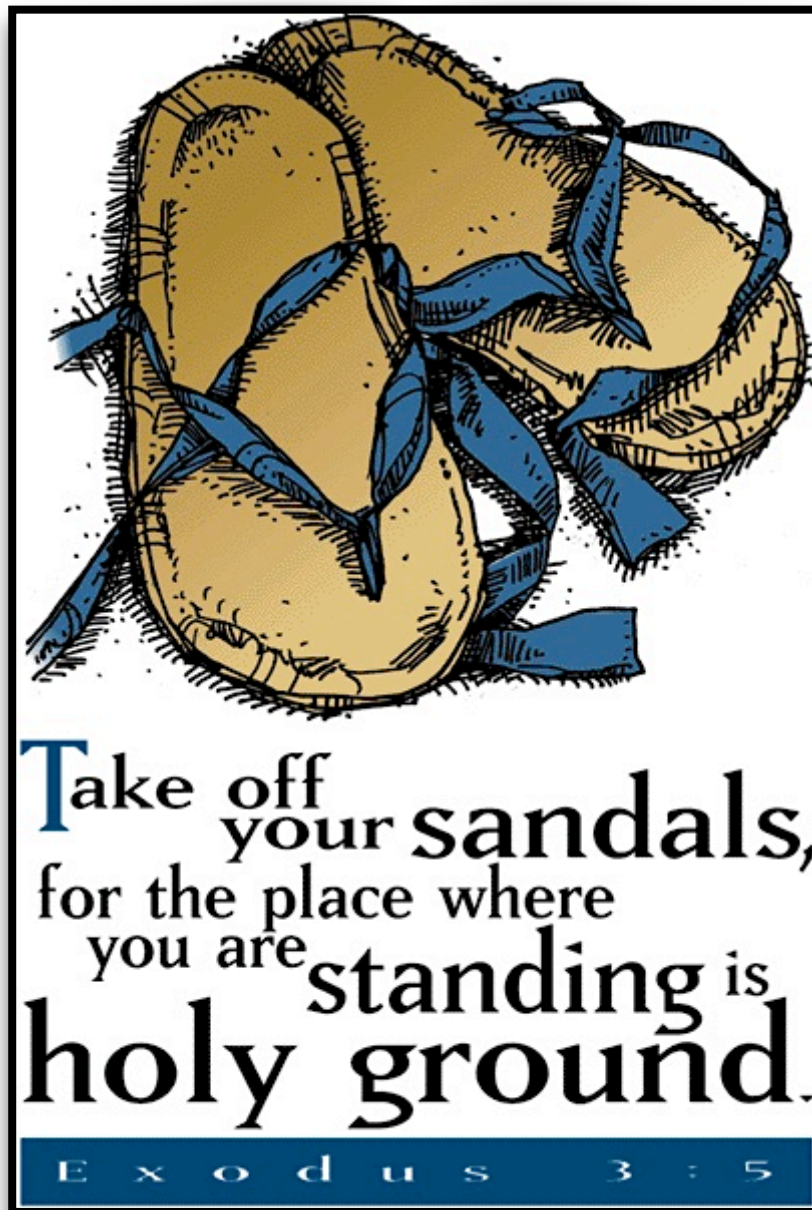


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



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March 20, 2022

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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; Usher: Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 130 (pew bible, p.551)
- ◆ The Hymns: 907, 614, 798 (1-4, 8-9), 427
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 38
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

**Sermon Text – Exodus 3:1-8,10-15**

### ***Worship the Lord With "Bare Feet"***

1. Come to Him confessing your unworthiness, seeking His mercy.
2. Approach Him with a heartfelt awe and respect, expecting His blessing.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (427)

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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 – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. 6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry.” 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. 11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 38

P O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger:  
C **Or discipline me in your wrath.**  
P For your arrows have pierced me:  
C **And your hand has come down upon me.**  
P My guilt has overwhelmed me:  
C **Like a burden too heavy to bear.**  
P All my longings lie open before you, O Lord:  
C **My sighing is not hidden from you.**  
P I wait for you, O LORD:  
C **You will answer, O Lord my God.**  
P Come quickly to help me:  
C **O Lord my Savior.**

### Second Lesson – Luke 13:1-9

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the

others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” 6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ 8 “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

### **Sermon Text – Exodus 3:1-8,10-15**

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” 4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” 5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. 7 The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. | 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” 12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” 13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

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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 (3/20)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed (3/23)	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (3/27)	8:30 am	Choir Practice ( <i>see note below</i> )
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule** continues this Wednesday, March 23. Conducting the service this week: Pastor Benjamin Libby of Cheyenne. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Loveland. Our Lenten theme this year is *“Meditating On Our Lord’s Passion Through Hymns.”* This week’s hymn for meditation: Hymn 453: *“Upon the Cross Extended.”* The sermon text: 1 Peter 2:21-24.

**Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic** is Lesson 16 *“Prayer”* from the study course *“Learn from Me.”* Currently we are in the middle of an in-depth study of the cream of all prayers: *The Lord’s Prayer*. Jesus said: *“Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” (John 5:39).*

**Choir Members, Take Note:** Practices are scheduled for three upcoming Sundays: March 27, April 3 & 10, at 8:30 am. We will work on a song for our Easter Sunday celebration on April 17.

**New in Our Tract Rack:** *“CLC World Missions Prayer List”* for March (provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann). Take, read, pray!

## Synod News & Notes

**Tour Choir Student Video** – What does the Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir mean to its singers? Several members of the 2022 choir made a video, giving their personal impressions of what it means to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Crucified in song. You may see this inspirational clip at [tinyurl.com/tchoir-22](https://tinyurl.com/tchoir-22). (The Tour Choir is currently in the middle of a 9-day concert tour to 12 CLC churches in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.)



**Arts Camp** – “Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Mankato, MN is excited to once again be able to host Arts Camp in 2022! Camp is for students grades 5-8 and will run Friday, March 25 through Sunday, March 27. Arts Camp is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. More information can be found on Immanuel's website [www.ImmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp](http://www.ImmanuelMankato.org/school/arts-camp). God bless your day! Pastor Joe Naumann”

**Black Hills Family Bible Camp** – “Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God’s Word. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, climbing/repelling, swimming, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc. The camp runs from the evening of Friday July 15th through the morning of Tuesday July 19th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at [aaronude@gmail.com](mailto:aaronude@gmail.com).”

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions March 21-26

**Mon Exodus 3:1-15** Moses' quiet pastoral life would never be the same, for God was preparing to rescue His people by using a criminal to get through to Pharaoh. Moses needed assurance that doing so wasn't a huge mistake, since his home religious training had lost ground by living among the Egyptian heathen. So God enlightened him and inspired him for a monumental task (1-10). When Moses balked, God insisted—just as He sometimes does with us.

**Tues Luke 13:1-9** They wanted to know what God was going to do about Pilate insulting Him by murdering some of His people and using their blood to mimic His way of doing things. Jesus shifted from Pilate to them: “*Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*” In other words, God will punish you for your sins (as you well deserve), and your time of grace is running short. In another year God's axe may fall on you, so stop fussing about Pilate.

**Wed 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** Repentance is the subject, even though the word doesn't appear here. People who have been greatly blessed can get sloppy, careless about fending off their love of sinning. Lust can kill us, and turning against God can boomerang against us (9-10). God has printed these errors in the pages of history so that we don't make the same mistakes (11) but rather bear the crosses God has laid upon us. Lord, have mercy!

**Thurs Exodus 3:1-15** The bush aflame with God's presence was so fascinating that Moses was compelled to take a closer look. Note: Since Mount Horeb was the threshold of God's presence, Moses was warned to tread lightly; it was not a place to relax, for there is no more serious business on Earth than to hear what God has to say about Himself, His concerns, and His plans for humans. So we swallow hard and listen closely when He is speaking.

**Fri Worship Supplement, page 12.** We say it to God in our worship assembly, and we say it with a loud voice—that *we have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment.* We can get so used to this recitation that our hearts are barely engaged. Jesus knows us and helps us with His warning: “*Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*” We may have another year of grace, maybe not (Luke 13:6-9).

**Sat 1 Corinthians 10:1-13** What is the *way of escape* from temptations and what should we *take heed of*? God encourages us to inwardly digest spiritual food and spiritual drink from the *Rock of our salvation* to keep us spiritually able to bear whatever Satan, the world, and our human nature throw at us. Since we are not bullet-proof, we stay out of the line of fire as much as we can—and put on the whole armor of God, too (Ephesians 6:10-17).