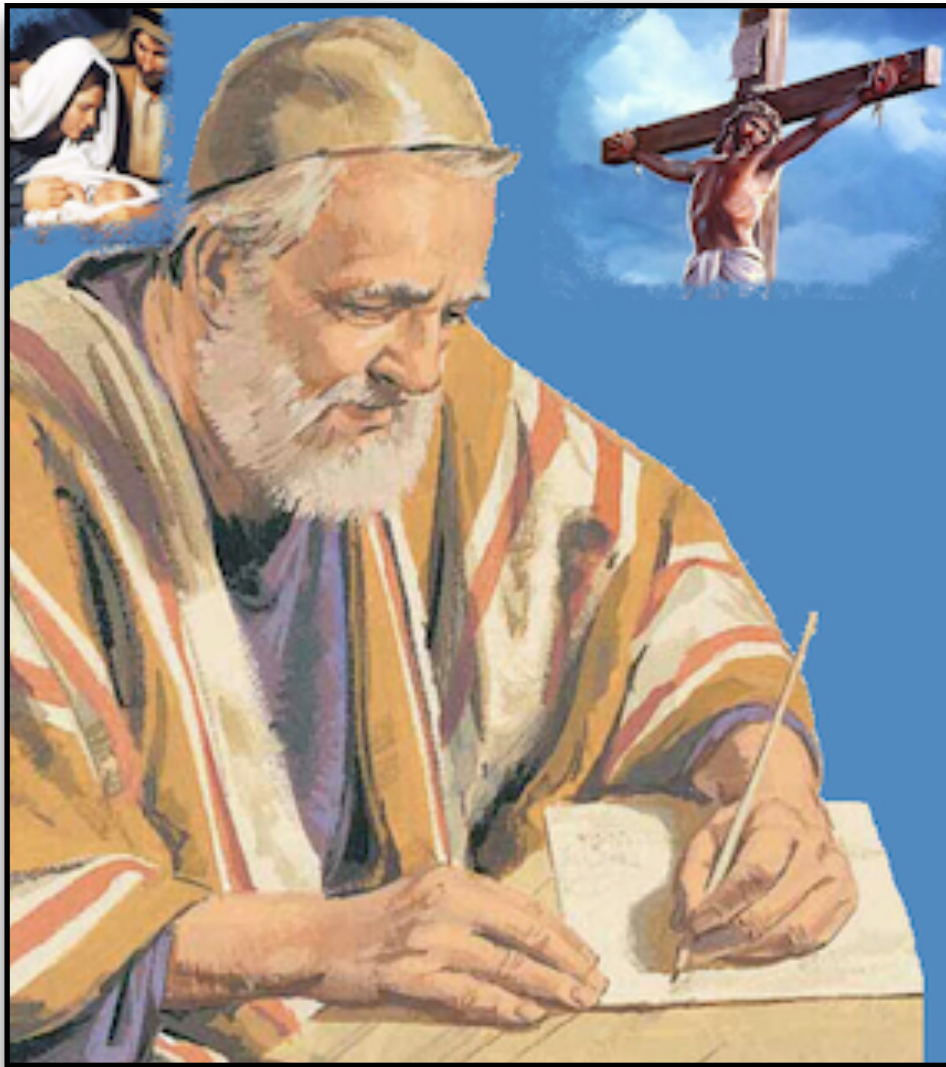


# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –  
Lakewood, Colorado



*"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14.*

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent – December 18, 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: Jeanna Kettner

Ushers: Bob Rankin, Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 92 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 384, 332, 376 (1-4), 376 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 24
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

**Sermon Text – Isaiah 7:10-14**

***God Gives a Sign for All Times!***

1. To call forth faith.
2. To identify the Savior.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (376, stanza 5)

# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – Romans 1:1-7

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. 6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 24

P The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it:

**C The world, and all who live in it;**

P For he founded it upon the seas:

**C And established it upon the waters.**

P Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?:

**C Who may stand in his holy place?**

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart:

**C He will receive blessing from God his Savior.**

P Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors:

**C That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is this King of glory?:

**C The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

P Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors:

**C That the King of glory may come in.**

P Who is he, this King of glory?:

**C The Lord Almighty— he is the King of glory.**

## **Second Lesson – Matthew 1:18-25**

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

## **Sermon Text – Isaiah 7:10-14**

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 11 “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” 12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” 13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

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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 (12/18)      8:30 am Choir Practice  
                         9:30 am Worship Service  
                         10:45 am Children's Christmas Eve Service Practice  
Sat                    6:30 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service  
Sun (12/25)        9:30 am Christmas Day Worship

### **Extended Calendar**

- New Year's Eve Communion Service: Saturday, Dec.31, 7:00 pm
- CLC Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) Presentation: Sunday, Jan.15, 10:45 am
- Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Jan.22, 10:45 am
- Annual Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Jan.29, 10:45 am

**In Our Prayers:** The family of Alan Kannas, brother-in-law of Velma Clark, who was called home to heaven last Wednesday, December 14. Alan lived in Castlewood, South Dakota (near Watertown). He was a member of a Lutheran church in that city. May the Lord comfort his wife, Noma (Velma's sister) and his family members and friends with His everlasting Gospel comfort.

**Attention, *Daily Rest* Subscribers:** Extra copies of the most recent issue (which, for some reason, have not been delivered by the Postal Service) are available in the church entry by the tract racks (sent to us by request by the CLC Bookhouse). Feel free to take home a copy if yours did not arrive this week. If you are not a subscriber, feel free to take any remaining copies (after our subscribers take theirs), first come, first served!

## Synod News & Notes

Thanksgiving Memorial Gift Opportunity – *"Dear brothers: Our brethren in the CLCI informed the Bd. of Missions of their plans to hold a large memorial service to thank the Lord of the Church for the work and ministry of Pastor VS Benjamin, the founder of the CLCI. They requested financial assistance for outstanding hospital and funeral expenses, as well as for costs associated with a memorial service at which they expect 5,000 attendees. With my approval, the Bd. of Missions has sent funds from Kinship to help with these expenses. As a result, Kinship is in need of replenishment. Please let your flocks know of this opportunity for us to express our gratitude to the Lord for Pastor Benjamin's service and for the blessing of Christian fellowship with the CLCI through offerings designated to Kinship. In Jesus' name, Pres. Michael Eichstadt"*

ILC Building Project Information – The ILC Building Committee has produced promotional materials for the new ILC Fieldhouse and Fine Arts Center project, which was approved by the 2022 CLC Convention. The Building Committee presentation and brochure are available in our narthex. The PDF presentation can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-pres). An impressive video "walk-through" of the future facilities can be seen at [www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru](http://www.tinyurl.com/ilcbp-walkthru). Additional publicity materials will follow, including an online presence and progress reports. Contributions toward this project should be identified as "ILC Building Project."

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### December 19-24 '22

**Mon Psalm 147:12-20** *What the fathers most desired...* As we near the end of the Psalms and the end of Advent, the Hallelujahs praising God begin to cascade over one another. It is He who protects, blesses, makes peace, fills us with good things, and the list goes on. Best of all, He declares His word to us, which judges us righteous in connection with His Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we are about to celebrate.

**Tues Deuteronomy 18:15-19** *What the prophets' heart inspired...* Moses is addressing the Children of Israel before he is taken from them. Having warned them about the soothsayers in the countries that lie ahead of them, he points to the true source of Wisdom, the Prophet who is yet to come, who will speak to them the words of life.

**Wed Isaiah 12:2-3** The prophet Isaiah looks to the approaching joy when we are saved from God's anger over our sins. The Lord, our strength and song, is totally trustworthy, and His forgiveness means that we may enjoy the water of life!

**Thurs Isaiah 12:4-6** The day approaching is a day of joyful songs worshiping and thanking God and proclaiming His glorious deeds in all the earth. Truly He who comes to dwell with us is great in every respect!

**Fri John 1:15-18** *What they longed for many a year...* As great as John the Baptist was, the Savior who came after him was far greater. He was greater than the prophets and apostles, who all received grace upon grace from Him. He was greater even than Moses, who brought God's law which shows our sin, while the Christ delivered us from sin, death, and hell.

**Sat 1 John 1:1-4** *Stands fulfilled in glory here (TLH91).* The blessings of God extend from the beginning of the world to all eternity. The Father sent His Son to give us life, to draw us to Himself and to one another. All of His loving-kindnesses in sustaining our present life pale when compared to the joyous eternal fellowship with Him and each other.