

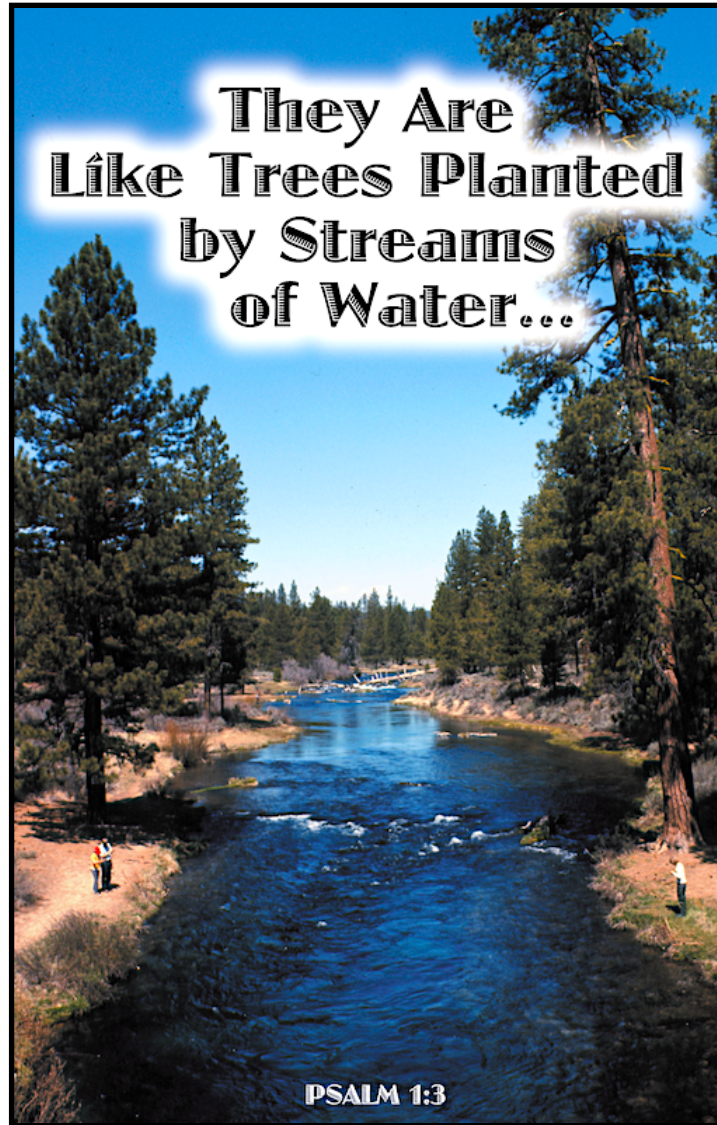
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4th Sunday after Pentecost – June 16, 2024

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 Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 52 (pew bible, p.507)
- ◆ The Hymns: 812, 830, 540 (1-5), 540 (6)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10, Mark 4:26-34
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 92
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Ezekiel 17:22-24

Theme

Tracing the Growth of the Mighty Word of God

1. Its establishment. 2. Its development. 3. Its fruits.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Father's Day Prayer / Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (540, stanza 6)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Our Heavenly Dwelling

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Psalm of the Day – From 92

God Causes the Righteous to Flourish

P How great are your works, O LORD!:

C **Your thoughts are very deep!**

P The stupid man cannot know:

C **The fool cannot understand this,**

P That though the wicked sprout like grass:

C **And all evildoers flourish,**

P They are doomed to destruction forever:

C **But you, O LORD, are on high forever.**

P The righteous flourish like the palm tree, they are planted in the house of the LORD:

C **They flourish in the courts of our God.**

P They still bear fruit in old age:

C **They are ever full of sap and green.**

P To declare that the LORD is upright:

C **He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

Second Lesson – Mark 4:26-34

The Parables of the Growing Seed and the Mustard Seed

26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” 30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Sermon Text – Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord Will Plant and Grow His Church

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

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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 (6/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (6/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

Church Meetings Scheduled in July: Mary/Martha Ladies: Sunday, July 14, 10:45 am
Church Council: Sunday, July 21, 8:30 am
Quarterly Voters: Sunday, July 28, 10:45 am

36th CLC Delegates Convention

- Dates: June 20-23, 2024
- Location: Campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
- Theme: *“Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord (Psalm 100:1).
I. The Lord is God. II. The Lord is Good.”*
- Representing St. Paul: Derek Barthels, Wayne Ruegge, Pastor Schuetze. Derek has been assigned to serve on Floor Committee #7 (Elections), Wayne on Floor Committee #4 (Doctrine), Pastor Schuetze on Floor Committee #1 (President's Report / Board of Ed & Publications).
- The Convention Prospectus (containing information on matters to be considered at this year's convention) may be viewed by logging into the CLC Website at: clclutheran.org



Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 6, 8:00 to Noon

Young Adults Bible Study: Efforts are underway to begin a midweek Bible study for young adult members and friends of St. Paul (on a monthly basis initially). The first session is planned for Tuesday, July 16, in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library in Castle Pines. The reservation is for 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. For the first meeting the plan is to share ideas for specific topics or sections of Scripture to study in coming months. If you have questions speak to Derek Barthels or the pastor.

Women's Retreat: The CLC Women's Retreat West will be holding a retreat this fall with the theme *“Be Encouraged.”* The dates are Friday - Sunday, September 13-15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. Sign-up deadline is August 13, 2024. Retreat & sign-up information can be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church.



Oh, blessed home where man and wife Together lead a godly life,
By love their faith confessing! There many a happy day is spent;
There Jesus gladly will consent To tarry with His blessing.

If they have given Him their heart, The place of honor set apart
For Him each night and morrow, Then He the storms of life will calm,
Will bring for every wound a balm, And change to joy their sorrow.

Oh, Lord, we come before Your face; In every home bestow Your grace
On children, father, mother. Relieve their wants; their burdens ease.
Let them together dwell in peace And love to one another. Amen.



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 17-22

Mon Matthew 5:1-3 When Jesus sees the crowds, are perhaps some of them in deep poverty? Without God's blessing no earthly wealth will enrich them, but in Jesus they have His blessing, and God rules for them.

Tues Matthew 5:4 No one envies mourners, for they have suffered great loss. But Jesus is joy that more than balances sorrow, and this equals comfort. Those who mourn because of their sin will find forgiveness in Him.

Wed Matthew 5:5 In the eyes of the world it is the strong who survive, but Jesus says it is those who depend on God's strength, not their own, who will "own" the earth, all things working together for their good.

Thurs Matthew 5:6 Can hunger and thirst ever be a blessing? If it is hunger and thirst for what God has promised in Jesus – righteousness, peace, forgiveness, and life – then indeed it does have a blessed future in its fulfillment.

Fri Acts 4:1-12 Although the apostles were arrested for proclaiming the resurrection in connection with Jesus (v3), the number of believers increased greatly. Although Jesus had been rejected and crucified, He was risen, and salvation was preached in His name to the leaders of those who opposed Him.

Sat Genesis 17:1-9 Although it has been 24 years without Abram seeing the fulfillment of God's promises, God continues to fortify his faith by repeating the promises as the time for fulfillment draws near. His name would now be Abraham, reflecting the many nations of which he by faith would be the father.