

# *St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



*I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead  
you along straight paths. Proverbs 4:11.*



**5th Sunday after Pentecost – July 10, 2022**  
(Questions & Answers on the Catechism)

## **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214  
(303) 233-5000 – [www.denverlutheran.com](http://www.denverlutheran.com)*

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)  
[www.clclutheran.org](http://www.clclutheran.org)

Thomas Schuetze, pastor (303-428-5524)  
Ed Chiappetti, president – Mike Sprengeler, SS Superintendent

**A Warm Welcome to All Visitors** worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign our guest book in the front entry and come worship with us again!

### **Order of Service**

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer

Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister

**Opening Hymn 904**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

### **Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C (says) **Amen!**

### **Responsive Reading from Psalm 145**

P I will exalt you, my God the King:

C **I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

P Every day I will praise you:

C **And extol your name for ever and ever.**

P Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise:

C **His greatness no one can fathom.**

P One generation will commend your works to another:

C **They will tell of your mighty acts.**

P They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty:  
C **And I will meditate on your wonderful works.**  
P They will tell of the power of your awesome works:  
C **And I will proclaim your great deeds.**  
P They will celebrate your abundant goodness:  
C **And joyfully sing of your righteousness.**



## Questions & Answers on Martin Luther's Small Catechism

*(Catechumens: Joseph Cornish & Emily Ruegge)*

### Introductory Remarks by the Pastor

#### 1. Qs & As on the Introduction to the Catechism

Hymn 523

*O Word of God, Incarnate*

#### 2. Qs & As on the Apostles' Creed (Second & Third Articles)

On the work of the 2nd and 3rd Persons of the Triune God,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit (*Redemption and Sanctification*)

Hymn 496

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine*

#### 3. Qs & As on the Office of the Keys & Confession

### Confession of Sins & Words of Absolution

P Dear friends in Christ: It is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in Him as your Savior, and the grace to serve Him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his First Epistle: "*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" I ask you therefore before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word, and deed? Do you heartily repent of them, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? Then answer: Yes.

As God has given to you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and as you have called me to administer the same, even so, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn 729

*I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

#### **4. Qs & As on the Sacrament of the Altar**

Hymn 865

*Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

† † †

### **Service of Holy Communion**

**The Institution of the Sacrament of the Altar**

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

All **It is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.**

**Congregation Sings (Hymn #618:1):**

**I come, O Savior, to Thy Table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

P Where is this written?

All **The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

**All** In the same way He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

**P** “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Congregation Sings (Hymn #618:6):**

**Weary am I and heavy laden,  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously, and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**Distribution of the Sacrament**

**Prayer**

**P** Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world and that the eyes which by faith have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**The 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.

**All (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen!**

**Closing Hymn 582**

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (7/10) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting  
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sat 8:00 am Summer Clean-Up Day (till noon)  
Sun (7/17) 9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, July 24

### **Scheduled Meetings**

Mary/Martha Ladies: Sunday, July 17, 10:45 am  
Quarterly Voters: Sunday, July 31, 10:45 am  
Elders: Sunday, August 7, 8:30 am

**On Sunday July 24** Joseph Cornish and Emily Ruegge will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. Following the service everyone is invited to a reception in the church basement. A light lunch with cake and refreshments will be served.

**New In Your Mailbox Today:** Summary of actions taken at the recent CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. An oral report will be shared by the pastor in two parts after the worship service today and next Sunday.

---

*All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise indicated, are taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House. All rights reserved.*

## Synod News & Notes

- **The 2022 CLC Convention** concluded on Sunday, June 26. We thank the Lord for a very productive and edifying gathering for our work in His kingdom. You may see highlights summarizing Convention action (excerpted from the “Convention Chronicles” daily newspaper) at [tinyurl.com/22conv-chron](http://tinyurl.com/22conv-chron). Hard copies are available on the shelf by the tract rack.
- **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, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The dates are Friday evening July 15th through Tuesday morning July 19th. There is still room for a couple families. 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).
- **Man Up! Retreat** – The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org).



### **The Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine**

*As the head of the family should teach them  
in a simple way to those of his household*

**The Ten Commandments**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**The Office of the Keys and Confession**

**The Sacrament of the Altar**

**The Lord's Prayer**



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 11-16, '22

**Mon Luke 10:25-28** A lawyer comes to test Jesus, and ends up being tested by Jesus. He asks what he needs to do for eternal life. Jesus points him to the Law, which speaks of human actions, and he rightly recognizes that love is at the heart of the Law. Jesus' suggestion that the lawyer has not even fulfilled this basic requirement of God's Law reveals that the Law serves to show us our sin, not our salvation.

**Tues Luke 10: 29-37** The lawyer, who suddenly finds himself put to the test and wants to justify himself, asks Jesus to define "my neighbor." In answer, Jesus tells of the Samaritan who was a neighbor (showed love) to the man in need on the road to Jericho. So our Savior also loved us and came to be our neighbor, rescuing us from sin, death, and the devil!

**Wed Galatians 5:1-6** The source of our freedom from condemnation is Christ, not our keeping of the law. If however, New Testament Christians go back to Old Testament ordinances, like circumcision, to justify themselves, they are denying that Christ has finished the work of their salvation. But in Christ Jesus, it is only faith working through love that counts for anything.

**Thurs Galatians 5:1, 13-25** Paul urges us to use our God-given freedom to serve one another in love (like the good Samaritan and our Savior Himself). The works of the sinful human nature are obviously self-centered and sinful, but God's Spirit bears fruit in our lives which are in keeping with love to God and to our neighbor.

**Fri Ruth 1:1-5.** The little family of four that went from Bethlehem to Moab in the days of famine are not mentioned again in the Bible outside of this brief book. Orpah is not mentioned again outside of this chapter. The only person in these verses mentioned elsewhere is the Moabite widow Ruth, and her name only comes up once as part of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ! God remembers His people, whether their tribe is Israelite or Moabite, Samaritan or American!

**Sat Ruth 1:6-19a** Orpah loved her mother-in-law and would have returned with her to Israel, but Ruth had an even more compelling reason than her love for Naomi, and that was Naomi's God, the Lord! "Your people shall be my people, *and your God my God.... May the Lord do so ...*" Lord, may your love be the compelling force in our lives also.



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 4-9, '22

(catching up from last week)

**Mon 1 Timothy 2:1-4** On a national holiday for celebrating our freedoms, it is good to hear the apostle urging us to pray. Of the “all people” for whom we pray, the ones especially named are those in authority over us, that we might in quietness and peace be free to bring all people to the saving knowledge of God’s truth.

**Tues Luke 10:1-12, 16** When Jesus sent His disciples ahead of Him, it was to bring the gospel of peace where He Himself would come. It was His working and His Word which they brought. When the harvest was great and the laborers few, their job was to pray, for it would be the Lord who would send out laborers into His harvest. Whoever heard them was hearing Him.

**Wed Luke 10:17-20** Although by worldly standards the disciples were sent under the poorest of conditions (no purse, no bag, etc. - Lk 10:4), they went in Jesus’ name and found that with His message they had a power which serpents, scorpions, and even demons could not resist. But Jesus points them to something greater than their recent experiences!

**Thurs 1 Peter 5:1-4** Peter reminds the elders of the churches that they are not the owners but the under-shepherds of a flock that belongs to God. They are sent on ahead of the chief Shepherd, so to speak (cp Lk 10:1), to work in the name of Him who is yet to appear at the end of the age, and who brings an unfading crown of glory.

**Fri Ezekiel 2:9–3:3** When Ezekiel was called to be a prophet of God, he was shown in a very graphic way that it was not his own but God’s words that he was to bring to people of Israel. As Jesus said, “The one who hears you hears me...” Lk 10:16. And even though the words were of lamentation and woe for disobedient Israel, they were sweet in Ezekiel’s mouth, for they were the words of Him who so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son.

**Sat Ezekiel 3:4-11** The Lord strengthens His servant to speak to a rebellious people who will not listen, and reminds Ezekiel that if they refuse to listen to him, it is because they refuse to listen to the One who sent him. No matter what reception God’s servant experiences, His calling will always be to receive God’s word with all His heart and to speak what the Lord says.