


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



COME
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TO ME, ALL YOU
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THAT ARE WEARY
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AND ARE CARRYING
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HEAVY BURDENS,
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AND I WILL
—
GIVE YOU
—
REST.

MATTHEW 11:28

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 25, 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 91 (*pew bible, p.530*)
- ◆ The Hymns: 906, 770, 684, 917
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:13-22
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 62
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Mark 6:30-34

Jesus Is Our Compassionate Rest-Giver

1. He knows our need – and provides – for our bodily rest.
2. He supplies the all-important rest for our souls.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (917)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6

1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. 5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 62

P My soul finds rest in God alone:
C **My salvation comes from him.**
P He alone is my rock and my salvation:
C **He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**
P Find rest, O my soul, in God alone:
C **My hope comes from him.**
P Though your riches increase:
C **Do not set your heart on them.**
P My salvation and my honor depend on God:
C **He is my mighty rock, my refuge.**
P Trust in him at all times, O people:
C **Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

Second Lesson – Ephesians 2:13-22

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole

building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Sermon Text – Mark 6:30-34

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. 31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” 32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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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: Suzannah Miller; Usher: Mike Sprengeler

This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
Tue	9:30 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (8/1)	8:30 am	Elders’ Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class (Convention Report)

Upcoming Events

- ◆ St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniv. Service: Sunday, Aug 29, 3:00 pm (*see note below*)
- ◆ West Central Pastoral Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, Sept.7-9
- ◆ Women’s Retreat West, Chadron State Park, Chadron NE, Sept 17-19

Parking Lot Improvements: The church parking lot will be cleaned, cracks filled, sealed and striped on Thursday, July 29th. There should be no cars in the parking lot on Thursday and no traffic in the lot until Saturday the 31st in order to let everything cure and dry prior to use. Thank you!

In Our Prayers: Karen Thompson, who has been dealing for a number of weeks with a stomach ailment. <> T. Sampath (district chairman of the Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church and assistant instructor at the Martin Luther Bible Institute in India). Missionary Peter E. informed us last week that T. Sampath has a blood clot in his heart that is causing problems with a heart valve and he needs surgery. <> Please remember them in your prayers.

Anniversary Service: A special service of praise to our God will be conducted at St. Paul on Sunday, August 29, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with former pastor of St. Paul, Pastor Delwyn Maas of Mapleton ND, serving as our guest speaker. A meal will be served afterwards in the fellowship hall. Neighboring CLC churches of the Front Range will be invited.

Photo Display: Our ladies are planning to arrange a "photo memories display" for our August 29 anniversary celebration. Parishioners of St. Paul are invited to share photos they may have at home of St. Paul church gatherings/activities from years past for inclusion in this display. If you have photos (hard copies or digital) that you would like to share, please submit them to Sharlene Chiappetti by next Sunday, August 1.

Sunday School Superintendent: We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way please inform the pastor or President Ed Chiappetti. If you desire more information please speak with Mike Sprengeler. All adult members of St. Paul are eligible to serve as the Sunday School superintendent.



*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge
and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

JULY 26-31

Mon Jeremiah 23:1-6 God has a big concern on His heart—and it's about shepherds (that is, clergymen) and their sheep (that is, God's people). Who has the courage to denounce unfaithful clergy, Bible-bending theologians, or the televangelist who masquerades as a servant of God but is not? Jeremiah had the courage (1-2), and God rewarded him with the vision of Jesus, who supersedes all other shepherds as the *LORD, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS* (5-6).

Tues Mark 6:30-34 These under-shepherds of Jesus were tired from weeks of ministering to wandering or lost sheep—and they needed a day off (31-32). However, other wandering sheep turned up, seeking shepherding, and they figured out how to connect with Jesus (33). *Jesus was moved with loving compassion for them, so He began to teach them many things* they should know about themselves, about the true God, and about His own mission.

Wed Ephesians 2:13-22 Christians of Jewish background had been brought up to believe that God didn't want non-Jews in His kingdom. That was false doctrine, of course, and God authorized Paul to explain it to the Ephesian church. God does love (and save) Gentiles (13), and He intends Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles to bury their background prejudices (15-18) and enjoy what God has put into their foreground (19-22).

Thurs Psalm 23 We understand the imagery—that Jesus is our Shepherd, who attends to all our spiritual needs (1-3), keeps us in His protective care in threatening circumstances (4-5), and showers blessings upon us. [When our cup runs over, we drink from the saucer.] As sure as God is sure, His goodness and mercy keep close track on us from here to eternity (6). Hallelujah!

Fri 1 Peter 2:13-17 We regularly face situations that challenge us to behave as God's children rather than misbehave. Let's take it to heart that *we submit ourselves to every ordinance of men*, observing traffic regulations when we are out driving, obeying the boss at our job, following the building codes if we are constructing, doing our school work honestly, and following the local health ordinances, too. We do so because God expects it of us.

Sat John 10 Does submitting ourselves to every ordinance make us sheep? Well, that's confusing cause and effect; Jesus claims us as His sheep, so we are His sheep. We recognize the sound of His voice and follow Him (4, 27); He knows each of us personally, and we know Him (14, 27); He did not desert us but laid down His life in order to grant us eternal life (28); He keeps a tight grip on us so that nothing/nobody can snatch us away from Him or from our Father in heaven (28-29). Now then, since God has seen fit to call us His sheep and members of His flock, we wear the badge proudly. Yeah!