

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado

REJOICE WITH ME,
for I have found my
sheep that was lost.



Luke 15:6

17th Sunday after Pentecost
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Serving Us At God's House Today

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Pre-Service Meditation and Prayer

Psalm 20 (pew bible, page 489)

*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!*

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Opening Hymn

822 (1-3) – *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

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

C 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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.

C 
A - men.

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

P I will lift up my eyes to the hills:

C **From whence comes my help?**

P My help *comes* from the LORD:

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P He will not allow your foot to be moved:

C **He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, He who keeps Israel:

C **Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

P The LORD *is* your keeper:

C **The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.**

P The sun shall not strike you by day:

C **Nor the moon by night.**

P The LORD shall preserve you from all evil:
 C **He shall preserve your soul.**
 P The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in:
 C **From this time forth, and even forevermore.** [NKJV]

P Glory be to God!

C

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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]

P Let us pray:

C

A - men.

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

First Lesson – Exodus 32:7-14

7 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ 9 “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “O LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



Second Lesson – Luke 15:1-10



1 Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”



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. \diamond 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. \diamond 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

684 – *Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*

Sermon

Text – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

See Yourself in Paul's Story

1. Chief of sinners.
2. Chosen by grace.
3. An object of Christ's patience.
4. Grateful in His service.

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

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spi-rit with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Your pres-ence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -
 tion; and up - hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer

+++ Our Lord Gives Himself to Us +++

Hymn

629 – *What Is This Bread?*

P The Lord be with you.

C

And with your spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C

It is meet and right so to do.

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:

C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts"
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now"

P (The Lord's Prayer)

C
 For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C
 A - men.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
 take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Lord, Now Let Us Depart

Lord, now let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord-ing to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people.
 A light to light - en the Gen-tiles, and the glo - ry of Your
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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

C and His mercy endures for - ev - er.

P 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.

C A - men.

+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .

C 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

822, stanza 4



This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/2) 8:30 am Church Council Meeting
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School
Sun (10/9) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

- Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, October 16, 10:45 am
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 22, 8 to noon
- Front Range Reformation Festival hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, Oct.30, 3:00 pm, with meal following

Choir Practices are scheduled for the following Sundays in October: Oct.16,23,30 at 8:30 am. We will work on an anthem for the Front Range Reformation Service on October 30 (to be sung with choir members of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne). The anthem's title is *O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word Was Long a Hidden Treasurer* (#266 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*).

Gospel Outreach Brochures: New "John 3:16 Gospel Brochures" have been prepared and are being distributed today to all our worshipers along with the bulletin. Additional copies are in the cardboard box by the tract rack. Be encouraged to take a hand full along home today for keeping "at the ready" and sharing with folks as the Lord presents opportunities. *Challenge to everyone: Find three people this week to whom you can give a John 3:16 Brochure!*

Synod News & Notes

Call News – Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD, has received the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary (third full-time CLC missionary), to reside in Arusha, Tanzania.

Israel Trip – A CLC group trip to Israel is set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those interested. October 1st is the deadline for registering and guaranteeing that you will be able to fly to Israel and back with the rest of our group. While you can still register after October 1st, there is a good chance you would have to travel on the overseas flights separately from the others registered for the trip. We currently have 24 people registered from several CLC congregations across the country. If you have questions or would like more information about this special trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602; ndmayhew@gmail.com).

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions October 3-8 '22

Mon Luke 17:1-6 Jesus speaks to His disciples, whom He will send out as His apostles: woe to him through whom come stumbling blocks to “little ones” in faith. One way to cause spiritual stumbling would be to withhold forgiveness from one who repents of his sin against you. Forgiveness is the “coin of the realm” in His kingdom and to be used as often as a brother repents. Need greater faith to bring such a loving response? Remember it is not so much the size of our faith, as the power of Him in whom we trust.

Tues Luke 17:6-10 If God’s people have a faith that works by love, richly forgiving one another, this does not represent anything “extra” done for the Lord, but is the normal fruit of the faith which He planted in His children’s hearts. This too is the Lord’s doing, and marvelous in our eyes (cp Ps118:23).

Wed 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Paul’s apostolic band addresses the Thessalonian assembly with grace and peace, giving thanks to God for their growing faith and love, and for their steadfastness in persecutions and afflictions, by which God prepares them for the glory of His kingdom.

Thurs 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 If we walk worthy of our calling in Christ, it is God who is making us “worthy of his calling.” Both our holy desires and our works of faith are accomplished by His power and to the glory of Jesus’ name.

Fri 1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-13 The Lord moved David to prepare for the building of the Temple which Solomon would carry out. So David offered many supplies for the future building, as did the other leaders of the Israelites (vv6-9). In the face of all this David gives thanks to the Lord, from whom come both honor and riches.

Sat 1 Chronicles 29:14-18 David has given gold, silver, iron, wood, precious stones and marble slabs in abundance for the future Temple, but speaks as an “unprofitable servant” (Luke 17:10). All the abundance of his and his people’s offerings were gifts from God in the first place, and He it was who put such thoughts and purposes in their hearts.