

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



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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: Suzannah Miller

Ushers: Mark Hartmeister, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 146 (pew bible, p.558)
- ◆ The Hymns: 802, 732, 708, 921
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Amos 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-16
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 49
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Luke 16:19-31

Disciples of Christ Are Fabulously Rich People!

1. In life — 2. In death — 3. In eternity

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (921)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Amos 6:1-7

1 Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come! 2 Go to Calneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours? 3 You put off the evil day and bring near a reign of terror. 4 You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. 5 You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. 6 You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. 7 Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 49

P Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world:

C **Both low and high, rich and poor alike.**

P No man can redeem the life of another:

C **Or give to God a ransom for him.**

P The ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough:

C **That he should live on forever and not see decay.**

P Do not be overawed when a man grows rich:

C **When the splendor of his house increases.**

P For he will take nothing with him when he dies:

C **His splendor will not descend with him.**

P Though while he lived he counted himself blessed:

C **And men praise you when you prosper.**

P Man, despite his riches, does not endure:

C **He is like the beasts that perish.**

P This is the fate of those who trust in themselves:

C **Like sheep they are destined for the grave.**

P But God will redeem my life from the grave:

C **He will surely take me to himself.**

Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 6:6-16

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many

foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Sermon Text – Luke 16:19-31

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ 25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ 27 He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ 30 ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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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.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/16)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Sun (10/23)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Upcoming Event: Front Range Reformation Festival hosted by St. Paul: Sunday, October 30, 3:00 pm, with meal following

Remaining Choir Practices in October

- ▶ Next Sunday, October 23, 8:30 am
- ▶ Sunday, October 30, 2:30 pm (before the 3 pm service) with the choir members of Prince of Peace, Loveland, and Redeemer, Cheyenne

Fall Fix-Up/Clean-Up Day: This coming Saturday, October 22, 8:00 to noon. A project list is posted on the bulletin board. Come help if you can! Questions? See Mike.

New In Your Mailbox Today:

- ▶ Coordinating Council Summary (the CC met on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire, on September 21)
- ▶ CC Reports by: The CLC President, CLC Board of Missions, and ILC President
- ▶ Leaflet: "How is My Mission Offering Used?" (summary of how CLC Cooperative Budget Plan and non-budgetary CLC Special Funds offerings are used)

Kinship Sem Student Sponsorship: Our St. Paul Mary & Martha Ladies Group is supporting a new seminary student at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute in Lomé, Togo (Africa). The student's name is Jac Adossi. He is one of eight students currently attending this seminary. The annual cost for his support is \$360 which is due in January. All our members are welcome to give a donation in support of Jac's theological training. You may do so by ...

- ▶ Placing your gift in your St. Paul Offering Envelope (use the "Other Local Purpose" line on the left and write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the "specify" line), or
- ▶ Placing your gift in a plain envelope labeled "Mary/Martha Kinship" and dropping it in the collection plate.

Donations made with a check should be made payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church." Write "Mary/Martha Kinship" on the memo space. Thank you!

A Kitchen Shower List has been posted on the bulletin board in the entry way. It contains items we need to replenish before the Reformation service and meal on October 30.

St. Paul Is Hosting this year's *Front Range Reformation Festival* on Oct. 30th. The church service is at 3:00 pm with a meal to follow in the fellowship hall. The Mary & Martha Ladies have decided the following menu for the potluck meal.

- ▶ **St. Paul members** are asked to bring: 1. "Something" on a bun! Examples are pulled pork/chicken, Sloppy Joes, or something else that you would like to put on a bun! 2. Hot side dishes such as baked beans, a vegetable, or whatever you would like. 3 Chips. 4. Relishes
- ▶ **Cheyenne members** will provide desserts or other menu item.
- ▶ **Loveland members** will provide salads or other menu item.

We look forward to this fellowship time together with everyone!

In His Name,
Lisa Sprengeler, Mary & Martha President

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 17-22 '22

Mon Luke 18:1-8 Even a judge who does not fear God or respect people will at times render justice if it will make things easier for himself. How much more won't a holy God – who gave His only-begotten Son – Himself give justice and hear the prayers of His chosen ones, who cry to Him day and night. How He wants us to pray to Him!

Tues 1 John 5:13-15 Believing in the name of the Son of God not only gives assurance of eternal life, but also the confidence to pray, knowing that He hears and answers. Such faith and confidence, of course come to us from God through the writings of the apostles (in this case, John).

Wed Genesis 32:22-30 Jacob learned “always to pray and not lose heart” (Lk18:1) when he faced a threat which his own cleverness could not solve. His brother Esau, from whose murderous plans he had once run away, was now coming to meet him with 400 men! Jacob earnestly seeks the Lord's blessing by the Jabbok ford.

Thurs 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Paul, preparing to depart this life, urges young Timothy to continue in His trust of the Holy Scriptures. Not only will they teach Him of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, but they will also equip him for every good work in this life.

Fri 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Jesus once asked, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (Lk18:8). Paul seems to echo this question as he solemnly charges Timothy to preach the Word in the face of many people who will not endure sound teaching but will turn away. Nevertheless, our help is in the name of the Lord.

Sat Psalm 121 If people in trouble “head for the hills,” there is an even greater source of help in Jehovah, who made the hills, and more than that, who made heaven and earth! To whom then shall we turn in prayer? The Lord never sleeps, is our strength day and night, keeps us from all evil in all our journeys, now and forever!