

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**7th Sunday after Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday – July 24, 2022**

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Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler; Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister
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Preparation for Worship: Psalm 25 (pew bible, p.492)

Order of Worship

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Trinitarian Invocation

Hymn 895

Now Thank We All Our God

Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P Dear fellow-redeemed: Let us come before our Lord with an open and truthful heart and confess all our sins before God with the confident trust that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, He will grant us forgiveness.

All Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have often offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy on us according to Your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

P On the basis of this, your heartfelt confession of sins, I as called servant of the Word, announce the gracious forgiving love of God to all of you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation sings (Hymn 506:1-2):

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

P Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Son You have promised us the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, and everlasting life: We beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit so enliven our hearts that in daily prayer we may seek Your help in Christ against all temptations, and, constantly believing His promise, obtain that for which we pray, and at last be saved; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C (says) Amen.

First Lesson

2 Timothy 3:1-5,10-17

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! | 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 19

P The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul:

C The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

P The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart:

C The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

P The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever:

C The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

O They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold:
C They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.
P By them is your servant warned:
C In keeping them there is great reward.
P Who can discern his errors?:
C Forgive my hidden faults.
P Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me:
C Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
P May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight:
C O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Second Lesson

John 15:1-8

1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 590

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

The Sermon

Trust Jesus to Guide You Faithfully, In His Savior-Love, All Along Your Path of Life

Text – Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Offering of Thankful Heart / Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Rite of Confirmation

Joseph Gabriel Cornish – Emily Nicole Ruegge

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Communion Liturgy

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Sacrament

Closing Liturgy (read responsively)

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:

C **And His mercy endures forever.**

P Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word:

C **For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people.**

P A light to lighten the Gentiles:

C **And the glory of Your people Israel.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen!**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C (sings) **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn

May God the Father of Our Lord

Melody: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night (TLH 558)

**May God the Father of our Lord, Who called you by His holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you, Keep you through faith forever true.
In Jesus Christ may you be blest And brought to His eternal rest.
The work He has in you begun He will perform till all is done.**

**The Holy Spirit give you pow’r, The strength of prayer in ev’ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God Through faithful learning of His Word.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in grace You stand before His holy face.
Amen.**

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A Warm Welcome To Our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that 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 is gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/24) 9:30 am Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation & Holy Communion
10:45 am Confirmation Reception
Sun (7/31) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

Elders’ Meeting: Sunday, August 7, 8:30 am

Upcoming Event

Front Range Mission Festival service hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland (date – Sunday Aug.28; time – 3 pm). The guest speaker will be Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Lemmon SD. More details to be shared soon!

Thanks to All Who Participated in the church clean-up day last Saturday. Much was accomplished inside and outside for maintaining and beautifying the House of the Lord. Your labors of love for Him are much appreciated!

In Our Prayers: The family and friends of Paul Tiefel, Sr. (father of Pastor Paul Tiefel Jr., uncle of Doug Tiefel) who was called home to heaven on July 16. He was 97. His funeral was held at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, last Friday. *"Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.'" (Isa. 43:1)*

Synod News & Notes

- **Mission Trip Blog** – Bwana asafiwe! (Swahili for "Praise the Lord!"). Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen, Mountain View & Hayward, CA, and Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ are currently in their final week of a 3-week mission trip visiting our CLC Kinship-sponsored schools (St. David's in Etago and Emmaus in the Moi's Bridge area), as well as our churches and pastors in Kenya and Uganda. A daily blog with pictures and videos documenting their trip and the work of the Lord in these churches and schools can be found by clicking this link: <https://clckenyauuganda.blogspot.com>
- **New Book** – "Deborah Ude's fifth book, *Called Katie Belle*, is now available. Journey with Katie on a generational trek of discovery. The comparisons are a driving force in the modern girl's development. Annabelle Kathleen Delainey (Katie Belle) is born 100 years to the day after Nan of *Steeple in the Distance*, in the same house, and with the same last name. Much of the story will, however, take place on the campus of the Lutheran boarding school, Emmaus. It is available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu (\$12.00), also on Amazon in print or digital format: <https://tinyurl.com/CalledKatieBelle>. (\$11.99 and \$2.99) For more information on this book or her other books go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CalledKatieBelle5>"
- **National Women's (Virtual) Retreat:** "You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." <> The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing.<> Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran>. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemane participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!"

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 25-30, '22

Mon Luke 11:1-4 When Jesus is asked by His disciples to teach them to pray, He points them to petitions He included in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 6:9-13). This prayer first prays for God's name and rulership, for then all will be well. As for us, our hunger, sins, temptations and trials all need remedy, and God is the one who provides it.

Tues Luke 11:5-13 Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray and does not stop with examples of what to pray for, but also gives them good reason to pray. Even a friend who doesn't want to be bothered may get up to help at midnight, but our Father urges us to call upon Him in trouble and in praise. Even a father who makes many mistakes knows how to help his children, but our heavenly Father knows the best gifts, make no mistake.

Wed 1 Timothy 2:1-7 The apostle urges to pray "for **all** people" (v1), even heathen rulers, because God wants "**all** people" (v4) to be saved. It is for the sake of those He will yet persuade to believe that He would have us live a quiet, peaceful, and godly life, that they may learn to know Jesus, who gave Himself as "a ransom for **all**" (v6), yes, even the Gentiles to whom Paul was sent.

Thurs Genesis 18:20-26 The Lord tells Abraham His plans for Sodom, which are righteous and fair. Abraham prays for the whole city – that Sodom might be spared – for the sake of the believers who might be there. The Lord listens to such a prayer.

Fri Genesis 18:26-32 Abraham prays without ceasing, asking God to spare the city for the sake of 45 righteous, 40, 30, 20, and even 10. The Lord is not annoyed by such persistence in prayer. What's more, He also has His own plans to rescue less than 10, should the city be destroyed (19:12-13).

Sat Psalm 138 David's prayer is full of heartfelt praise to the God above all "gods" for His gracious loving-kindness and truth, which we have learned to know through Jesus Christ (Jn1:17). Even Kings will bow to Him if they will hear His Word, yet He pays attention to the lowly. David is confident that his prayers are heard and his rescue is assured, for the Lord's mercy endures forever (v8)!

Renewing Our Confirmation Vow

(following the Rite of Confirmation ceremony)

P As communicant members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, let us renew our promises of faithfulness to our Lord and pray for strength to carry them out, to the praise of our Savior's name.



P Concerning God's Word:

C I recognize the continued need of diligently using God's Word in private and in public worship.

P Concerning the Lord's Supper:

C It is my desire to receive the Holy Supper of my Lord frequently for my soul's health.

P Concerning witnessing

C I pray for the strength to witness for Christ in all that I do or say and to work with my fellow believers in the holy task of sharing the Gospel with all people.

P Concerning prayer:

C I will continue to pray for my fellow believers, for all mankind, and for myself, knowing that heartfelt prayer accomplishes much.

P Concerning each day:

C I wish to live every day as though Jesus died yesterday, rose today, and is coming back tomorrow. Each day I find rest in laying my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, knowing that in Him I have forgiveness and peace with God.

P Concerning my faithfulness:

C I promise to remain true to the Triune God and His Word in the face of every persecution, and would rather suffer death itself than to fall away from faith in my Lord and Savior, as He gives me strength.

P Concerning the second coming of Christ:

C I look forward confidently in faith to my Lord's return, when He shall take me and all believers to Himself in heaven.