

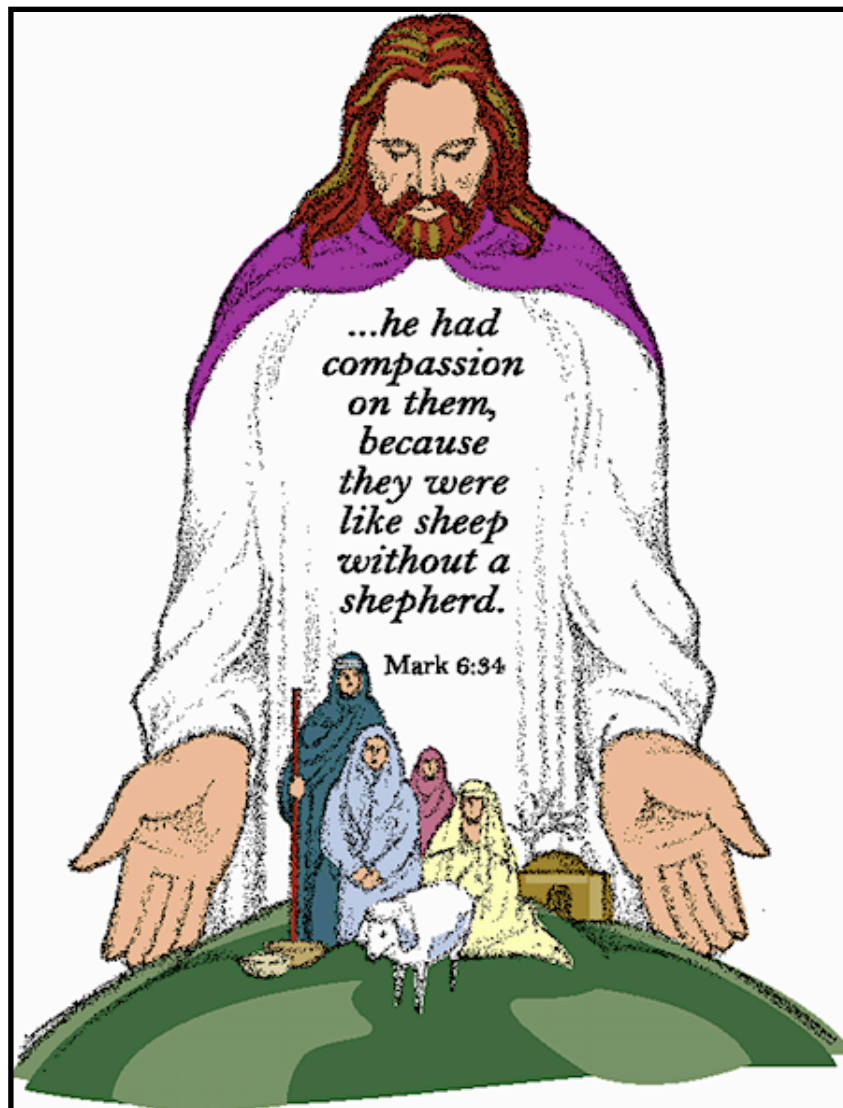
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 21, 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 Carly Mess

Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 23 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 529 (1-4), 710, 32\*, 529 (5)    *\*printed on p.7*
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Mark 6:30-34
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 85
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

## **Sermon Text – Ephesians 2:13-22**

### **Theme – "*When the Walls Came Tumbling Down*"**

1. Walls *seemingly* immovable.
2. Walls destroyed by Jesus.
3. Now all Christians are one in Him!

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Father's Day Prayer / Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (529, stanza 5)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Prophecy of the Righteous  
Branch Who Is to Come*

1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. 3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. 5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 85

*A Prayer for the Lord's Favor*

P LORD, you were favorable to your land:

**C You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P You forgave the iniquity of your people:

**C You covered all their sin.**

P You withdrew all your wrath:

**C You turned from your hot anger.**

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD:

**C And grant us your salvation.**

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak:

**C For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him:

**C That glory may dwell in our land.**

P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet:

**C Righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

## **Second Lesson – Mark 6:30-34**

## *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand*

30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

## **Sermon Text – Ephesians 2:13-22**

## *Brought Near by His Blood*

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests!** We are 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 would 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 (7/21)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (7/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

**In Our Prayers:** Pastor Tim Wheaton who is undergoing medical tests for a thyroid ailment.

### **Bible Class Topics Ideas**

Our Sunday morning adult Bible Class, currently in summer recess, is scheduled to resume on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8. If you have suggestions for study topics or a particular book of the Bible you would be interested in digging into more deeply, please share them with the pastor. Thank you.

### **Evangelism Seminar**

A representative of the Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF), Mark Tiefel, is coming to the Front Range next month to present an evangelism seminar at Redeemer, Cheyenne, and Prince of Peace, Loveland (on Friday morning and Saturday morning, August 23-24, respectively). Mark has also offered to present a seminar here at St. Paul on the evening of Friday, August 23, if feasible. We will ask for a show of hands after today's service to get an idea on how many of our parishioners might be able to attend. A decision on hosting the seminar will be made at the quarterly voters meeting next Sunday. Information about the seminar:

- The presentation is 60-90 minutes long, depending on discussion.
  - The title of the presentation is “Acts of Evangelism” and takes a look at evangelism examples from the Book of Acts while applying them to modern circumstances.
- There is also an opportunity to hear about how the CDF can support our local

mission efforts and some of the projects they have available for use in our CLC congregations.

- Travel costs and presentation needs are covered by the CDF.
- Some congregations plan a meal with the presentation but this is optional.

**Young Adults Bible Study:** The first session was held last Tuesday evening in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library in Castle Pines, with six in attendance. Our next session (same time and place) is planned for Tuesday, August 20. Questions? See Derek Barthels or the pastor.

### Synod News & Notes

- Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI following Pastor Michael Eichstadt's retirement in September.
- Twelve CLC Mission Helpers along with three team leaders (Pastors Mike Gurath, Tom Naumann, and Missionary Ohlmann) traveled to Africa recently to visit our Christian brothers and sisters living in the east-African nations of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. During their time in Africa they are proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to thousands of children. You can follow along with their trip blog at [www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com](http://www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com). Remember to include them in your prayers/
- This year's Women's Retreat West is scheduled to be hosted by the Women's Fellowship of St Paul in Bismarck, ND. The dates are September 13-15 (registration closes August 13th.) This year's theme is: *"Be Encouraged, to Excel Still More."* (1 Thessalonians 4:1) *"Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more."* The retreat will begin with a dinner cruise on the Missouri River and include presentations on hospitality, witnessing, mentoring (for all ages), Bible study strategies, creative ideas for journaling, prayer, and memorization, a variety of mini sessions, and optional excursions to the ND Heritage Center and Annual Bismarck Street Fair. To register, or for more information, go to: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/> or contact Sandy Roehl at [sroehl@bis.midco.net](mailto:sroehl@bis.midco.net)

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions – July 22-27

**Mon Mark 8:34-38** Jesus calls to both crowd and disciples. To follow Him is to walk not the way of comfort but of the cross (instrument of death). To avoid the way of the cross is to lose the life that He came to give us.

**Tues Acts 16:12-15** Luke has joined Paul's group of missionaries and tells how the Lord called to Lydia by the riverbank and opened her heart to receive the Gospel. Both she and her household are baptized, and she wants to serve the cause.

**Wed Exodus 3:1-14** The Lord calls to Moses from a burning bush which is not consumed. It is the right time to answer His people's cries for help. They will be saved from Egypt through Moses, but it will be the great "I Am" who will save them.

**Thurs Isaiah 54:7-8** A picture worth repeating: The Lord calls to His people like a bridegroom speaking to His wayward and restored bride. In everlasting mercy He will have compassion on them. He is their Redeemer, the Lord.

**Fri Isaiah 54:9-10** God calls to His people as He spoke to Noah after the flood. His mercy is everlasting, and even if there is no mountain to set one's foot upon, yet His mercy will not be removed, His covenant of peace will remain.

**Sat Isaiah 54:11-13** The Lord calls to His people as to a ruined city. Even the lowliest parts of your buildings will sparkle with sapphires and rubies. Even your boundaries will shine with precious gems. All your children will be taught by the Lord.

## Hymn after the Lord's Prayer

When sinners see their lost condition  
And feel the pressing load of sin  
And Jesus comes on his blest mission  
To heal the sin-sick heart within,  
All grief must flee before his grace,  
And joy divine will take its place.

When Jesus enters meek and lowly  
To fill the home with sweetest peace;  
When hearts have felt his blessing holy  
And found from sin complete release,  
Then light and calm within shall reign  
And hearts divided love again.

When Jesus enters land and nation  
And changes people with his love,  
When, yielding to his kind persuasion,  
Our hearts his truth and blessing prove,  
Then shall our life on earth be blest;  
The peace of God on us shall rest.

When Jesus comes – O blessed story –  
He works a change in heart and life;  
God's kingdom comes with pow'r and glory  
To young and old, to man and wife.  
Through Sacrament and living Word  
Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

Oh, may he soon to ev'ry nation  
Find entrance where he is unknown,  
With life and light and free salvation,  
That Satan's pow'r be overthrown  
And healing to the hearts may come  
In heathen land and Christian home!

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