

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



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**October 23, 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: Mark Hartmeister, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 27 (pew bible, p.493)
- ◆ The Hymns: 869, 755, 917 (1-3), 917 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:3-14
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 28
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

**Sermon Text – Luke 17:1-10**

***Lord, Give Me Strength for Life's Hard Tasks***

1. Two "impossible" tasks.
2. How the Lord gives strength to accomplish them.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (917, stanza 4)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4

1:1 The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received. 2 How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? 3 Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. 2:1 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. 2 Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. 4 See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous will live by his faith.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 28

P To you I call, O LORD my Rock:  
C **Do not turn a deaf ear to me.**  
P For if you remain silent:  
C **I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.**  
P Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help:  
C **As I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.**  
P Praise be to the LORD:  
C **For he has heard my cry for mercy.**  
P The LORD is my strength and my shield:  
C **My heart trusts in him, and I am helped.**  
P My heart leaps for joy:  
C **And I will give thanks to him in song.**  
P The LORD is the strength of his people:  
C **Be their shepherd, O Lord, and carry them forever.**

### Second Lesson – 2 Timothy 1:3-14

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or

ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. 13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

### **Sermon Text – Luke 17:1-10**

1 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. 2 It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. 4 If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.” 5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. 7 Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? 8 Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? 9 Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

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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 (10/23)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Sun (10/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	2:30 pm	Choir Practice
	3:00 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, with meal following

**A Hearty Thank You to Everyone** who donated items for replenishing the church kitchen pantry. It is now well stocked for the foreseeable future. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

**Kinship 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 members of St. Paul are welcome to give a donation in support of Jac's theological training. You may do so by ...

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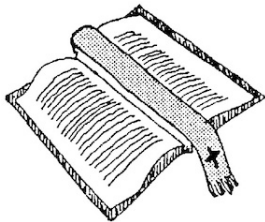
## Front Range Reformation Festival Worship Service

Next Sunday here at St. Paul starting at 3:00 pm. A meal will follow in the fellowship hall. Come, and invite a friend! <> The service will center on the blessing of having God's Word to hear and learn, read and study, in our own native language. This theme was chosen because 2022 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Martin Luther completing his translation of the New Testament into the language of the people (which he did amazingly in a period of nine months!). Luther began his translating work during his ten-month "hideaway stay" at the Wartburg Castle for security reasons. He eventually translated all the books of the Old Testament as well.

**3) The Bible.** Before Luther's time there were very few Bibles. Most of those which did exist were in places where the common people couldn't get at them. They were also written in Latin, a language the people didn't understand. God had already prepared the world for the Reformation by seeing to it that movable metal type for the printing press had been invented. The year was 1454. This made printing much faster and cheaper. Already in 1521 Luther started translating the Bible from its original languages (Hebrew and Greek) into German – the language of his country. This way Luther's countrymen could find out for themselves what God had to say rather than rely on various church leaders.

We in the Lutheran Church appreciate what God accomplished through his servant Martin Luther. We use his Catechism in our instruction classes because it presents in a simple way what the Bible teaches about our Savior from sin, our life as His people while on this earth, and the eternal future He has promised to all who believe in Him.

Excerpt from Martin Luther's Small Catechism – A Handbook of Christian Doctrine  
by Michael A. Sydow



Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,  
And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope's bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.

Preserve Your Word and preaching. The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory, The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.

[LSB #264:1,4]

## **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions**

### **October 24-29 '22**

**Mon Luke 18:18-23** A ruler thinks he has kept all the commandments summed up by “love your neighbor.” Jesus gives him a mirror’s view of himself to see that in his “keeping” of the commandments, his heart was not in it, but in his riches. Thus Jesus’ special word to him made him sad. If our inheriting eternal life were based on our doing, we would all be sad.

**Tues Luke 18:24-30** Those blessed with or striving for earthly goods are at risk for treasuring the goods above the Giver and source of all good. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Lk12:34). But God still wins the hearts of people through His own Son, whom He loves.

**Wed 1 John 2:15-17** The apostle contrasts the love of the world (lust, desires, pride) with the love of the Father. The former things pass away, but the Father abides forever. In connection with Him is lasting treasure!

**Thurs Deuteronomy 10:12-22** Forty years in the wilderness have passed, and the Children of Israel stand poised to enter the land of promise. Moses reminds them of what the Lord has done for them, how He loves them, and knows what is best for them. He urges them to give God their hearts, to love one another as He has loved them, and to depend on His promises.

**Fri 1 Kings 3:5-14** The Lord comes to young Solomon in a dream and invites him to request something from Him. Solomon prays for wisdom to lead God’s chosen people (v8). God is pleased that he first sought this, and answers that He will give him riches and honor as well.

**Sat John 15:1-8** Being connected to Jesus, the vine, gives life to the branch and strength to bear fruit, which is also connected to the vine through the branches. Remaining connected to Him is finally all that is needed, for every need is provided through Him (v7).