

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**Last Sunday of End Time – Christ the King
November 20, 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: Ruth Greening

Ushers: Wayne and Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 145 (pew bible, p.557)
- ◆ The Hymns: 904 (1-3), 348, 779 (tan hymnal), 904 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:35-43
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 98
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Colossians 1:13-20

The King of Creation is Our Rescuer

1. He came to earth once to rescue us from all evil.
2. He will come again to rescue us for eternal life with Him.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (904, stanza 4)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6

1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. 3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD. 5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 98

P Sing to the LORD a new song:

C For he has done marvelous things.

P The LORD has made his salvation known:

C And revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel:

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth:

C Burst into jubilant song with music.

P Make music to the LORD with the harp:

C With the harp and the sound of singing.

P Shout for joy before the LORD, the King:

C He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson – Luke 23:35-43

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sermon Text – Colossians 1:13-20

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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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 (11/20)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
Thurs	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Worship
Sun (11/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School and Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Choir Practice: Sunday, Dec.4,11,18, 8:30 am
- Christmas Decorating: Sunday, Dec.4, 10:45 am
- Christmas Meal & Baskets Prep: Sunday, Dec.11, 10:45 am
- Children's Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec.24, 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day Worship: Sunday, Dec.25, 9:30 am
- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Saturday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm

Reminders

- The Mary & Martha Ladies Group is planning to prepare Christmas baskets again this year for sharing with various St. Paul members and friends. If you have non-perishable food items you would like to donate, please bring them to church by Sunday, December 4. A list of donations needed is posted on the board in the church entry. (We are planning to prepare five baskets this year.) Cash or check donations for purchasing items are welcome too. These may be given to ladies' treasurer, Crystal Ruegge. Thank you!
- Live-streaming of St. Paul Worship Services is now available on Facebook at "St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church." You can also watch a livestream of our services without a Facebook account by going to: *facebook.com/StPaulLakewood*.

Synod News & Notes

Prayer Need: Word was received recently that John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, has been diagnosed with thymic carcinoma (a rare and aggressive cancer of the thymus gland). His congregation has set up a fund to help his family with the financial burdens associated with his medical care. Rather than set up another separate fund for others in the CLC, the Board of Trustees and the Presidium agreed it would be less complicated if those who would like to help would send contributions designated "Hein Gift" directly to Grace (attn: treasurer) at 460 75th Ave. NE, Fridley, MN 55432. An online option is at: <https://www.gofundme.com/john-and-janelle-hein-family>. Please remember Pastor Hein and wife Janelle and family in your prayers.

Seminar: On November 6, 2022 Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI sponsored a seminar entitled *"Hope and Help for Depression."* The featured speakers were Dean Marzofka, a CLC member with a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and over 25 years of experience, and Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI. You may view the video at tinyurl.com/depression-hope or by clicking the seminar banner at www.eauclairemessiah.com. DVD. Copies are also available by contacting Messiah at 715-834-2865 or church.office@ecmessiah.org.



Dear Lord Jesus, during Your earthly ministry
there was no sickness you could not heal
and no pain that You could not comfort.
Even now it is You who gives comfort
and healing to all who suffer.
Let Your loving hand rest upon all
who are sick or injured. Let them know
that no matter what problems they face,
Your power is made perfect in weakness.
Ease their pain, calm their fears, and encourage
their faith with the promise of Your grace. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 21-26 '22

Mon Luke 12:35-40 The message of Christ's second coming on the last day is "Be ready!" We will not be able to predict the time of His coming so we need to be ready at all times. This is not, however, like preparing for a hurricane, or some other disaster, but rather preparing for a time of great joy and blessing (v37-38).

Tues Revelation 22:6-13 The revelation to John closes as it began (1:8) with the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, promising repeatedly "I am coming soon," "the time is near" (v.7,10,12). Only the One who is coming is worthy of our worship, for He is the eternal One, our Savior God.

Wed Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4 The prophet finds himself in the midst of violence, iniquity, destruction, strife, and contention, and he cries to the Lord for help. The Lord's answer (2:1-4) is that the time of vindication is near, even though it may seem slow in coming. Trust Him!

Thurs James 1:16-18 On a national day of Thanksgiving, many may be recognizing the blessings that have been showered upon us in the form of food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, etc. The child of God is also blessed to know the source of every good gift, and the promise of continued (and eternal) care by Him who is more lasting than the sun, moon, and stars.

Fri Colossians 1:13-20 He whose blessed coming we await is not just our friend, who laid down His life for us, but also the ruler of a kingdom (v13). He is the King of Creation, Son of God and Son of man, in whom all things hold together (v17). There is nothing in the universe, except sin, that is not in some way related to Him.

Sat Jeremiah 23:1-6 Jesus would one day echo the prophet's "woes" upon the religious leaders of God's people, who shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces (cpMt23:13). But the shepherds who destroy and scatter the Lord's flock will be dealt with by the Lord Himself (v2). And that same Lord will gather the remnant of His flock and bring salvation and security under the reign of David's descendant, "The Lord our righteousness" (v6).