barb as you enter the next phase of your lives in sunny California.

As you walk forward onto the path of life ahead “may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word” (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tom Schuetze
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: Mark and Barb Gullerud express gratitude to their Christian brothers and sisters concerning the farewell on the last Sunday in September. Thanks go out to Redeemer and Zion for hosting the farewell, as well as to Pastor Tim Daub for conducting the worship service in which he reminded us that our work in the Lord is not done until He calls us home. It was heartwarming to have Christian friends from surrounding congregations come to the farewell, and to receive cards and letters of well wishes, and to be given such generous and thoughtful gifts.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

OCTOBER 14-19

Mon Hosea 6:1-6 What prompts us to repent? The realization of how good God is to us (1-3). Because our repentance is often short-lived (4), God keeps after us—sometimes with surgeon’s scalpel (15). That’s tough love! He also wants His child to realize that it’s better to be merciful to others (not sin in the first place) than to apologize to Him (in the second place) by bringing Him a sacrifice to appease Him. When will we ever learn?

Tues Mark 2:23-28 Sometimes a repentant sinner struggles with the moral dilemma: “Am I dishonoring God if I go to work on Sundays (23-24)?” Jesus’ answer: “God set up Sabbath/Sunday regulations to benefit His children, not to burden them (27). Thus, My Father approved when David ate altar bread, for he was starving, and I support My disciples “threshing” on the Sabbath, for they were hungry.” [Helping should not be mistaken for hindering.]

Wed 2 John 4-11 We have learned to distinguish between directives for our sanctified living—and condemnation against our sins (4-6). Where does Jesus fit? He came into human flesh (incarnation) in order to set us straight with God by taking our condemnation onto Himself (7). That’s basic Messianic doctrine, and we cannot abide anyone messing it up (9-10). Amen!

Thurs Numbers 27:12-23 Moses was special to God, but not special enough to excuse his sin of misrepresenting God. God is basically loving and merciful, and He directed Moses to speak peaceably to the rock to provide water. But Moses chose to verbally assault the assembly and physically attack the rock (Numbers 20:10-12), which made God seem vindictive and angry. That disqualified him as leader into Canaan, and God chose Joshua to replace him.

Fri Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus wanted the Pharisees to learn what God meant when He spoke through Hosea (6:6), “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” We don’t want to misrepresent our heavenly Father, dishonor Him, or take credit for “sacrificing” other recreations on Sundays in order to maintain perfect church attendance. Jesus has produced all that the Mosaic Law requires, (including the Third Commandment), so our religion consists of worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. We thank You, merciful Lord Jesus!

Sat Acts 3:11-16 Peter and John sacrificed their standard worship agenda in order to heal the lame man, and it caused quite a stir (17). Peter set them straight about Jesus being the power behind the miracle; Jesus had survived their rejection, had been raised from the dead, and was functioning as Lord of life to produce miracles like the one that puzzled them. No doubt about it—Jesus was alive and well, and by depending on Him as his Lord, the lame man had been healed, made strong, and received perfect soundness. So what did they think about that, and what were they going to do about it?