

***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

**23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SAINTS TRIUMPHANT
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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: 902, 673, 680 (1-4), 680 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 65:17-25, 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 150

Sermon Text – Luke 20:27-38

“THE SONS OF THE RESURRECTION”

1. Made worthy by faith.
2. Are like the angels. 3. All live to God.

(a CLC Ministry-by-Mail sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (680, 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!

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 65:17-25

17 “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. 19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20 Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. 21 They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. 23 They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. 24 Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 150

P Praise God in his sanctuary:
C Praise him in his mighty heavens.
P Praise him for his acts of power:
C Praise him for his surpassing greatness.
P Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet:
C Praise him with the harp and lyre,
P Praise him with tambourine and dancing:
C Praise him with the strings and flute,
P Praise him with the clash of cymbals:
C Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Second Lesson – 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5

2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. 2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.

Sermon Text – Luke 20:27-38

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 28 saying: “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. 30 And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. 31 Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. 32 Last of all the woman died also. 33 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife.” 34 Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; 36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ 38 For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.” [NKJV]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (11/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service at St. Paul
	10:00 am	Pastor Schuetze is conducting the worship service at Prince of Peace, Loveland
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Ruth, OT 35)
	10:45 am	Bible Class downstairs
Sun (11/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Samuel, OT 36)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP: Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE DURING NOVEMBER

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

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

- ➔ Choir Practices: Sunday, Dec.1,8,15,22, 8:30 am. We will rehearse our songs for the Children’s Christmas Eve service on Dec.24.
- ➔ Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.1, 10:45 am
- ➔ Children’s Christmas Eve Service practices: Saturday, Dec.7,14,21, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- ➔ Christmas Baskets Preparation & Potluck: Sunday, Dec.8, 10:45 am
- ➔ Children’s Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- ➔ Christmas Day Worship: Wednesday, Dec.25, 10:00 am
- ➔ NY’s Eve Communion Service: Tuesday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm
- ➔ NY’s Eve Gathering at the parsonage: Tuesday, Dec.31, 8:15 pm

PASTOR SCHUETZE IS CONDUCTING THE SERVICE today at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, where he is serving as vacancy pastor. Our thanks to Wayne Ruegge for conducting the service at St. Paul in the pastor's absence.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Scott, who was hospitalized at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood following a fall at home. He expresses his thanks to the people of St. Paul for the prayers and cards of encouraged he has received. ++ Barb Gullerud, wife of recently retired CLC pastor, Mark Gullerud, who recently underwent colon surgery to remove a cancerous mass. Mark shared the following in a recent email: *"The good news is that tests taken so far show that the cancer has not spread. We are thankful to the LORD for this. We await to hear the results from further tests and the medical recommendations for any possible treatment. Our thanks for your prayers and words of well wishes. Your continued prayers would be welcome. In Christ, Mark."*

A thanksgiving display has been placed on the altar again this year as a way of calling to our minds the many blessings of God's grace which He has showered on us through the year. You are invited to add to the display by writing down on a slip of paper a particular blessing for which you are thankful, and placing it on the altar. You may enumerate as many blessings as you wish. Paper and pens for this purpose may be found on the shelf by the tract rack.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
Psalm 103:1-3.*

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
NOVEMBER 18-23

Mon Nehemiah 1:1-11 Nehemiah wanted news about how the war survivors were faring, but it wasn't good news (1-3). So he did what a child of God does—he took it to the Lord in prayer, admitting that his people didn't deserve any favor (6-7). However, God has always favored sinners who appeal to His promises and depend on Him to stick to His promises. Good move.

Tues Mark 5:1-20 One beggar came to Jesus for help; another begged Jesus to leave him alone, fearing that God was “out to get” him. In a lucid moment, the first beggar ran to Jesus for help, and when his demon faked an appeal to God, Jesus stopped him cold (6-8). Sidebar: Jews who raised pigs had already lost their religion, so now they lost their livelihood, too—in contrast to the man who had gained everything (13-20). Thusly God conducts His business.

Wed Hebrews 7:26-8:2 presents Jesus' credentials for his readers whose life circulated around the Temple, its priesthood, and offering bloody sacrifices to atone for their sins. Here's the point: Jesus is the ultimate High Priest, for He not only has superior credentials, His self-sacrifice supersedes all other sacrifices (27-28). Therefore He has been awarded His rightful position in heaven, there to rule over the Universe for the sake of God's dear children.

Thurs Jeremiah 17:14-17 Here's a God-pleasing approach to our High Priest, Jesus: we ask Him to heal our broken spirit and save us (14). Mockers will not understand our attachment to Jesus (15), for we stick close to Him both in word and in deed (16). Bottom line: We can face death and Judgment Day in good spirit, for we rely on Jesus, our Lord and Savior, to protect us forever.

Fri Matthew 8:34 provides an insight into the minds/hearts of farmers who had lost their religion and their income; they didn't dare antagonize Jesus, but neither did they appreciate losing their livelihood. So they copied the prayer of demons: “Just leave us alone!” **Luke 8:26** In contrast, the healed man wanted to stay close to Jesus forever, but Jesus had another assignment for him: “Go home, show-and-tell what God has done for you.” God bless!

Sat Acts 4:32-37 When Jews were converted to Jesus, they lost their jobs, were disowned by their families, and were demoted from society. But God compensated His children so bountifully that they were happy to pool their resources, shelter one another, and share their daily bread. Nobody went hungry in their new Christian fellowship, and nobody was homeless (32). Just to illustrate, those who had been owners of homes, farms, businesses, or had other assets – sold out to the best offer, brought the cash to the apostles as trustees, and their life went on as never before—all because of Jesus. Those are the kind of people we enjoy living among in our day and age, too. Amen!