

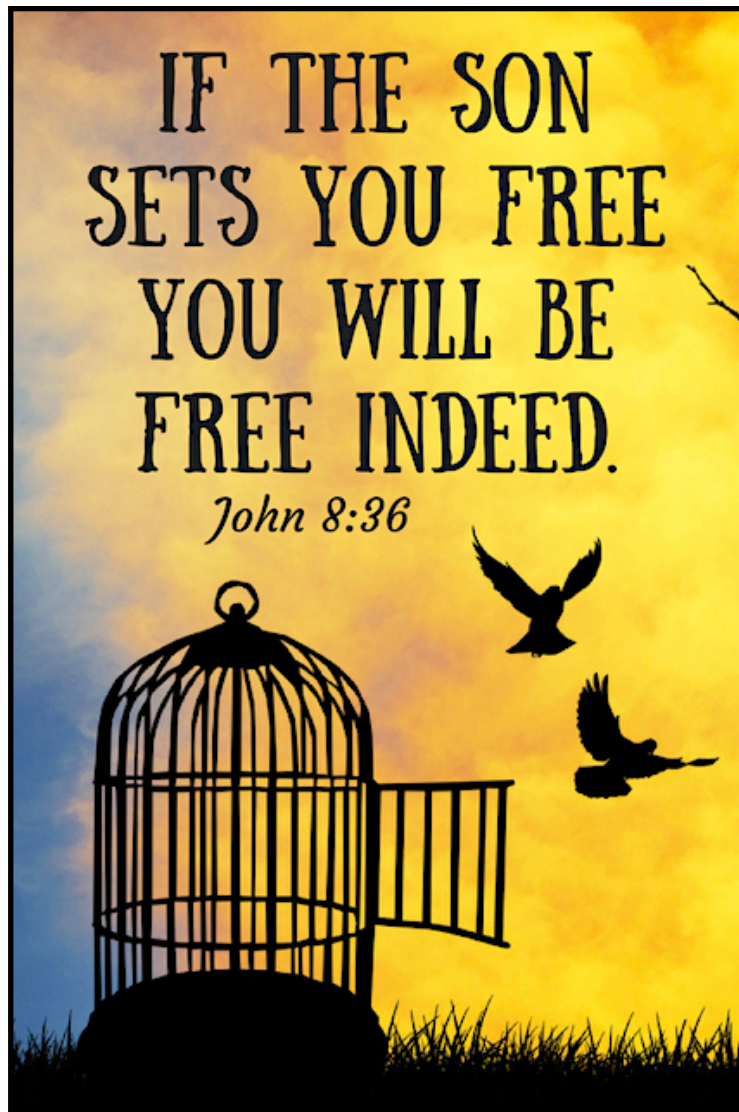
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6th Sunday after Pentecost – June 30, 2024

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

Lay Minister Wayne Ruegge; Organist Carly Mess
Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 66 (pew bible, p.513)
- ◆ The Hymns: 790, 966, 832, 965
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 6:15-23, John 8:31-36
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 118
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Theme

"True Freedom in Christ"

(A CLC Ministry-by-Mail Sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (965)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Romans 6:15-23

From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm of the Day – From 118

Praise God for His Everlasting Mercy

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

C For his steadfast love endures forever!

P Let those who fear the LORD say:

C "His steadfast love endures forever."

P Out of my distress I called on the LORD:

C The LORD answered me and set me free.

P The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:

C What can man do to me?

P It is better to take refuge in the LORD:

C Than to trust in man.

P It is better to take refuge in the LORD:

C Than to trust in princes.

P I was pushed hard, so that I was falling:

C But the LORD helped me.

P The LORD is my strength and my song:

C He has become my salvation.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

C For his steadfast love endures forever!

Second Lesson – John 8:31-36

The Truth Will Set You Free

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” 34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Sermon Text – Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Christ Has Set Us Free

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. | 13 After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. 14 In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself. 15 But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. 16 What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. 17 For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law. [EHV]

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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 (6/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sat	8:00 am	Summer Clean-Up (till noon)
Sun (7/7)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

Church Meetings Up-Coming 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

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.

July Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Lisa Sprengeler, July 3

Nicholas Peters, July 9

Shawna Fritzler, July 28

(Ed & Sharlene Chiappetti, July 4)

(Dennis & Jennifer Roberson, July 4)

(Wayne & Crystal Ruegge, July 13)

(Darrick & Naomi Peters, July 15)

(Fred & Bobbie Brethauer, July 16)

(Scott & Carly Mess, July 18)

(Jordan & Sarah Potter, July 19)

(Travis & Kylee Acker, July 28)

Pastor Schuetze is out of town attending the CLC Convention in Wisconsin and visiting family in Minnesota. Our thanks to Wayne Ruegge for conducting the service in his absence.



Independence Day Prayer

Gracious Lord, as the United States pauses to commemorate its independence, we think of the many blessings of Your undeserved love which You have showered on us as a nation. Forgive our many complaints and our negligence in offering up prayers for Your continued blessing upon our land. Continue to allow us peace and bless all honest endeavors. Do not let our wonderful freedoms be abused or removed. Let justice and right prevail. Place loyalty in the hearts of our citizens so that all may take an active role to do away with wrong and foster what is right. Above all, preserve our freedom to call on You and to praise Your saving name. May the message of the Gospel of Jesus be freely proclaimed for the eternal blessing of precious souls He purchased to be His own by His blood. Bless our land for Jesus' sake. Amen.

