

**St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

"I give you
a new
commandment,
that you
Love
One
an  **ther."**

John 13:34

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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 – Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 42 (pew bible, p.502)
- ◆ The Hymns: 822, 698, *779 (1-3), *779 (4) [**tan hymnal*]
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:44-52; John 13:31-35
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Revelation 21:1-8

Our Risen Savior Will Make Everything New For Us

He'll provide us with ...

1. A new home created specially by Him.
2. A new relationship lived in close fellowship with Him.
3. A new life of undisturbed happiness through Him.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (779, stanza 4, in tan hymnal)

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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 – Acts 13:44-52

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord:

C **And all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.**

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C **“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,” says the Lord. “No one comes to the Father except through Me.”**

P Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

C **God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

P “I am the Vine, you are the branches,” says the Lord. “Those who abide in Me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from Me you can do nothing.”

C **“This is God’s commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”**

P “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

C **“I go to prepare a place for you,” says the Lord.**

P “I will come again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

C **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Second Lesson – John 13:31-35

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33 “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. 34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Sermon Text – Revelation 21:1-8

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.” 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

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A warm welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord’s pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Mon	6:30 pm	Elder's Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (5/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

West-Central Delegate Conference at St. Paul: Tue-Thu, May 24-26
Conference Worship Service: Wed evening, May 25, 7:00 pm
CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 23-26

Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 16 *“Prayer”* from the study course *“LEARN FROM ME.”* We are in the midst of a study of the Lord's Prayer. Today's lesson: The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *“And lead us not into temptation.”* <> *“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path” (Psalm 119:103-104).*

Meal Sign-Up – A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for donations of food needed and volunteers for each meal during the up-coming delegate conference to be hosted by St. Paul. Please add your name, if you can help. Questions may be directed to ladies' chairman, Lisa Sprengher, or meal-organizers, Carrol Rankin and Sharlene Chiappetti.

West-Central Delegate Conference Agenda

(May 24-26, hosted by St. Paul)

- 1) Is it a sin to disobey illegal laws, guidelines, regulations, etc. – Laymen Loren Hansen (Hecla, SD)
 - 2) “The Bible Term ‘Blessed’” - Does It Refer to a Preceding Action or Subsequent Action or Both, and How to Tell the Difference? – Pastor Jim Naumann (Jamestown, ND)
 - 3) “The Athanasian Creed: Is the Unexplained Use of this Creed, Once a Year, More Hindersome than Beneficial?” – Pastor Tim Daub (Hecla, SD)
 - 4) “How Can We Respond Biblically to Transgenderism and Its Social/Political Agenda?” – Pastor Paul Nolting (Valentine, NE)
 - 5) “Contrasting the Ministries of Ezekiel and Jeremiah” – Layman Craig Wiste (Watertown, SD), to be presented by Layman David Klatt
 - 6) “What Constitutes an Appropriate Use of the Phrase ‘Scripturally Correct’?” – Pastor Paul Krause (Watertown, SD)
 - 7) “Minor Prophet Study (Obadiah)” – Pastor Tim Wheaton (Loveland, CO)
 - 8) Review of the 2022 CLC Convention Prospectus
- Conference Chaplain – Pastor Cory Drehle (Sioux Falls, SD)
 - Communion Service Speaker (Wednesday, 7:00 pm) – Pastor Del Maas (Mapleton, ND)
 - Worship Service Choir Song – *“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”* (LSB #531:1-3)



Synod News & Notes

New in Our Tract Rack – *“CLC World Missions Prayer List”* for May, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann. *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).*

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Concluding Activities at Immanuel – “Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him” (Prof. Daniel Schierenbeck, ILC President).

Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI (<https://peacethruchrist.org/>) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on June 19, 2022. Worship services will occur at 10 AM (sermon by Emeritus Missionary David Koenig) and 1:30 PM (sermon by Professor John Ude). Guests are invited to worship our resurrected Lord with us! Dinner will be served at Noon. Please RSVP for planning purposes by June 6 at <https://peacethruchrist.org/welcome/50th-anniversary-event/>. For questions, contact Dan Schaefer at schaeferd51@gmail.com.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 16-21, '22

Mon John 13:31-35 In that dark hour when the betrayer has gone out to find Jesus' enemies, and Jesus faces the agony of the cross for us, He speaks of present glory, for God's glory is declared by showing mercy. Jesus loved His own, even unto death, and love is the quality which He leaves to them and by which they are recognized as His own disciples.

Tues Acts 11:1-10 Peter was not the only one who had to be convinced that the love of Jesus was for all people, not just for the Jews from whom He came. When others in Judea heard that Peter had preached to Gentiles, he told them how the Lord had convinced him that the ancient lines between Jew and Gentile, clean and unclean, had served their purpose. In Christ all are made clean through His blood.

Wed Acts 11:11-18 Children learn from a loving father, and when Peter saw how his loving God also sent His Spirit upon the Gentiles in Cornelius' house, just as He had to the Jewish believers on Pentecost, Peter knew he could not withhold from these people the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Thurs 1 Cor 13:1-7 The love which Jesus left to His disciples on Maundy Thursday continues to bless His followers for all time. It makes every spiritual gift a "higher gift," for it moves the Christian to use gifts for the benefit of others, as Jesus gave Himself for our eternal benefit. Without loving-kindness, the more noticeable gifts of speech and prophecy are worse than nothing. Love is intimately connected with believing and with hope (v. 7).

Fri 1 Cor 13:8-13 Christian love lasts longer than prophecy, which fades in the light of fulfillment, longer than other gifts, which are imperfect (incomplete) in this lifetime. When we see the Lord face to face, our incomplete understanding will be eclipsed by the experience, but love will never be eclipsed or fade, even when our faith receives sight and our hope is fulfilled.

Sat Revelation 21:1-5 In times past Job spoke of seeing God (Job 19:26). Here it is pictured to John as God coming to live with His people. And even though it is a loud voice that announces "the dwelling place (tabernacle) of God is with man," there is nothing to fear from a God who will wipe away tears, death, crying, and pain. This God is love! (1 Jn 4:8)