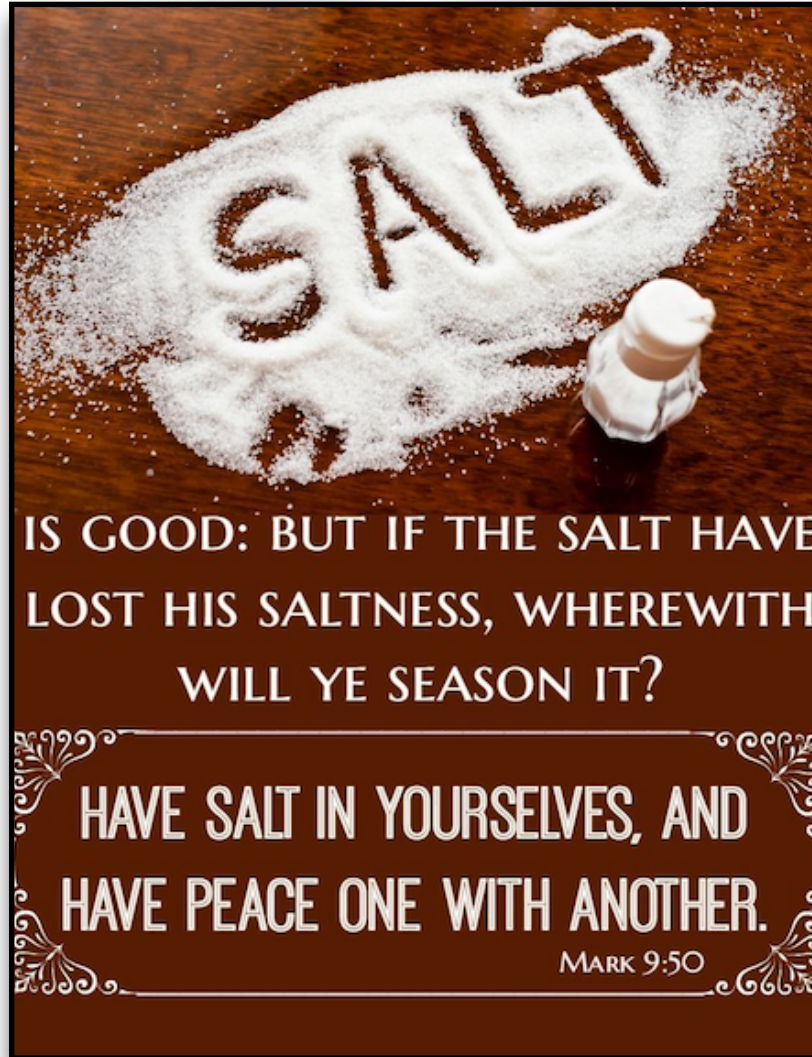


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

*(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 141 (pew bible, p.555)
- ◆ The Hymns: 908, 527, 755, 391
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Numbers 11:16,24-29; 1 John 3:1-9
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 51
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

#### **Sermon Text – Mark 9:38-50**

#### ***“The Well Seasoned Disciple”***

1. Encourages the weak.
2. Causes no one to stumble.
3. Is filled with the Word.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (391, last page of bulletin)

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Numbers 11:16,24-29

16 The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. | 24 So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. 26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” 29 But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 51

P O Lord, open my lips:  
**C And my mouth will declare your praise.**  
P You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it:  
**C You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**  
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:  
**C A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**  
P Create in me a pure heart, O God:  
**C And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**  
P Do not cast me from your presence:  
**C Or take your Holy Spirit from me.**  
P Restore to me the joy of your salvation:  
**C And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**  
P Then I will teach transgressors your ways:  
**C And sinners will turn back to you.**

### Second Lesson – 1 John 3:1-9

1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. 4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. 8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the

devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

**Sermon Text – Mark 9:38-50**

38 “Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” 39 “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us. 41 I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. 42 “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where “‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ 49 Everyone will be salted with fire. 50 “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

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**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are glad 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 and worship with us again!

**Serving Us At God's House Today**

Organist: Jeanne Kettner; Usher: Mark Hartmeister  
Communion Usher: Ed Chiappetti

**This Week at St. Paul**

Today (10/3)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (10/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting

### **Extended Calendar**

Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.15, 7:00 pm  
Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.17, 10:45 am  
Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.23, 8:00 am to noon

### **Upcoming Synod Events**

- Pacific Coast Women's Retreat at Ponderosa Lodge, Cusick WA: Oct.22-24
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland: Sunday, Oct.31, 3:00 pm

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**Choir Practices Are Scheduled** for Sunday, October 17, 24, and 31 at 8:30 am. We will work on a song for the Reformation Festival Service on October 31.

**Pastoral Call:** “Last week I received a pastoral call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester (St. Louis area), Missouri. After today’s service information will be shared about Faith Congregation and its ministry needs. I request your prayers that the Lord guide me in my call deliberations and lead me to a decision in keeping with His will. Thank you, Pastor Schuetze”

### **Synod News**

- The Committee of Domestic Fields, a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – [marktiefel@hotmail.com](mailto:marktiefel@hotmail.com). The webinar theme is “Mission Myths” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>
- Philip Bolen, formerly an LC-MS pastor, has requested a colloquy into the pastoral ministry of the CLC. He is currently a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD.
- CLC Presidential Appointments: Compensation Committee (to provide a target base salary recommendation for called workers): Mr. James Burkhardt, Mr. Tom Lentz, Mr. Steve Ludvigson; Catechism Committee (to review the Catechism survey and provide recommendations to the Board of Education): Pastor Neal Radichel, Pastor Rob Sauers, Pastor Chad Seybt; Recruiter for the Public Ministry: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### OCTOBER 4-9

**Mon Numbers 11:14-16,24-29** As pastor of the nation, captain of the army, and CEO of the entire expedition, Moses needed help; so God downloaded His Spirit onto seventy assistants and sent them out to the church campus. But wait a minute (!) – only 68 arrived, for two had stayed back and were preaching in their neighborhoods. What looked like a crisis (27-28) was not insubordination but a blessing, so Moses not only defended them, he prayed that God would inspire all His children to do likewise. We say **Amen** to that!

**Tues Mark 9:38-50** What other churches/denominations do as religious work is between them and God, so we neither support nor interfere with them (38-41). Instead, we focus on our own privileged responsibility to the next generation (42) as we cope with our own sinful nature (43-48) and as we help our neighbors (49-50). *Salt is good*, but in olden times it was not refined, and impurities could ruin its effectiveness. Let's not sully our saltiness!

**Wed James 4:7-12** Where or how does a person get started with God? Start with acknowledging His superiority and with knowing one's own inferiority (7-10). When you appreciate being squared with God (via Jesus Christ), then you get squared with your neighbor—especially your Christian siblings (11-12), avoiding slander as well as a judgmental mentality. God is well equipped to do His business with sinners, so we do not undercut Him (11-12).

**Thurs Psalm 51:1-13** Did you sin? Yes. What are you going to do about it? Turn to God, confess specific sins (1-4), admit that you were born that way (5-6) and ask God to wash you clean from that defect, too (7-9). Bottom line: God performs a heart transplant operation on His children (10-11) and His Spirit keeps cleaning them in a rotten world (12-13). God is good at it.

**Fri Mark 9:43-48** presents a scary view of going to hell—and Jesus is pointing out that we should do whatever is necessary to escape hell. Although our limbs may perform sinfully, sinfulness is embedded more deeply than that, for sinfulness seeks a home in our minds/hearts. So, first and foremost, what we need are renewed hearts, which will then activate our hands, feet, and eyes as servants of spiritual righteousness (and civic uprightness, too).

**Sat James 4:11-12** Second thoughts on the judgmental syndrome: A person with an inferiority complex is driven to feel superior to others and thus sits in judgment over others. That's acting like God, who gets it right every time—whereas the sinful judge is working with a defective heart. Luther knew that God and His servant James are directing us to **defend our neighbor, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything** that our neighbor may be saying or doing. God help us!

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## Blessed Are the Sons of God

Matt. 5: 14

Joseph Humphreys, 1743, cento, alt.

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Johann G. Ebeling, 1665



1 Bless-ed are the sons of God, They are bo't with Christ's own blood;  
2 They are jus-ti-fied by grace, They en-joy the Sav-ior's peace;  
3 They are lights up-on the earth, Chil-dren of a heav'n-ly birth;



They are ran-somed from the grave, Life e-ter-nal they shall have:  
All their sins are washed a-way, They shall stand in God's great Day:  
One with God, with Je-sus one; Glo-ry is in them be-gun:



With them numbered may we be Here and in e-ter-ni-ty!  
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