

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
Psalm 118:22-23



**5th Sunday in Lent
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Order of Worship: Service of Word & Sacrament

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Suzannah Miller – Usher: Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 118 (pew bible, p.544)
- ◆ The Hymns: 814, 728, 628, 460 (bulletin, page 7)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 73
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Luke 20:9-19

God, Grant That It May Ever Be!

1. That we listen to Your Word.
2. That we cherish Your love.
3. That we build on Christ our Cornerstone.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (#460, page 6)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 43:16-21

16 This is what the Lord says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, 17 who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: 18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. 20 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 73

P I am always with you, O Lord:

C You hold me by my right hand.

P You guide me with your counsel,

C And afterward you will take me into glory.

P Whom have I in heaven but you?

C And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

P My flesh and my heart may fail,

C But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Second Lesson – Philippians 3:8-14

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Text – Luke 20:9-19

9 He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. 10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. 12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. 13 “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I

do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ 14 “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!” 17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone”? 18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.” 19 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (4/3)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Mary & Martha Ladies’ Meeting
Wed (4/6)	7:00 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Sun (4/13)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule concludes with a 7:00 pm service this Wednesday, April 6. This week’s hymn for meditation is #420 *“Christ, the Life of All the Living.”* Sermon text: Matthew 27:45-46.

Palm Sunday Breakfast Next Week! A breakfast brunch will be held after our Palm Sunday service next Sunday, served by the men. Men, here’s a list of items you are invited to contribute to the menu: egg dishes, toast, jams, breakfast meats, juices, rolls, or other breakfast foods. You may wish to cook meat items in advance at home to save prep time on Sunday morning.

Flower Money Donations – St. Paul’s Mary & Martha group will be planting flowers in the front again this Spring. If you would like to help us defray the cost, you can: 1. Put it in an envelope marked “Flower Donation” 2. Put it in your offering envelope & mark “Flower Donation” on the LEFT side of your envelope in the blank space provided. 3. Give your donation directly to Crystal Ruegge, Mary & Martha Treasurer. We thank you!

Holy Week Worship Schedule: Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 14, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship: April 15, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship: April 17, 9:30 am

St. Paul Will Be Host for the upcoming West-Central Delegate Conference scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, May 24-26. Two lay delegates are still needed to represent St. Paul at this conference. All voting members are eligible to serve in this way. If you would like to be a delegate please inform the pastor.

Housing Will Be Needed for an estimated 25-30 pastors and lay delegates who will represent their respective churches at the West-Central Delegate Conference. A housing sign-up list is posted on the bulletin board. Please add your name to the list if you can serve as a host. Note: We plan to rent motel rooms for lodging some of the delegates. If you're unable to serve as host for any delegates but would like to give a donation for the motel room rental, you may place your gift in the offering plate, designating it for “conference lodging.”

Synod News & Notes

Israel Trip – “The group trip to Israel originally planned for January 2021 has been rescheduled for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three-day extension to Jordan for those interested. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). With travel restrictions lifting all over the world, it looks like we will finally be able to go! The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.”

Visitors’ Day – “Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire WI will host an in-person High School Visitors’ Day on Friday, April 29, 2022 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at www.ilc.edu (students and chaperones should register no later than Friday, April 22). A theater performance of *Father Knows Best* will take place on Friday at 2:00 pm and Saturday at 7:30 pm. The Immanuel Band will perform on Friday at 1:30 pm and student music performances take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. All performances will be open to the public at the Immanuel gym. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud (joel.gullerud@ilc.edu 715-544-8446).”

CLC Youth Camp will take place on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, June 12-18. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. It is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$135/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. *Registration will open Sunday, March 27, at 3:00 pm.* For more information visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp or email the camp directors Kendra Rodebaugh and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

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.

Christ's Explorers Camp will open on Saturday, April 30, at 8am EST. Space is limited, so plan to register early! This camp (hosted by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia SC) 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.) Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, "Christmas in July." The cost is \$100 which includes all lodging, meals, and activities. If you have questions, feel free to contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com).

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Today's Closing Hymn

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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Behold the Sure Foundation - Stone

Ps. 118: 22
Isaac Watts, 1719

C. M.

St. Anne
William Craft, 1703



1 Be - hold the sure Foun-da - tion-stone Which God in Zi - on lays
2 Cho - sen of God, to sin - ners dear, Let saints a - dore the name;
3 The fool - ish build - ers, scribe and priest, Re - ject it with dis - dain;



To build our heav'n-ly hopes up - on And His e - ter - nal praise.
They trust their whole sal - va - tion here, Nor shall they suf - fer shame.
Yet on this Rock the Church shall rest And en - vy rage in vain. A-men.



4 What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise.
'Tis Thine own work, Almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 4-9

Mon Isaiah 43:16-21 Listen! God has good news and deserves our attention as well as our devotion, for He controls Nature (16) and rescues us from national disasters (17). If that's not good enough (18), He has a new and impressive program (19), in which He turns Nature on its ear in order to salvage His elect people, whom He has lovingly formed for Himself (20-21). [We love them, too, as our brothers and sisters in Christ.]

Tues Luke 20:9-19 Now the bad news: people don't honor God as they ought. In fact, His servants have been bullied, abused, and maimed (9-11). Yet God hasn't given up on humanity but sent His own beloved Son to rescue man-kind (13). [We know how that went (14-15).] We regret that Hebrews (in general) continue to insist on rejecting Jesus (16) and thus are stuck with the penalty (17-20). Lord, have mercy on such foolish people!

Wed Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul was such a fool—in fact, a super-Jew (4-6) until God set him straight—that salvation is a matter of trusting God's mercy and grace in/with Jesus (7-9), who survived death in order to prove that God's plan really works (10-11). Our compass is set on Jesus, and we stay on course until we cross over Jordan (12-14). See you there.

Thurs Isaiah 44:1-8 Hebrew people were proud of their racial heritage but confused it with something entirely different. Here God sets them straight that Jacob/Israel is God's servant, on whom He would pour His Spirit and bless a child to confess, "I am the LORD'S!" and another to acknowledge God's claim on him (1-6). Almighty God, *Redeemer and Rock* of ages, signs His name to validate the passport of souls such as these (6-8).

Fri Luke 20:27-40 Liberal Hebrews who didn't venerate Moses tried to trick Jesus with the question: "If resurrection is real, what about Moses' marriage regulation (Deut. 25:5) for people when they are living in heaven?" Jesus got right to the point—that resurrection IS real, just as Moses said (37-38), but regulations about earthly relationships do not apply to heavenly relationships (34-36). That makes sense (39), and it's God's good judgment besides.

Sat Philippians 3:17-21 We are familiar with the admonition to *note/take note of* certain persons—but this time its purpose is not to avoid them (as in Romans 16:17), but rather in order to *join* with them (fellowship) in following the pattern of the Apostle Paul's walk of life (17). He names some of them in verses 2 and 3 of the next chapter. Then in mid-stream Paul switches back to those who don't share this walk of life, who are *enemies of the cross of Christ, who serve their selfish appetites*—and it's obvious that God's children should steer clear of them. We trust God's good judgment on this. Amen.

Christian Questions for Those About to Receive the Lord's Supper

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? *Yes, I believe that I am a sinner.*
2. How do you know this? *From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.*
3. Are you sorry for your sins? *Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.*
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins? *I deserve His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.*
5. Do you hope to be saved? *Yes, that is my confident hope.*
6. In whom, then, do you trust? *I trust in my Lord Jesus Christ.*
7. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? *He kept the Ten Commandments for me. He died for me and shed His blood on the cross to atone for my sins.*
8. How do you know this? *I know this from the holy Gospel and from the words of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
9. What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion? *It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.*
10. Do you believe that the true body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament? *Yes, I believe it.*
11. What moves you to believe this? *I am moved to believe this by the words of Christ: "Take and eat. This is My body. Drink from it, all of you. This is My blood."*
12. What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking? *That is shown us by these words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*
13. What admonishes and moves you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper frequently? *The command and promise of Christ my Savior admonishes and moves me. Also, the burden of sin which lies heavy upon my conscience fills my heart with a hunger and thirst for the Holy Supper of my Lord.*



Prayer for Our Communicants

Lord Jesus, who calls to You all who are weary and burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls, we pray: Let these guests experience Your love at the heavenly feast which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief that no one may partake of this Sacrament to his judgment. Remove from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness and clothe them in the robe of holiness which You purchased with Your blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and after this life grant them a place at Your heavenly table, where they shall eat of the eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forevermore. For Your own sake, dear Savior. Amen.