

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



*Be imitators of God,
therefore,
as dearly loved
children.*

Ephesians 5:1

**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 15, 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 34 (pew bible, p.496)
- ◆ The Hymns: 901, 496, 685 (1-3), 685 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Kings 19:1-8, John 6:41-51
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 139
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:29–5:2

Lord, Help Me To Remember: My Body Is A Temple of Your Holy Spirit

1. Help me to put away attitudes that grieve Your Spirit.
2. Lead me to speak words seasoned with Your love.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (685, stanza 4)

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – 1 Kings 19:1-8

1 Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. 7 The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 139

P O LORD, you have searched me and you know me:

C You perceive my thoughts from afar.

P You discern my going out and my lying down:

C You are familiar with all my ways.

P Before a word is on my tongue:

C You know it completely, O LORD.

P Where can I go from your Spirit?:

C Where can I flee from your presence?

P If I go up to the heavens, you are there:

C If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

P If I rise on the wings of the dawn:

C If I settle on the far side of the sea,

P Even there your hand will guide me:

C Your right hand will hold me fast.

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul:

C In you I trust, O my God.

Second Lesson – John 6:41-51

41 At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?" 43 "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. 44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your forefathers ate the

manna in the desert, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:29–5:2

4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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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: Ruth Greening

Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Choir Practice
Sun (8/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Choir Practice

Upcoming Events

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

20th Anniversary Service: A special service of praise to our God – upon the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of our St. Paul church edifice – will be conducted on Sunday, August 29, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Delwyn Maas, a former pastor of St. Paul, will serve as guest speaker. A potluck meal will be served afterwards. Former members and friends of the congregation have been invited, with special invitations shared with our brothers and sisters in Christ of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne.

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**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
AUGUST 16-21**

Mon 1 Kings 19:1-8 Devilish Jezebel was the power behind the throne, and since she knew Elijah was God's servant, she gave him 24 hours to get out of town; he *ran for his life* (1-3). A few days later, exhausted and ready to call it quits, Elijah asked God to relieve him from his ministry (4). God had other plans. After getting Elijah jump-started, (5-7) God sent him to the well-known religious retreat at Sinai (8), where God would continue the meeting.

Tues John 6:41-51 Jesus could talk religion with anyone, including the home-town skeptics (41-42). But how to get through to them? Perhaps by using the picture language that nutritious bread = Himself. So when Jesus said, "*I am the bread of life,*" it was picture language for Himself being nutrition for one's soul unto eternal life (36).

Wed Ephesians 4:30-5:2 proves that the Holy Spirit of God is not a cosmic force nor an abstraction, but a Person—and a sensitive Person at that, with tender feelings. Keeping that in mind, we treat others in ways that suit His love for us humans (30-32). *Therefore*, as children of the heavenly Father, our pattern of life/living will mirror Jesus' life (1-2). Right?

Thurs Psalm 34 The Holy Spirit has loaded this psalm with spiritual manna, so we roll His Word around on our tongues and *taste* (*see* and experience for ourselves) that the LORD is good (8), that we have His good reason for our good life (11-14), that the LORD is attentive to our contrite spirit (17-18), that our afflictions are temporary (19), and (last but not least) that He redeems our soul via Jesus from the condemnation we deserve (22). Praise the LORD!

Fri Proverbs 1:8-19 Solomon is speaking to his son, as he does in many other Proverbs (cf. 5:1, 7:1, 10:1, 12:1, 13:1). Solomon was intent on sparing his son from mistakes that youngsters are apt to make—and boys who are princes tend to get away with a lot—such as joining a gang in criminal activity like grand larceny (10-14). Dear reader, choose your friends carefully lest you become a victim also, for there's no honor among thieves (15-19).

Sat Matthew 13:24-43 Since God's ways are heavenly and therefore foreign to human minds—Jesus helps us slow learners by using homely illustrations—that is, parables (34-35). When Jesus revealed that God's kingdom can be infiltrated by cheats, He laid it out in terms of gardening/farming (24-33) like this: Although Christianity is God's plantation, some greens among God's plants are worthless weeds (hypocrites), and it is beyond our skill to weed them out from among the repentant children of God. That's the job of God's good angels on the last day. Praise the LORD! [See you there!]