

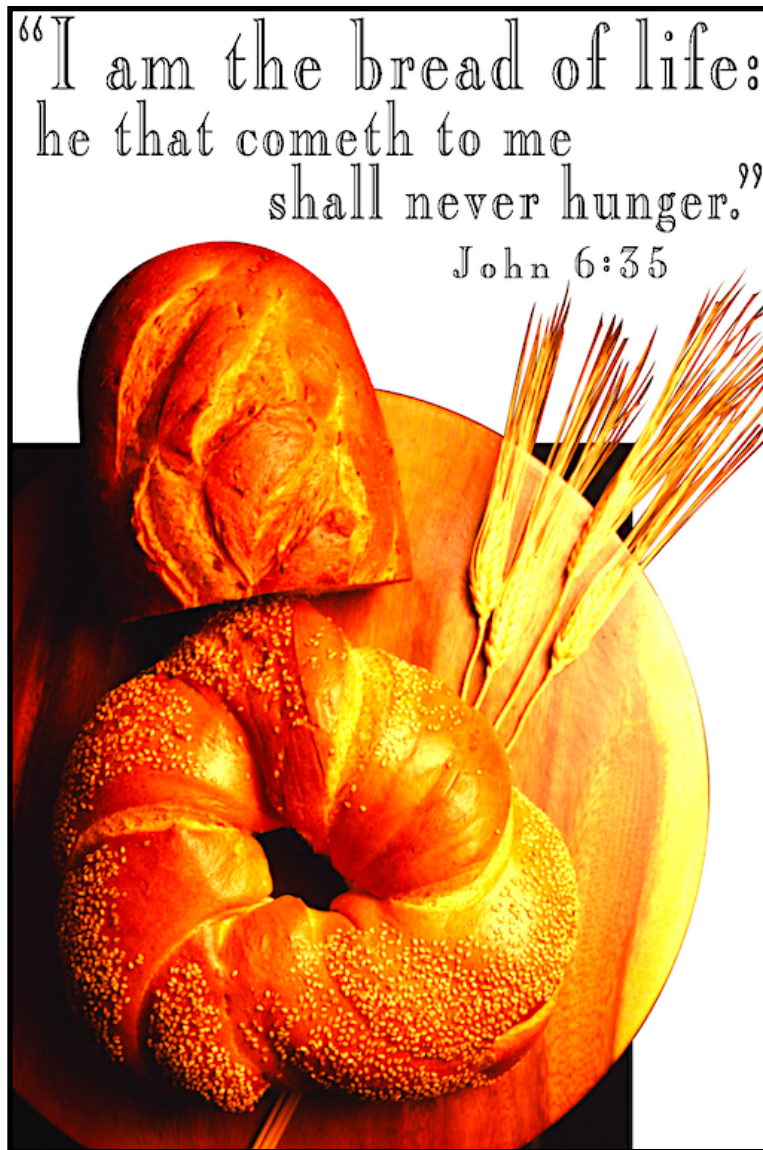
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10th Sunday after Pentecost – July 28, 2024

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 Wayne Ruegge, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 133 (pew bible, p.552)
- ◆ The Hymns: 913, 575, 685, 698
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Exodus 24:3-11, John 6:1-15
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 84
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Theme

Let Us Endeavor to Keep the Unity of the Spirit!

1. By walking worthy of our Christian calling.
2. By growing up in every way into Christ our Head.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (698)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Exodus 24:3-11

God Seals His Covenant with Israel

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. 6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” 8 And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 84

P How lovely is your dwelling place:

C O LORD of hosts!

P My soul longs, yes, faints:

C For the courts of the LORD.

P Blessed are those who dwell in your house:

C Ever singing your praise!

P For a day in your courts is better:

C Than a thousand elsewhere.

P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God:

C Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

P O LORD of hosts:

C Blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Second Lesson – John 6:1-15

Feeding the Five Thousand

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, 9 “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” 15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Unity in the Body of Christ

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. | 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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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 (7/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Tue	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (8/4)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)

In Our Prayers – Julie Ann Zamora who is dealing with migraine headaches. We pray the Lord to attend her with His mercy grant her healing according to His gracious will.

Bible Class Topics Ideas – Our Sunday morning adult Bible Class, currently in recess, is scheduled to resume on the Sunday after Labor Day. 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.

Young Adults Midweek Bible Study

- When: Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Where: Reserved room of the Douglas County Library, Castle Pines
- Study Topic: Discussion of the book *Mere Christianity* (Book I), by C. S. Lewis.
- 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. <> Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN has announced that he will be retiring from the ministry at the end of this year.
- The CLC mission helpers returned home from their trip to Africa last Thursday. You can read about experiences they had over the past weeks, as they went about their work of sharing the Gospel, and see photos, at this address on the internet: www.2024clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com.
- 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

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions (July 29 – August 3)

Mon Matthew 14:22-34 Not even stormy waves or contrary winds can keep the Lord Jesus from coming to His disciples in their time of need. He will patiently rescue even one of little faith.

Tues Acts 24:22-26 Although Felix did not have the best reasons for sending for Paul (hoping Paul would give him money, v26), it gave Paul opportunities to speak about things Felix needed to hear before the coming judgment.

Wed Exodus 17:1-7 The Lord has been feeding His people miraculously with manna and quail, but when there is no water, they do not look to Him, but quarrel with Him, testing Him. Still His patience is so great that He supplies water from a rock for them.

Thurs Romans 13:8-10 The sum of all the commandments is: love. Love God. Love neighbor. God has already shown His love toward us in Christ Jesus. When we show love to our neighbor we are showing them how God feels about them.

Fri 2 Timothy 1:7-10 A spirit of power and love and sound judgment is a great gift from God. Even when we suffer for the Gospel, we can rely on the power of God, who revealed immortality through the Gospel.

Sat John 6:66-69 Jesus would walk through a storm on Galilee to be with His disciples (Mt14). Many of his disciples, however, turned away from Him. But Peter speaks for the Twelve: recognizing immortality in His words inspires their continued following of Him.