

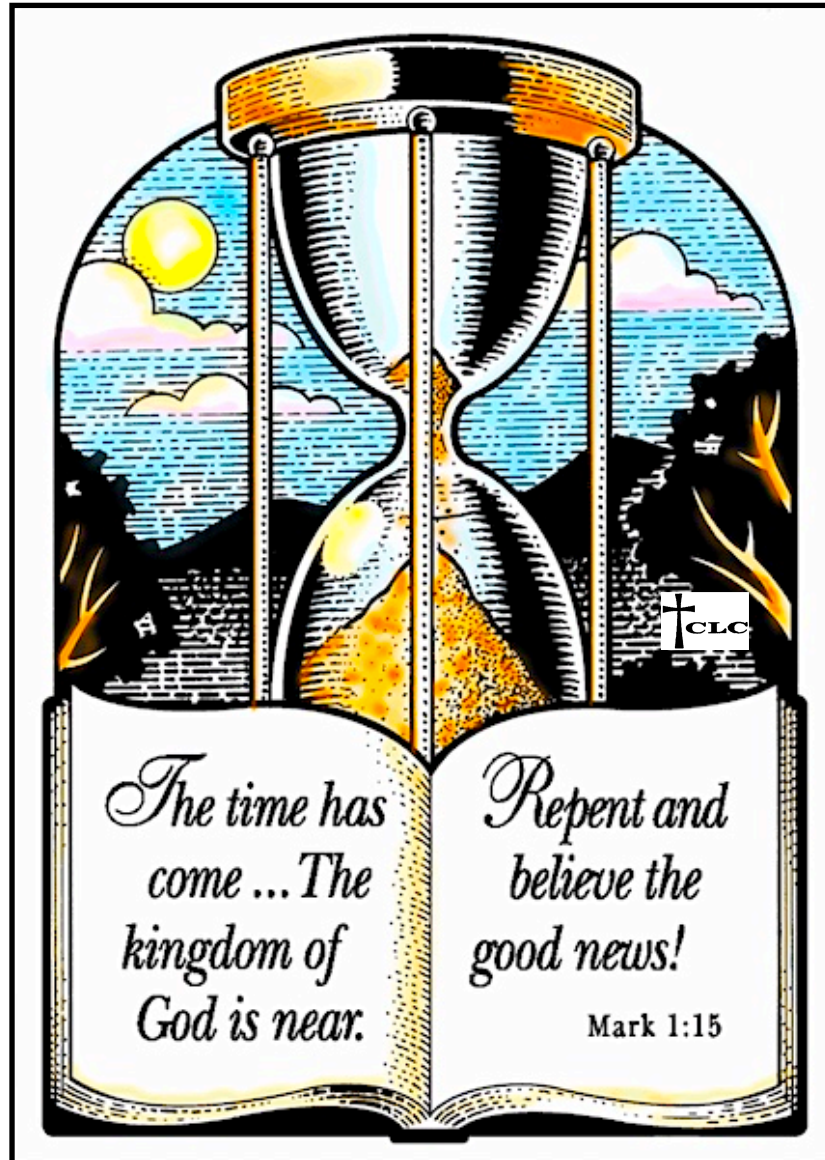
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214

Pastor: Thomas Schuetze, 303-428-5524, trschuetze@yahoo.com

Congregation President: Ed Chiappetti, 303-882-1776

Sunday School Superintendent: Derek Barthels



www.denverlutheran.com

Find us on Facebook at: "St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church"

Member Congregation:

Church of the Lutheran Confession

www.clclutheran.org



1st Sunday in Lent – February 18, 2024

Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Jeana Kettner

Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 42 (pew bible, p.502)
- ◆ The Hymns: 873, 746, 418, 919
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 22:1-18, Romans 8:31-39
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 6
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Mark 1:12-15

"A Lenten Invitation to You"

1. Relive the Warrior's battle
2. Believe the Victor's message

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (919)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Genesis 22:1-18

The Sacrifice of Isaac

1 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” 15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 6

A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress

P O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger:
C **Nor discipline me in your wrath.**

P Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing:
C **Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**
P Turn, O LORD, deliver my life:
C **Save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**
P I am weary with my moaning:
C **My eye wastes away because of grief.**
P Depart from me, all you workers of evil:
C **For the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**
P The LORD has heard my plea:
C **The LORD accepts my prayer.**

Second Lesson – Romans 8:31-39

God's Everlasting Love

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon Text – Mark 1:12-15 *The Temptation of Jesus and Beginning of His Ministry*

12 The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible*, English Standard Version®, copyright © 2016 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Announcements

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you'd like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (2/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming Events

Wed. Lenten Services: Feb 21,28; Mar 6,13,20, 7:00 pm
Palm Sunday Worship: Mar 24, 9:30 am
(Palm Sunday brunch served by men, 10:45 am)
Maundy Thursday Communion Service: March 28, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship: March 29, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship: March 31, 9:30 am

Our Second Midweek Lenten Service will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will conduct the service at St. Paul. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Redeemer in Cheyenne. See the poster in the narthex for details.

CLC Youth Camp is in need of A Head Cook and Cooking Staff to prepare meals for the campers during the week of camp (June 9-15, 2024) on the ILC campus. Former Head Cook April Sydow is willing to work with the new cooks to help organize and plan in preparation for camp. If you would like to volunteer in either of these roles, please contact Camp Directors Sam Radermacher or Amber Casto at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com.

Sermon Podcasts: For 65 years, the CLC's "Ministry by Mail" has been producing print sermons for distribution. Originally this was done by postal mail, especially for members

living at a distance from their home church or serving in the military. With the arrival of the internet, sermons began being sent by email and posted online (www.lutheransermons.org). Ministry by Mail now offers audio versions of their sermons through weekly Podcast services. You can find these sermons on most major podcast platforms such as Google, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify by searching “*CLC Ministry by Mail.*” Hit “subscribe” or “follow” to receive notifications of weekly uploads. Contact Ministry by Mail editor, Nathan Pfeiffer, for more information – editor@lutheransermons.org

"The Traveling Vacation Bible School Committee is making plans for our summer TVBS program. If your congregation is looking for help in hosting Vacation Bible School in your congregation, please contact us as soon as possible with a proposed date for your session and we'll include that date in our summer plans. The deadline for requests is March 1. Please note this year we are only planning to send teaching teams. If this is something you plan on speaking with your congregation about, a quick reply stating that you are 'interested and looking into it' is very helpful for planning purposes as we begin seeking volunteers soon. < The Committee is also looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by either sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. Several congregations have helped in these ways and have found that both congregations benefit from this fellowship. The TVBS committee deeply appreciates the help we receive from congregations, ladies' groups, and individuals of the CLC who support the TVBS program with their prayers and their donations. < If you have any questions please contact Ryan Hammett at hammettr@gmail.com."

Call News: Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights MN, is still considering the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire.

ILC Dorm Supervisors: After serving as dorm supervisors, both Paul and Courtney Agenten plan on resigning at the end of this academic year. We thank them both for their faithful service to the Lord and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2024-25 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students who are living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck (dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at ilc.edu > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 1.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 19-24

Mon Matthew 11:20-24 The rejection of Jesus by the cities in which He worked would finally lead to His cross, yet He sees the terrible consequences, not for Himself, but for them.

Tues Hebrews 12:14-17 The writer to the Hebrews warns against worldly lifestyles that would separate us from God's grace in Christ, as Esau was separated from his birthright.

Wed Jeremiah 2:17-19 The Lord through His prophet Jeremiah calls to the people to recognize the evil and bitterness that come from forsaking their fear of the Lord their God. It is not God's wish that they bring this on themselves.

Thurs Jeremiah 3:22-23 The Lord calls to His unfaithful people to come unto Him, and His call evokes a blessed response. There is salvation for Israel in the Lord their God (v23)!

Fri Luke 4:23-30 Even in His home town of Nazareth, Jesus would meet opposition from those who saw Him as no different from all the others. When He points this out to them, they are ready to stone Him. But His will be a different kind of death.

Sat Romans 11:17-24 Paul points out that we are in the olive tree because God grafted us in, while others were broken off because of unbelief. Remain in His kindness and pray that others may yet be grafted back into the tree.