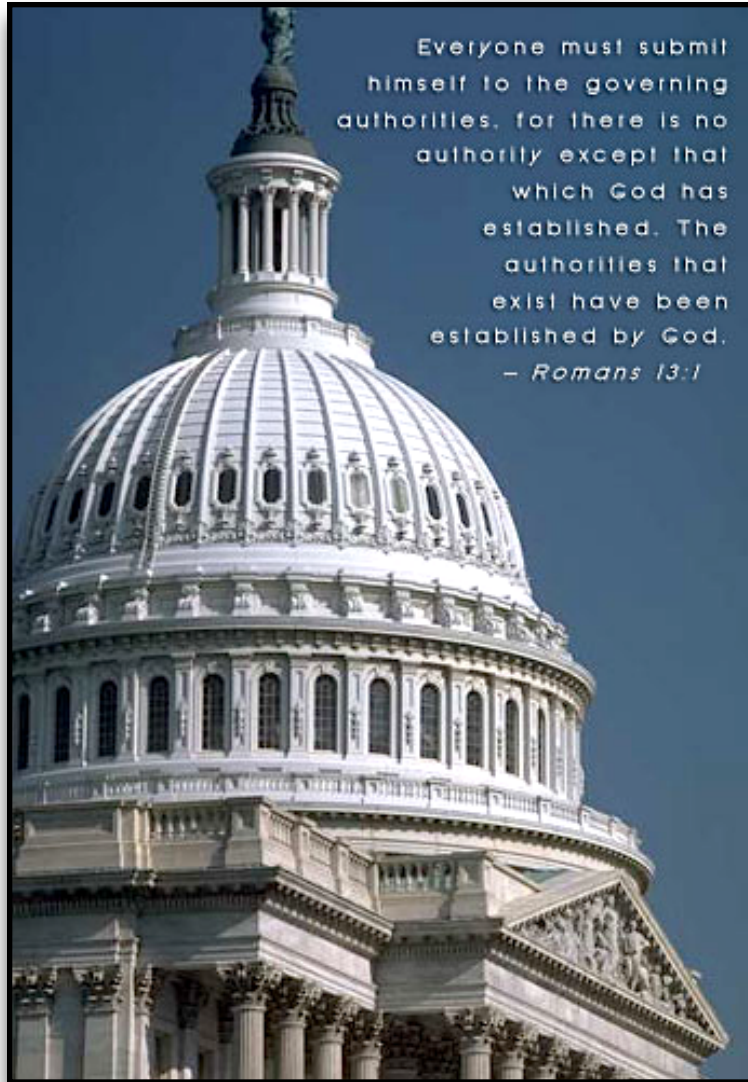


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 4, 2021**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD** *(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 5 (pew bible, p.482)
- ◆ The Hymns: 816, 850, 966, 965
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 45:1-7, Romans 13:1-7
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 47
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 22:15-22**

#### ***OUR DUAL CITIZENSHIP***

1. Our responsibility as citizens of this world.
2. Our responsibility as citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

*(A Ministry by Mail Sermon)*

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (965)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by  
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.  
There will be no offering collection during the service.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

**SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler – Usher: Bob Rankin

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today (7/4) 9:30 am Worship Service  
Sun (7/11) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
10:45 am Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Summer Clean-Up Day: Sat, July 17 (8 to noon)  
St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniv Service: Sun, Aug 29, 3:00 pm

**MEETINGS**

Church Council: Sun. July 18, 10:45 am  
Quarterly Voters: Sun. July 25, 10:45 am  
Elders: Sun. August 1, 8:30 am

**PASTOR SCHUETZE IS OUT OF TOWN** attending the CLC Convention in Wisconsin and visiting family in Minnesota. He plans to return home tomorrow, July 5. In an emergency you may reach him at this number (720-465-4809) or through one of the elders (Ed Chiappetti 303-882-1776, Mike Sprengeler 303-589-1906).

**NOTE TO OUR COMMUNICANTS:** Lord's Supper will be celebrated one week later than is customary in July (next Sunday, July 11).

**SYNOD NEWS & NOTES**

The Women's Retreat West at Chadron State Park in Chadron, NE will be held September 17-19, 2021. Further information re. this wonderful annual retreat can be found on the bulletin board in the entry way, including brochures for registration. Please consider attending this edifying retreat!

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Isaiah 45:1-7

1 “Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: 2 “I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.”

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 47

P Clap your hands, all you nations:  
C Shout to God with cries of joy.  
P How awesome is the LORD Most High:  
C The great King over all the earth!  
P God reigns over the nations:  
C God is seated on his holy throne.  
P God has ascended amid shouts of joy:  
C The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.  
P Sing praises to God, sing praises:  
C Sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
P For God is the King of all the earth:  
C Sing to him a psalm of praise. [NIV84]

### Second Lesson – Romans 13:1-7

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending

continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

### Sermon Text – Matthew 22:15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” 21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

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### QUOTABLE QUOTES

- ✠ I recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history – that those nations only are blest whose God is the Lord. –Abraham Lincoln
- ✠ The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. – Edmund Burke
- ✠ The greatest wealth of a city does not consist in great treasures, firm walls, beautiful houses, and abundant munitions of war. Indeed, where all these are found and reckless fools come into power, the city sustains the greatest injury. But the highest welfare and safety and power of a city consists in able, wise, learned, upright, cultivated citizens, who can preserve, secure, and utilize every treasure and advantage. –Martin Luther
- ✠ Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection and that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” –George Washington, written at Newburgh, New York, June 8, 1783, and sent to the governors of all the States