

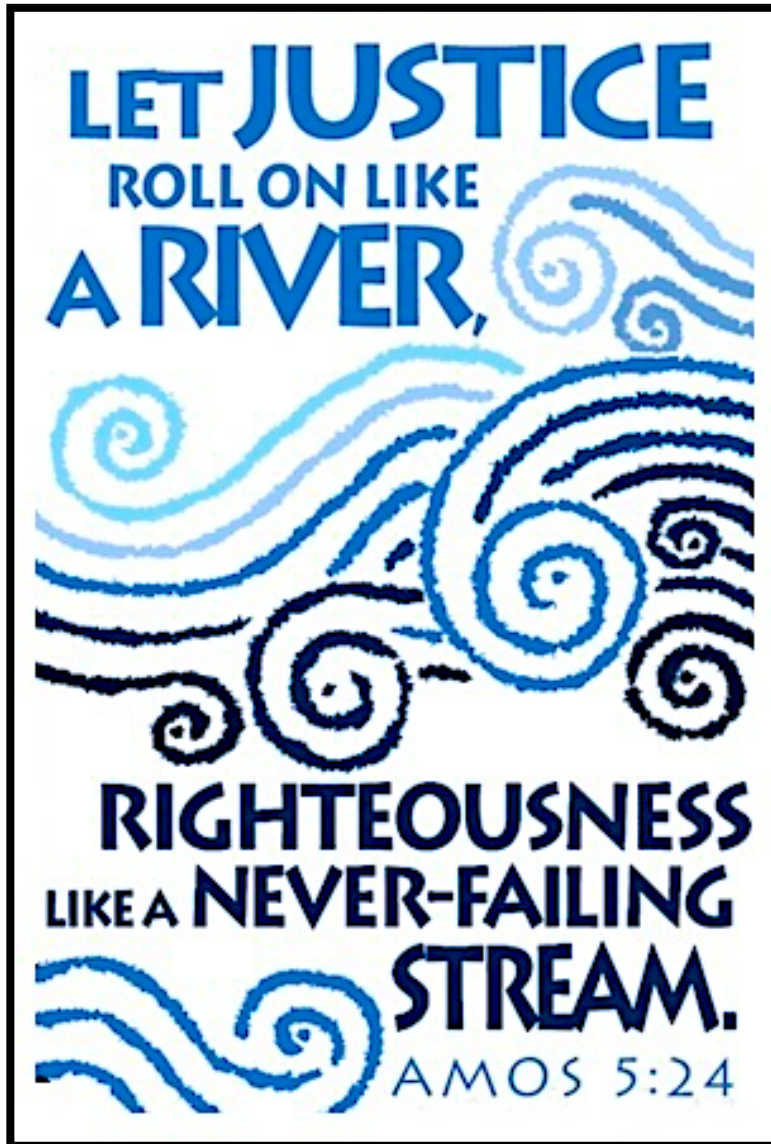
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 14, 2024**

**A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

Find today's order of worship printed in this bulletin  
starting on page 3.

Serving Us Today: Organist Jeana Kettner  
Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Bob Rankin

### **Pre-Service Meditation & Prayer**

Psalm 19 – pew bible, page 489

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away all fear.*

*It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.*

*By You my prayers acceptance gain  
Although with sin defiled.  
Satan accuses me in vain,  
For God calls me His child.*

*O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## +++ We Prepare to Meet Our Lord +++

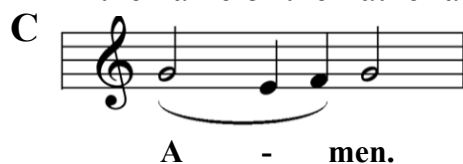
### Opening Prayer

Hymn

686 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

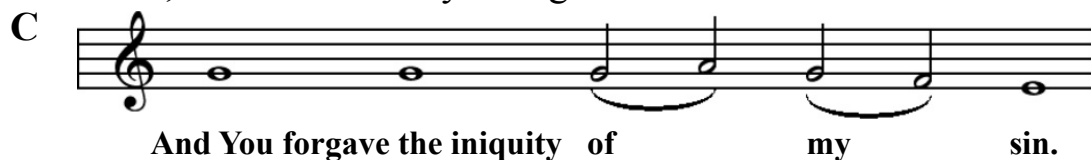


### Our Confession of Sins

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C 

+++ We Praise Our Lord +++

Psalm of the Day

From Psalm 143

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!:

C **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant:

C **For no one living is righteous before you.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done:

C **I ponder the work of your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to you:

C **My soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P Answer me quickly, O LORD!:

C **Hide not your face from me.**

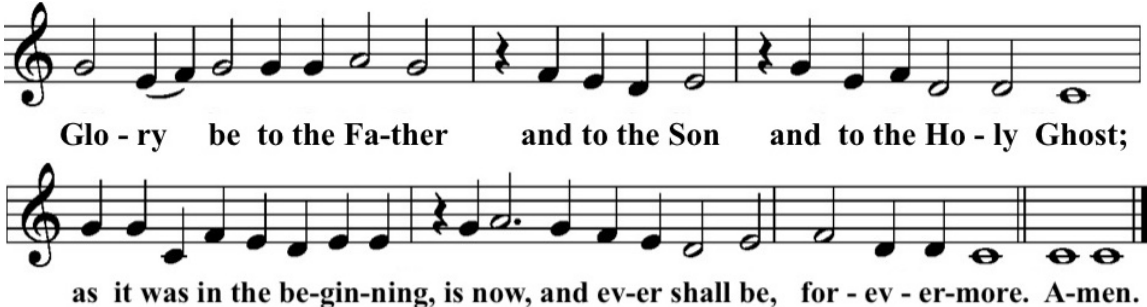
P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love:

C **For in you I trust.**

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!:

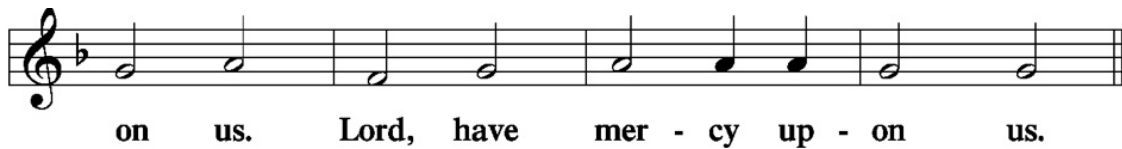
C **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P Glory be to God!

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Kyrie





**Congregation sings:**

**All glory be to God on high, And thanks for all His favor;  
 No harm can touch or terrify, A child of God forever.  
 The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will,  
 to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

P Let us pray:



**+++ Our Lord Speaks to Us in His Word +++**

**First Lesson – Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Spiritual Blessings in Christ*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it. Alleluia!



## Second Lesson – Mark 6:7-13

*Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles*



7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



## Our Confession of Faith

*The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn

935 – *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

## Sermon

Text – Amos 7:10-15

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" 12 And Amaziah said to

Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." 14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. 15 But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

## Theme – "When False Prophet Meets True Prophet"

1. The false prophet continues in his lies.
2. The true prophet keeps confessing the truth.

### +++ We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord +++

#### Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spi - rit with-in me.  
Cast me not a-way from Your pres - ence, and  
take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.  
Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up-  
hold me with Your free spir -  
it. A - men.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts / Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**

526 – *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

**+++ Our Lord Blesses Us +++**

**Benediction**

P The LORD bless you and keep you . . .



A-men, a-men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn**

924 – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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**This Week at St. Paul**

- Today (7/14)      9:30 am    Worship Service
- 10:45 am    Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
- Tues                6:00 pm    Young Adult Bible Study at Castle Pines  
*(see note below)*
- Sun (7/21)        8:30 am    Church Council Meeting
- 9:30 am    Worship Service

**Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 28, 10:45 am**

**In Our Prayers:** Caleb Rankin, grandson of Bob and Carrol Rankin, who sustained injuries (broken leg and other injuries) in an automobile accident last Monday. He is receiving medical care in ICU at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge.



### **Young Adults Bible Study**

This 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. The plan for our first session is to share ideas for topics or sections of the Bible to study in coming months. If you have questions speak to Derek Barthels or the pastor. All young adult members and friends of St. Paul are invited. See pastor if you need transportation.

### **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 at St. Paul on the evening of Friday, August 23, if feasible for us. Today and next Sunday we will ask for a show of hands after the service to get an idea on how many St. Paul parishioners might be able to attend such a seminar (and whether it is feasible for us to host it). Information on 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 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.

If Friday evening of August 23 turns out to be unfeasible for us, Mark has indicated that he or another representative of the CDF are open to coming to Lakewood at a different time of the year.

### **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.

## Synod News & Notes

- Twelve CLC Mission Helpers along with three team leaders (Pastors Mike Gurath, Tom Naumann, and Missionary Ohlmann) traveled to Africa last Monday 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 many thousands of children. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through their trip blog at [www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com](http://www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com). Remember to include them in your prayers.
- We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for Missionary Peter Evensen, who is recovering from knee surgery (to remove fluid caused by a staph infection). He was discharged from the hospital in Lincoln, NE, last Saturday. On Thursday Peter shared the following note: *"Thank you all for your prayers and messages. The surgery last Wednesday went well. The surgeon cleaned out a lot of fluid from my knee ... For now I am back at my friend's in Lincoln convalescing. I am getting around ok with a walker. Next week I will get the 14 staples out of the incision and will have a follow up with infectious diseases. Please continue to pray for my recovery."*
- *Call News:* Mr. Rick Mariner, a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to fill their high school teacher vacancy. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Sleepy Eye/New Ulm, MN, and Hales Corners, WI. <> Teaching vacancies currently exist at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, and Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

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## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions – July 15-20

**Mon Matthew 13:44-46** Our corrupt human nature may tell us that when heaven rules, we are hindered from reaching our full potential, but Jesus says that God's rule is worth more than all we have!

**Tues Acts 16:22-28** The crowd at Philippi attacks Paul and Barnabas for helping a slave girl, throwing both of them into prison. The prisoners listen to them praying and singing, and miraculously do not escape when the doors open!

**Wed Acts 16:29-33** The prisoners have not escaped, so the jailer does escape from death by his own hand, and finds an even greater salvation in the Lord Jesus. He and all his family are baptized!

**Thurs Genesis 28:10-15** Jacob is suffering a kind of exile as a result of his own actions, but the Lord still approaches him with Messianic and personal promises. He will not leave Jacob until He has done what He promised!

**Fri Genesis 28:16-22** Jacob awakes and never wants to forget the precious promises that have been given to him at this place. In view of God's promises, Jacob also responds with some promises of his own!

**Sat 2 Peter 1:2-11** In view of God's ever-increasing grace and peace toward us, Peter encourages us to look for fruits of faith which will support one another and reassure us on our pathway to the King!