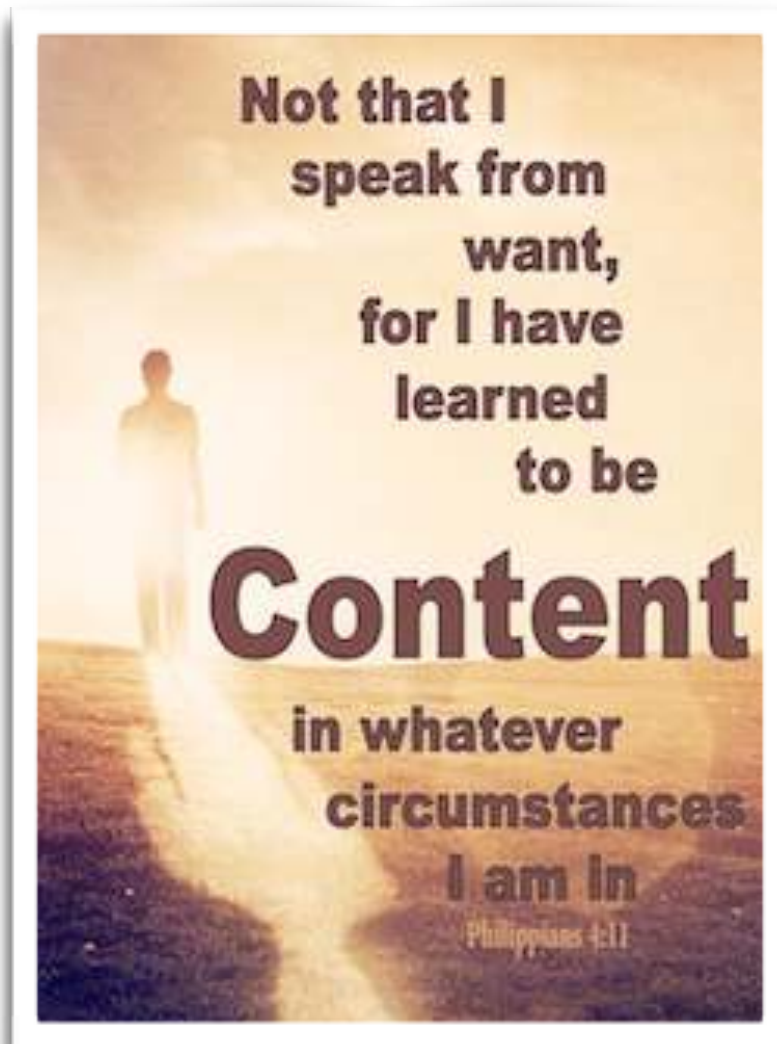


# **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 20, 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 144 (pew bible, p.556)
- ◆ The Hymns: 737, 749, \*789, 918  
*(\*tan hymnal)*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Timothy 6:6-12, Philippians 4:4-9
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 143

### **Sermon Text – Philippians 4:10-13**

#### **“TRUE CONTENTMENT”**

*(a CLC Ministry-by-Mail sermon)*

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (918)

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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 by the tract rack or by request from an usher*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:6-12

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 143

P O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
C In your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.  
P Do not bring your servant into judgment,  
C For no one living is righteous before you.  
P My spirit grows faint within me;  
C My heart within me is dismayed.  
P Answer me quickly, O LORD:  
C Do not hide your face from me  
P Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love:  
C For I have put my trust in you.  
P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;  
C May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

### Second Lesson – Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### Sermon Text – Philippians 4:10-13

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me. [ESV]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (10/20)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Pastor Schuetze is conducting 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
Sun (10/27)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Reformation Sunday lesson)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	3:30 pm	Joint Choir Practice with the choirs of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne
	4:00 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, followed by potluck

### EXTENDED CALENDAR

- Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday, Nov.3
- Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Nov.3, 10:45 am (rescheduled from October 20)
- 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

### UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES

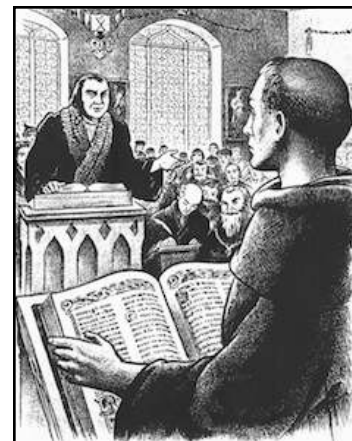
- Sunday, Oct.27 (8:30 am & 3:30 pm)
- We will rehearse our song for the Front Range Reformation Festival Service to be hosted by St. Paul at 4:00 pm next Sunday.

**PASTOR SCHUETZE IS CONDUCTING THE SERVICE** today at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, where he is serving as vacancy pastor. Our thanks to Ed Chiappetti for conducting the service at St. Paul in the pastor's absence, and Mike Sprengeler for leading our adult Bible Class.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** The family of John VanZee who passed away last Tuesday, October 15, in Lincoln, Nebraska, after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Denise VanZee.

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR THIS MORNING** have been given in loving memory of Elaine Miller, mother of Kathy Soucek, who was received into the joys of the Church Triumphant on October 17, 2014.

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, ST. PAUL IS HOSTING** the Front Range Reformation Festival Service. The service time is 4:00 pm, with a meal following. During the service the Leipzig Debate will be reenacted, with participants Johann Eck (Pastor Seybt) and Martin Luther (Pastor Schuetze). Peter Krafft of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will play the role of “narrator” Johann Schneider, a young college student who attended the debate. (This year is the 500th anniversary of the Leipzig Debate which took place in 1519.)



#### ABOUT THE LEIPZIG DEBATE

*The Leipzig Debate was a theological disputation originally between Andreas Karlstadt, Martin Luther, and Johann Eck. Karlstadt, dean of the Wittenberg theological faculty, felt he had to defend Luther against Eck's criticism of the 95 Theses. So he challenged Johann Eck, a professor of theology at Ingolstadt University, to a public debate concerning the doctrines of free will and grace. The Leipzig Debate took place in June and July 1519 at Pleissenburg Castle in Leipzig. Its purpose was to discuss Luther's teachings. It was initiated and conducted in the presence of George, Duke of Saxony, an opponent of Luther.*

*Eck, considered the master debater in Germany, was concerned about clerical abuses, but his life's work had been dedicated to the defense of Roman Catholic teachings and combating heresy. Eck invited Luther to join the debate and, when Luther arrived in July, he and Eck expanded the terms of the debate to include matters such as the existence of purgatory, the sale of indulgences, the need for and methods of penance, and the legitimacy of papal authority. Eck's debating skills led to Luther's open admissions of heresy in order to not be defeated. Luther declared that Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) was the basis of Christian belief, that the Pope had no power as he was not mentioned in the Bible, and condemned the sale of indulgences to the laity to reduce their time in purgatory, as there was no mention of purgatory in the Bible.*

*After the early stages of the debate involved an exchange between Karlstadt and Eck on grace and free will, Luther and Eck then shifted the discussion toward authority in the church. While Eck defended papal authority from traditional “proof texts,” such as Matthew 16:18, Luther rejected this on the basis of Scripture. At this time he still accepted the papacy as a divine institution but he did not accept Eck's interpretation of Bible texts as attributing supreme authority in spiritual matters to the papacy. In the course of the debate, Luther eventually responded to the claim that he was supporting a condemned position by defending many of Hus's positions as Scriptural. When Eck questioned his defense of a noted heretic, Luther countered that the Roman Catholic Council of Constance, which sentenced Hus to death, could have been in error. This led Luther to state that church councils could and had erred, as had popes and canon law. What remained infallible for Luther was Scripture, and thus only Scripture was the final authority for the church.*

*—adapted from various online sources*

## SYNOD NEWS

- ◆ **October Mission Opportunities Prayer List:** On the shelf by the tract rack. Pick up your copy as a handy reminder for ongoing prayer needs in our overseas missions.
  
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** is Friday, November 15, beginning at 10:05 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending. Visitors will be our guests at meals. There is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical, which will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede the musical on Friday night at 7:00 pm; a variety of student musical performances will precede the musical on Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Please speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. Dan Schierenbeck, ILC Academic Dean, by November 12. Phone: 660-864-9231, e-mail: dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu." (from ILC Academic Dean, Prof. Dan Schierenbeck)
  
- ◆ **Call News:** Pastor Rob Sauers, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has returned the call extended to him by our Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third full-time foreign missionary. ++ Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane WA, has returned the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**OCTOBER 21-26**

**Mon Psalm 138** What was David so thrilled about? About the way our Lord was treating him, for God had not only said the right words (2), He backed it up with action, making His child *bold with strength in his soul* (2-3). Others, including heads of state, should share his discovery (4-6). Back to the future: *will* is an affirmative declaration, and we know God well enough to say it out loud: “God will solve everything we might fret about. We thank You, Lord!”

**Tues Luke 6:17-19** The news got around; people were discovering Jesus, told their friends, and from miles around they were drawn to Him like iron filings to a magnet. Did Jesus oblige them? Indeed He did, for after He had explained and proclaimed His mission, He healed their diseases and even cast out their filthy demons. Jesus has always been powerful to save (19).

**Wed 1 John 2:24-29** That’s why we must *abide* (stay put) in God’s Word. The way God started out with us was not a trial run, but the whole event. God’s *anointing* with the Holy Spirit is meant to continue our entire life, for it’s genuine and dependable (26-27), just as Jesus is genuine and dependable--from start to finish. Our fellowship with one another is based on our fellowship with Jesus and His truth (29). May God continue to bless us!

**Thurs Nahum 1:2-7** Folks should be careful to not irritate God, for when He gets angry, the whole creation shudders (3-5), and nobody is able to stand up against Him (6). God’s over-arching attitude toward humanity is loving-kindness, and those who honor Him discover every day that He is their *stronghold in the day of trouble*. [Translation: Run to the stockade when you see marauders coming out of the woods!] God has ways of defending you (8).

**Fri Mark 5:25-34** Did you notice that this episode is sandwiched into another, which sets up the contrast between a man prominent in church and a woman disqualified from church life; he bold, she shy; he vocal, she mute; he leading, she following. She was healed secretly, but Jesus wanted her (and the crowd, too) to know she need not be embarrassed any longer, so He made it public that she had been restored to health and was now eligible to re-enter the worship assembly, something she had been missing for a dozen years—and that changed the rest of her life. We appreciate that blessing.

**Sat Acts 3:17-26** Peter granted that they made an awful mistake in ignorance and urged them to repent—that is, turn around and head back to Jesus, now enthroned in heaven (17-21). Knowing that they were Bible-believers, he quoted Scriptures so they would realize he was not inventing something new, just explaining what they should have understood all along (22-25). “Here’s your window of opportunity; use it to receive and enjoy God’s benediction.”