

***A Service of Praise
Commemorating the 20th Anniversary
of the Dedication of the House of Worship
of
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado***



August 29, 2021 – 3:00 pm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

For Pre-service Meditation: Psalm 48 (pew bible, p. 505)

Opening Prayer

Hymn 507

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P/C Lord God, our heavenly Father, we freely confess that we have sin against You in many ways. We recognize that our sinful thoughts, words and actions are offensive to You. We make no excuses for our sins nor do we minimize their seriousness. We rely only on Your grace and mercy. Declare us innocent on the basis of Christ's innocent suffering and death. Declare us perfect in every way because of His perfect life.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices
(The Lutheran Hymnal, #83:1-3)

**Hark! what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo, the angelic host rejoices,
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.**

**Listen to the wondrous story
Which they chant in hymns of joy,
Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!**

**Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 84

- P How lovely is your dwelling place:
C **O LORD Almighty!**
P My soul yearns, even faints:
C **For the courts of the LORD.**
P Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
C **They are ever praising you.**
P Blessed are those whose strength is in you:
C **Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**
P As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs:
C **The autumn rains also cover it with pools.**
P They go from strength to strength:
C **Till each appears before God in Zion.**
P Better is one day in your courts:
C **Than a thousand elsewhere.**
P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God:
C **Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
P O LORD Almighty:
C **Blessed is the man who trusts in you.**

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-9 – And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Hymn (printed on bulletin insert)

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Choir: Stanzas 1-3 – Everyone, stanza 4

Second Lesson: John 16:20-22,32,33 – Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I

am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Confession of Faith

Luther’s Explanation to the Third
Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 760

What God Ordains Is Always Good

The Sermon

“Christ Gives Us Our True Identity”
Pastor Delwyn Maas

Text: Luke 16:19-31 – “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

Hymn 570

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Gathering of the Thank Offering

Undesignated gifts will go toward the General Fund of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Anniversary Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Hymn (bulletin insert)

Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

Choir: Stanzas 1-5 — Everyone: Stanzas 6-7

The Apostolic Benediction

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 924

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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Servicing Us At God's House Today

Pastor Delwyn Maas, speaker

Pastor Thomas Schuetze, liturgist

Suzannah Miller, organist/pianist

Wayne & Joshua Ruegge, ushers

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A Warm Welcome to all members and guests of St. Paul who have gathered here today to give thanks to our God for His grace in providing a place for us to gather to worship Him for His blessings in Christ these past twenty years. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the church entry.

Special Thanks to Pastor Maas for bringing us the message from the Word today. He and his wife Jody live in Mapleton ND (Fargo area) where he is serving as the pastor of Gift of God Lutheran. He served as St. Paul's pastor from 1993-1998 when worship services were still being held in the old St. James church building in Golden.

Our Thanks Also to St. Paul Ladies Jo Ellen Blakey, Lisa Chiappetti, Sharlene Chiappetti, and Willa Mae Janssen for their labor of love in arranging the anniversary photo displays in the church entry and basement. Nicely done!

Everyone is Invited to remain for the potluck meal that will be served in the church basement after the service. God's blessings to one and all!

**NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF
ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- January 17, 1993 – Founding of St. Paul Congregation (formed from the merging of St. James Lutheran Church, Golden, and St. Luke Lutheran Church, Denver)
- July 7, 1996 – Fellowship established with the CLC (doctrinal controversy over the Third Use of the Law resolved by God’s grace)
- 1998 – 1.5 acres of land purchased on Wadsworth Boulevard for the building of a new church
- October 3, 1999 – Ground-breaking for new St. Paul church building at 2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood (prior to the construction of the church building on Wadsworth services were held in the old St. James church building in Golden)
- February 18, 2001 – St. Paul church dedication service
- Monthly services conducted in Colorado Springs: January 2017 - December 2018
- *Lutheran Service Book* adopted as main hymnal for worship services: February 2017
- 20th anniversary service held in commemoration of church dedication: August 29, 2021

Pastors Who Have Served St. Paul

Delwyn Maas (1993-1998)
Victor Tiefel (1993-1998), associate pastor
Peter Reim (1998-2000), vacancy pastor
James Sandeen (2000-2014)
Thomas Schuetze (2014-present)

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*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give
glory, because of Your mercy, and because of Your truth.
Psalm 115:1*



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