

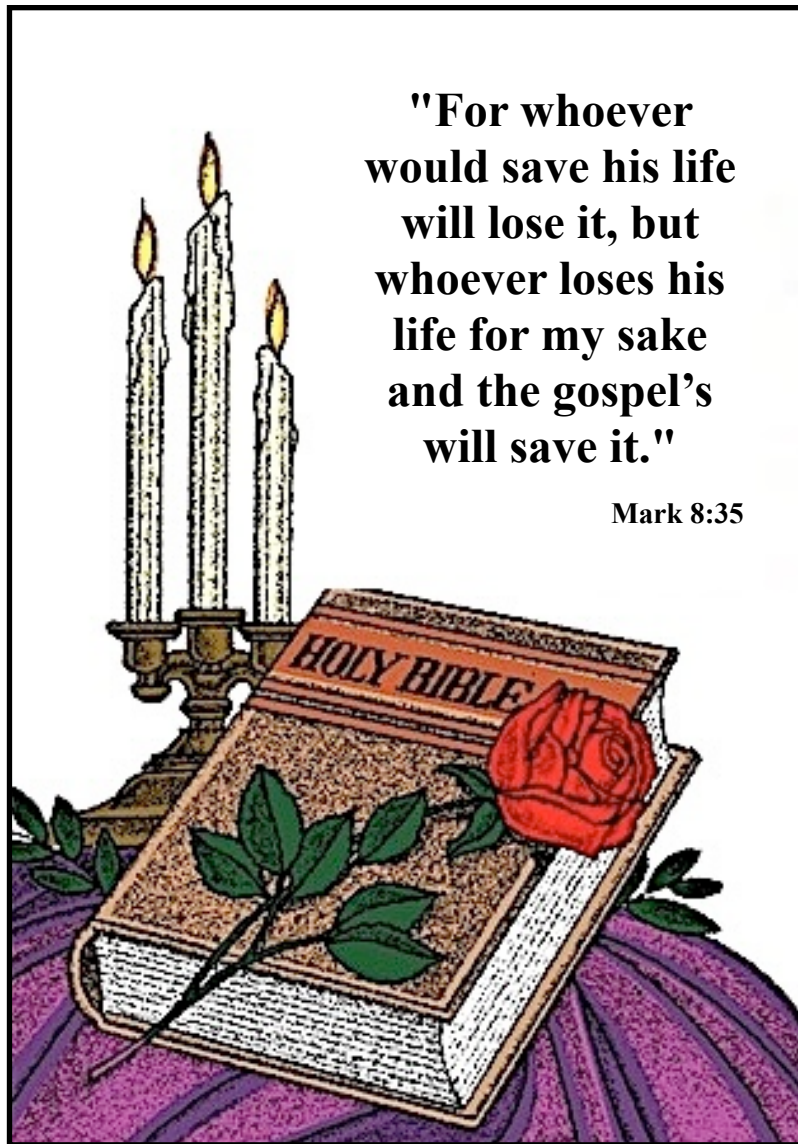
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**"For whoever
would save his life
will lose it, but
whoever loses his
life for my sake
and the gospel's
will save it."**

Mark 8:35

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17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 15, 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 Mike Sprengeler, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 62 (pew bible, page 512)
- ◆ The Hymns: 812, 852, 688, 427
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-10; James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 116
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Mark 8:27-35

Theme:

***Jesus, Our Divine Instructor, Clarifies
Our Understanding of the Word***

1. ... about His identity.
2. ... about His mission.
3. ... about our lives as His disciples.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (427)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord's Servant, Israel's Hope

4 “The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 “For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10 “Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely upon his God.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 116

I Love the Lord

P I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice:

C And my supplications.

P Because He has inclined his ear to me:

C Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous:

C I was brought low, and He saved me.

P For You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death:

C My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

P What shall I render to the LORD:

C For all His benefits toward me?

P I will take up the cup of salvation:

C And call upon the name of the LORD.

Second Lesson – James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

Beware of Personal Favoritism

Faith Without Works Is Dead

1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3

and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? | 8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. | 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Sermon Text – Mark 8:27-35

*Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ
Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection
Take Up the Cross and Follow Him*

27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?” 28 So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.” 30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School (downstairs)
Sun (9/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming

- Young Adults Midweek Bible Study: Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Castle Pines (*see note below*)
- Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, September 28 (8:00 am to noon)
- Elders Meeting: Week of October 13, day and time TBD.

Adult Bible Class: The second session for the new study year will be held shortly following the service (downstairs). The study topic will be James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18 (the "Second Lesson" for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost, which Pastor will read from the lectern during today's worship service).

The Next Midweek Bible Study for young adults is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 (6:00 pm to 7:30 pm) in Castle Pines, in a reserved room of the Douglas County Library. Study topic: Book 2 "What Christians Believe" of *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. 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.

Vacancy Call: Last week Pastor Schuetze received a divine call to serve as vacancy pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, after Pastor Tim Wheaton steps down from the ministry at the end of September for health reasons. Pastor Schuetze will share more information regarding this call after today's service.

We Ask the Lord for His Continuing Gracious Care for Pastor Wheaton, Missionary Peter Evensen, and Pastor Del Maas, all of whom are dealing with various medical ailments.

Synod News & Notes

- Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024.
- St. Stephen-West (Mountain View, CA) and East Bay (Hayward, CA) are effectively now a combined congregation. St. Stephen of the East Bay has resolved to dissolve the congregation on 12/31/24. The members of the congregation have been encouraged to transfer their membership to St. Stephen-West in Mountain View prior to the dissolution date, which most of the East Bay members have done already. Sunday worship services in Hayward will be maintained through the end of Pastor Luke Bernthal's service in October. The hope is that in the near future a preaching station in the East Bay region (Oakland area) will be established, along with our current preaching stations in Stockton and Sacramento.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 16-21

Mon Matthew 25:14-30 The Lord works in His kingdom through His faithful servants. Entrusted with different gifts, different results are expected, but he who refuses to use his gift is actually striving against his Master.

Tues 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24 In closing his letter to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul encourages them to work hard, help one another, and continue in the Spirit. “The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it” (v24).

Wed 1 Kings 17:17-24 The “man of God” (Elijah) uses his connection with God to help the widow who is sharing her home and sustenance with him. The life of the widow’s son is restored and Elijah gives him back to his mother.

Thurs Matthew 21:33-46 In a parable Jesus shows how the leaders in God’s vineyard have used their positions for their own purposes. The leaders understand His message and want to arrest Him, but fear the people.

Fri Ephesians 5:15-21 The apostle is urging the Ephesian Christians to bear fruit for the Lord in their lives. Making the most of the time and not losing control, they are called to build one another up in reverence for Christ.

Sat 1 Peter 2:3-9 Peter quotes the same passage that his Master quoted in Thursday’s reading. As followers of the Living Stone, God makes us His living stones, useful for His purposes. Christ is the Cornerstone and makes us “chosen people, a royal priesthood, etc.”