

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

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

Serving Us at God's House Today

Organist, Suzannah Miller; Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 116 (pew bible, p.543)
- ◆ The Hymns: 901, 741 (1-5), *728, 924 (**tan hymnal*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 45:1-8,15; Luke 6:27-38
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 103
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-49

What Can a Plant Teach Me About My Resurrection Body?

1. What is planted is different from what grows.
2. My body will be different too; it will be like Christ.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (924)

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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 – Genesis 45:1-8,15

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. | 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 103

P Praise the LORD, O my soul:
C All my inmost being, praise his holy name.
P He forgives all your sins:
C And heals all your diseases.
P He redeems your life from the grave:
C And crowns you with love and compassion.
P The LORD is compassionate and gracious:
C Slow to anger, abounding in love.
P He does not treat us as our sins deserve:
C Or repay us according to our iniquities.
P For as high as the heavens are above the earth:
C So great is his love for those who fear him.
P As far as the east is from the west:
C So far has he removed our transgressions from us.
P As a father has compassion on his children:
C So the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
P For he knows how we are formed:
C He remembers that we are dust.
P Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field:
C The wind blows over it and it is gone.
P But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him:
C From everlasting to everlasting.

Second Lesson – Luke 6:27-38

27 “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-49

35 But someone may ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined. | 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

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A Cordial Greeting and Warm Welcome to our Guests. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. Please take a few moments to sign our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Sun (2/20)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Class
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Annual Reports: Copies of the pastor's annual meeting reports may be found in the tract rack. Help yourself to a copy. Devotional resources may be found on the last three pages. ++ **St. Paul 2022 Calendars** may also be found in the tract rack.

A New Church Directory will be prepared soon. Please share with pastor any updates or changes for your listing from last year's directory so these may be included in the new directory. Thanks!

Facebook Page: Live and past video worship services at St. Paul may now be viewed on our church Facebook page. To view the services go to our church website (denverlutheran.com) and click on "Worship Services." (See today's bulletin insert for more information.) Audio recordings of our services (full service or sermon only) may also be found on our website under the "Worship Services" tab.

Youth Camp: "Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual summer camp, *Christ's Explorers Camp*. The camp is open to students entering grades 3-9! This year, we will hold our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN, from July 14-17. (Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus in West Columbia SC.) Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, "*Christmas in July*." We have 6 (4 male, 2 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, March 20. They can be downloaded from www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com. The camp will cost \$100 and this will include lodging, meals, and activities. The camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1 at www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com)."

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule is set to begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Our theme this year is *“Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns.”* As is our custom we will observe a pulpit exchange with Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. See below for more information. Service times are 7:00 pm for each service beginning March 2 through April 6.

Mid-Week Lenten Services 2022



Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns

- #439 – O, Dearest Jesus (Pastor Libby)
- #438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (Pastor Wheaton)
- #450 – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Pastor Schuetze)
- #453 – Upon the Cross Extended (Pastor Libby)
- #451 – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (Pastor Wheaton)
- #420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living (Pastor Schuetze)



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 21-26

Mon Genesis 45:3-15 Joseph understood God's strengths better than we do sometimes—that God can turn handicaps into blessings both for us and for others. Remember—God had leveraged Joseph from slavery into becoming the P.M. of Egypt. Then God sent the famine to rescue Joseph's family. Then God sponsored the miracle of making Joseph able to forgive his brothers for what they had done to him years earlier; then the miracle of changing villains into champions who loved and protected Benjamin, Joseph's little brother.

Tues Luke 6:27-38 It's our human nature to **not** love our enemies, to **not** bless those who curse us, to **not** pray for those who mistreat us, etc., etc. God understands this problem we have with ourselves, so He reaches down into our hearts to forge an attitude that mirrors His own pitying love for derelicts (35-36). Hearts can be changed by God's gracious, loving kindness into generous, charitable hearts that dispense His blessings to others (37-38).

Wed Romans 12:14-21 Since God wants to bring everyone to heaven, He lets us help along the way (14-15), reaching out to others by putting ourselves in second place (16), surrendering our own interests for the sake of others (18-19), and being so generous that it embarrasses others (20). In the struggles of life, goodness outclasses and supersedes evil every day, thank God (21).

Thurs Genesis 50:15-22 The drama of Jacob/Joseph's life is drawing to a close as the curtain rises on this scene. All ends well—partly because the brothers are repentant and partly because they ask to be forgiven for the evil they had done to Joseph decades earlier—but mostly because Joseph understood what God had been doing all along: He was turning their evil into good (20). God is good, gracious, forgiving—and also lovingly painstaking.

Fri Luke 6:43-45 We understand God's business better when it's explained with earthly illustrations. A tree is recognizable by its fruit, and it's the same with people (43-44). A businessman who treats his customers with dignity and generosity is a good businessman; the fellow who cheats or defrauds his clients is a swindler because he was born that way. We are what we are until God changes us—from the inside out. Thank You, Holy Spirit!

Sat 2 Corinthians 2:6-11 It may seem strange to us that the Christians in Corinth didn't know what to do about a fellow-member who repented of his sex sins. Was it OK to forgive him and welcome him back into the fold? YES! Since God forgave him for Jesus' sake, Christians should assure him of their forgiveness, too. Otherwise, the repentant sinner will be tempted to despair and revert back to Satan (7). God, help us to share Your goodness!