St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

 Church of the Lutheran Confession – Lakewood, Colorado



9th Sunday after Pentecost – August 7, 2022

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Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer Psalm 130 (pew bible, page 551)

Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

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> Serving Us At God's House Today Organist: Jeana Kettner Ushers: Wayne and Joshua Ruegge

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!

Order of Worship

+++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

Opening Hymn

906 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

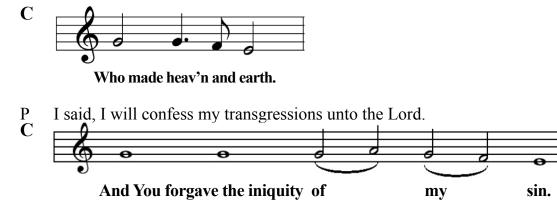
Invocation

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



Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord



- P/C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



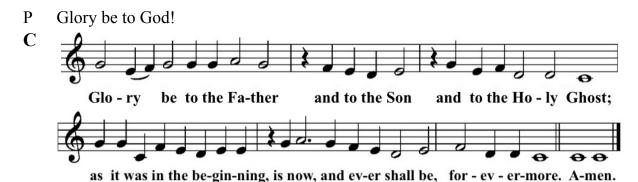
+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

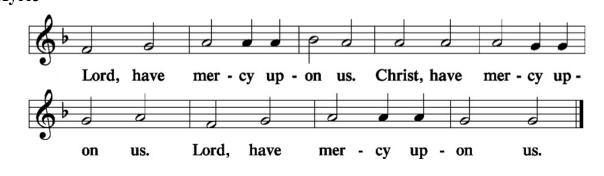
- P You showed favor to your land, O LORD:
- **C** You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- P You forgave the iniquity of your people:
- C And covered all their sins.
- P Show us your unfailing love, O LORD:
- C And grant us your salvation.
- P I will listen to what God the LORD will say:
- C He promises peace to his people, his saints.
- P Surely his salvation is near those who fear him:
- C That his glory may dwell in our land.
- P Love and faithfulness meet together:
- C Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

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Psalm 85



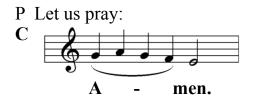
Kyrie



Congregation sings:

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! [LSB 506:1-2]



+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++

First Lesson – Exodus 12:1-17

1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is

too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire-head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD'S Passover. 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD-a lasting ordinance. 15 For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do. 17 "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.





Second Lesson – 1 Peter 1:13-25



13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy. 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of

Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.



Our Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. > And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. > And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

Sermon

618 – I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Text – Mark 14:12-16,22-25

12 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 13 So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. 14 Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15 He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there. 16 So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover. | 22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 23 Then He took the

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cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. 25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." [NKJV]

"The Supper that Spans the Ages"

Pointing to the past.
Bringing blessing in the present.
Foreshadowing a still brighter future.

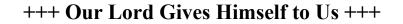
+++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++



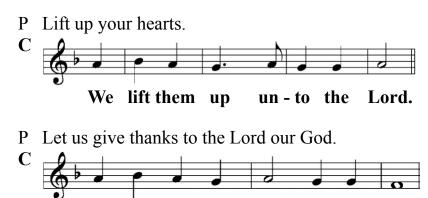
Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer

Hymn

622 (1,6-8) – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared







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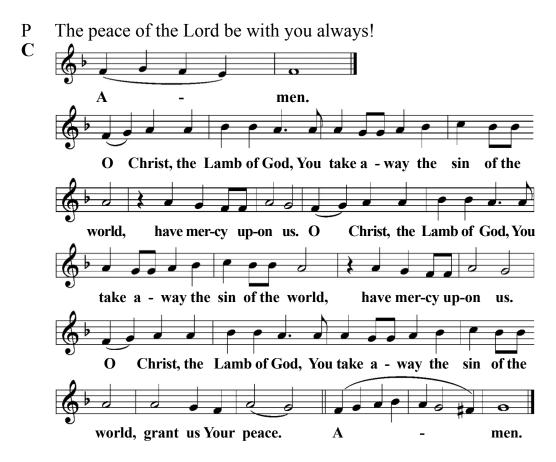
P It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising God and saying:





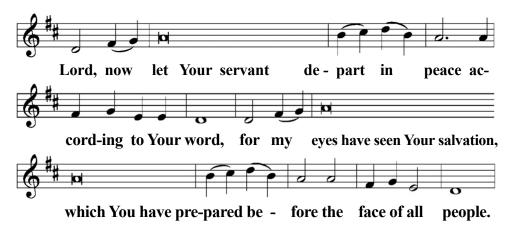


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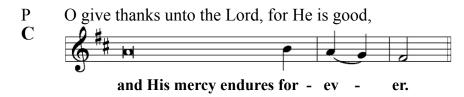
Distribution of the Sacrament

Lord, Now Let Us Depart





Thanksgiving

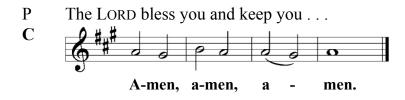


P Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this holy supper. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction



Closing Hymn

643 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/7)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sun (8/14)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service

In Our Prayers: Doug Tiefel and Karen Thompson, who both tested positive recently for Covid. <> Carrol Rankin, who is suffering from a heart arrhythmia ailment. <> May the Great Physician of Souls continue to sustain and keep them spiritually as well as physically.

Congratulations and Lord's Blessings to Carly Meyer and Scott Mess who were united in holy wedlock in a private ceremony on July 18. The ceremony was performed by Carly's brother-in-law, Pastor Matthew Ude. > The couple is at home at: 4811 S. Niagara St. #651, Denver CO 80237.

Now Available: "Invisible Sunday School" Lessons. They are intended for use as a mission outreach tool of our church, designed for families with young children. They contain a Bible story lesson, prayer, crayons, and information on where to access our website on the internet. Be encouraged to take one or more of each lesson for sharing with family/friends/neighbors. The lessons may also be left at business establishments close to where you live. New lessons to be made available on a biweekly basis. Our thanks to Sharlene and Lisa Chiappetti for their work in preparing these lessons! They may be found on the shelf by the tract rack.

Choir Practices: Next three Sundays (August 14,21,28) at 8:30 am. We will work on an anthem for the Front Range Mission Festival on August 28 in Loveland. The name of the anthem is "*I Hear the Savior Calling*" (sung to the melody of "*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*," LSB #398).

Upcoming Events

- <u>National Women's (Virtual) Retreat</u> "You're Invited! A women's event is planned for two hours on <u>Saturday, August 27, 202</u>2 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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran</u>. 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!"
- <u>Mission Festival</u> "The Front Range Joint Mission Festival will be held on <u>Sunday, August</u> <u>28</u>, at Mountain Range Shadow Clubhouse at 8401 Mummy Range Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80528. The service begins at 3 pm with Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's, Lemmon SD, as the guest speaker. A meal will be provided by the Women of Prince of Peace after the service. Please, register with your pastor by August 7 (for facilitating the meal preparation). If directions are needed, please email Pastor Wheaton at <u>tbwheaton@comcast.net</u>. Hope to see you there."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; August 8-13, '22

Mon Luke 12:22-31 After speaking about covetousness, Jesus also warns His disciples about anxiety. This unproductive concern also afflicts people in connection with earthly possessions: food, clothing, etc. Here, too, the answer is the assurance of your heavenly Father's care. We can surely trust our Maker, who provides so well for plants and animals, to clothe and feed us even better. May His will be done!

Tues Luke 12:32-34 Remembering that through Christ we have heavenly riches is what keeps us from setting our hearts on earthly possessions. Because the King of heaven watches out for us now and gives us eternal riches forever, we can afford to be generous with earthly wealth instead of coveting it or being anxious about it.

Wed Genesis 15:1-6 Abraham had just conquered kings to rescue Lot and now the Lord comes to Him and says, "Fear not!" What might he fear? That He would remain childless and the blessing for all nations would not come! But God persuades him again that He will provide both the earthly heir and the promised Savior. "And he believed the Lord" (v6).

Thurs Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12 When God persuades us to trust His Word, we come to know about our future (which cannot be seen) and about the past which we cannot see, the creation of the world. As we saw in yesterday's reading, Abraham also lived not by what he could see, but by trusting what he was promised by God.

Fri Hebrews 11:13-16 All the faithful patriarchs of the Old Testament lived by the same faith as we do. Their heart was not fixed on the things of this earth, but on a heavenly country to which they journeyed through life. This is how God has always provided for His children on earth.

Sat Jeremiah 23:23-29 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and all the Old Testament believers was sparked and nurtured by the Word of the Lord which came to them. Thus it is not a matter of pride for the Lord to be so concerned that people receive His true Word and no counterfeit, but it is a matter of life and death for us.

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