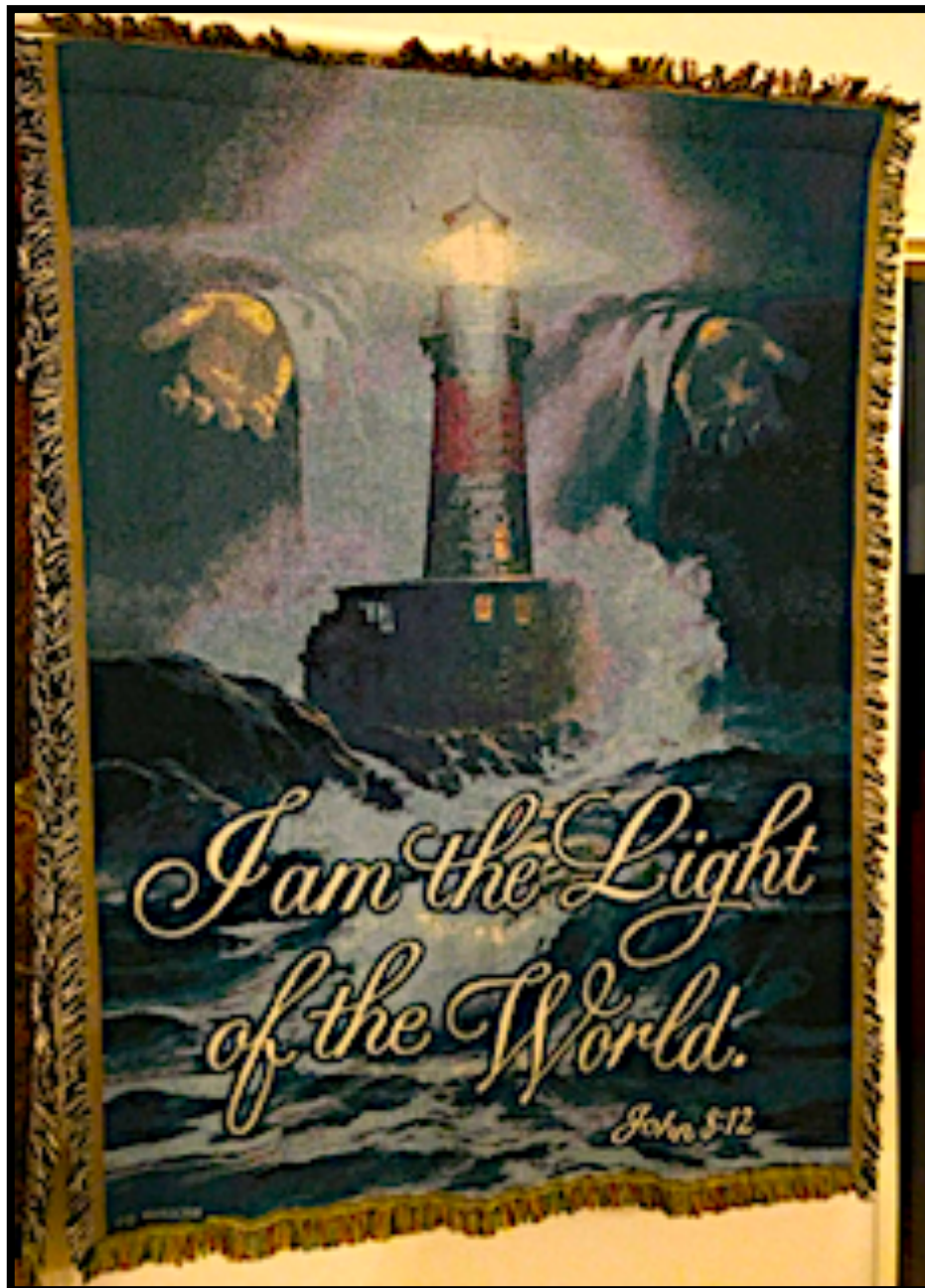


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 17, 2022

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### **Order of Worship: Service of the Word**

*(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

#### Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler – Ushers: Don Claeys, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 27 (pew bible, p.493)
- ◆ The Hymns: 793, 688, 537, 20 (*bulletin, back page*)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 5:1-14, John 12:35-46
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 89
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

#### **Sermon Text – John 8:12**

### ***Praise God for the Life-Giving Light of Christ in a Blanketed-in-Darkness World***

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (#20, bulletin back page)

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## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Ephesians 5:1-14

1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 89

P I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever:

**C With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

P I will declare that your love stands firm forever:

**C That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

O O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?:

**C You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne:

**C Love and faithfulness go before you.**

P Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you:

**C Who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

P They rejoice in your name all day long:

**C They exult in your righteousness.**

P Praise be to the LORD forever!:

**C Amen and Amen.**

### Second Lesson – John 12:35-46

35 Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. 36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. 37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” 39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: 40 “He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.” 41 Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him. 42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved praise from men more than praise from God. 44 Then Jesus cried out, “When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

### **Sermon Text – John 8:12**

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

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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 (7/17)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting (rescheduled from last Sunday)
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Convention Report
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
Tue	9:30 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Lakewood
Sun (7/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Confirmation Reception

### **Scheduled Meetings**

Quarterly Voters: Sunday, July 31, 10:45 am

Elders: Sunday, August 7, 8:30 am

**Next Sunday** 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 for Joe and Emily in the church basement. A light lunch with cake and refreshments will be served.

**A Brief Report of the Recent CLC Convention** in Eau Claire, WI will be shared orally by the pastor after the service today. You may see highlights summarizing Convention action (excerpted from the "Convention Chronicles" daily newspaper) at [tinyurl.com/22conv-chron](https://tinyurl.com/22conv-chron) (hard copies available in the tract rack). You may also read the Convention Summary provided by CLC Secretary, Pastor Wayne Eichstadt (also in the tract rack). It's important to stay informed about God's kingdom work in our church so that you will know where your prayers are needed, so do set aside a few minutes to read one or more of the summaries, if you haven't already so. *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16).*

### **Synod News & Notes**

**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/Gethsemene-Lutheran>. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom or at church with Gethsemene participants. Not good with Zoom? Not to worry, help is available! Contact Tina Eichstadt ([teichstadt@gmail.com](mailto:teichstadt@gmail.com), 651-398-2386) with questions. See you (virtually) there!"

**Retirement** – "Pastor Mark Bernthal will retire from the full-time public ministry and service to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI, on July 31. The worship service will begin at 10 AM. A meal and brief program will follow. If you would like to send a letter for the occasion, please send it to Mr. Dan Schaefer at [schaeferd51@gmail.com](mailto:schaeferd51@gmail.com)."

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 18-23, '22

**Mon Luke 10:38-42** Martha works hard to serve Jesus, and that is not a bad thing. There is, however, something else besides serving Jesus, and that is being served by Him. It is not what we do for Jesus, but what He did for us that is of supreme importance!

**Tues Genesis 18:1-8** Another “meal scene” (cp yesterday’s reading): Abraham is roused from his mid-day rest to serve three men who suddenly stand before him (v2). Though he is the lord of the camp, Abraham puts forth his best for these men, and even stands by to wait on them while they eat the feast that he calls “a morsel of bread.” One fruit of being greatly blessed by God is to be happy for an opportunity to serve others.

**Wed Genesis 18:9-14** Although the Lord let Himself be served a meal by Abraham, He really came to serve him, to speak to him about His plans for Sodom, and to repeat in his wife’s hearing the promise of a son even though both Abraham and Sarah are advanced in years. It sounded too good to be true to Sarah, but when it is God who speaks, nothing is too wonderful to be so.

**Thurs Colossians 1:1-8** The apostle Paul thanks God for the rich banquet that has been laid out for the Colossians in the word of truth, the gospel, which has come to them through Epaphras. Through this gospel, the triune God – Father, Son, and Spirit – has born rich fruit among them, namely faith, love, and a future hope.

**Fri Colossians 1:9-14** The same apostle (Paul) who urges Christians to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17) does not cease praying for the Colossians that they may be filled with knowledge of God’s will, spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that having been delivered from the domain of darkness, their walk may ever be towards the light.

**Sat Colossians 1:21-28** Although Christians may be tempted to shift from the hope of the gospel to the hope of their own good works, or to some mysterious “higher” knowledge, the true mystery of God’s love in Christ was theirs from the first day they learned of the gospel. There are no greater riches to be had than the hope of glory in Jesus Christ. Such hope can see even sufferings as serving the good of God’s people (v24)!



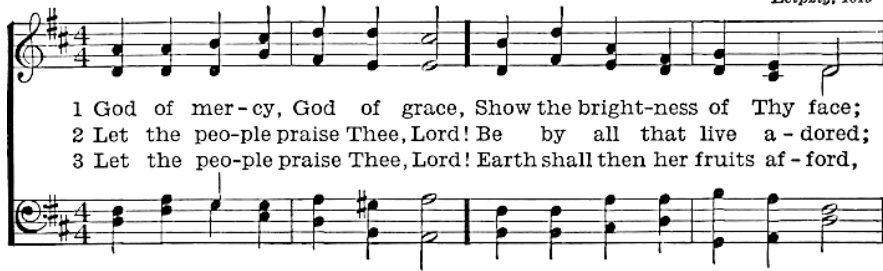
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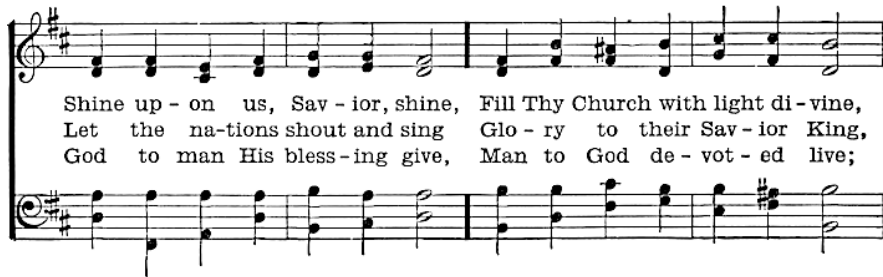
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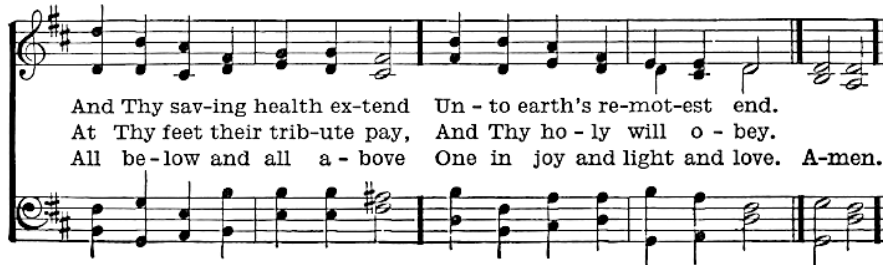
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1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright-ness of Thy face;  
2 Let the peo-ple praise Thee, Lord! Be by all that live a - dored;  
3 Let the peo-ple praise Thee, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits af - ford,



Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine, Fill Thy Church with light di - vine,  
Let the na-tions shout and sing Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King,  
God to man His bless - ing give, Man to God de - vot - ed live;



And Thy sav - ing health ex - tend Un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
At Thy feet their trib - ute pay, And Thy ho - ly will o - bey.  
All be - low and all a - bove One in joy and light and love. A - men.

