

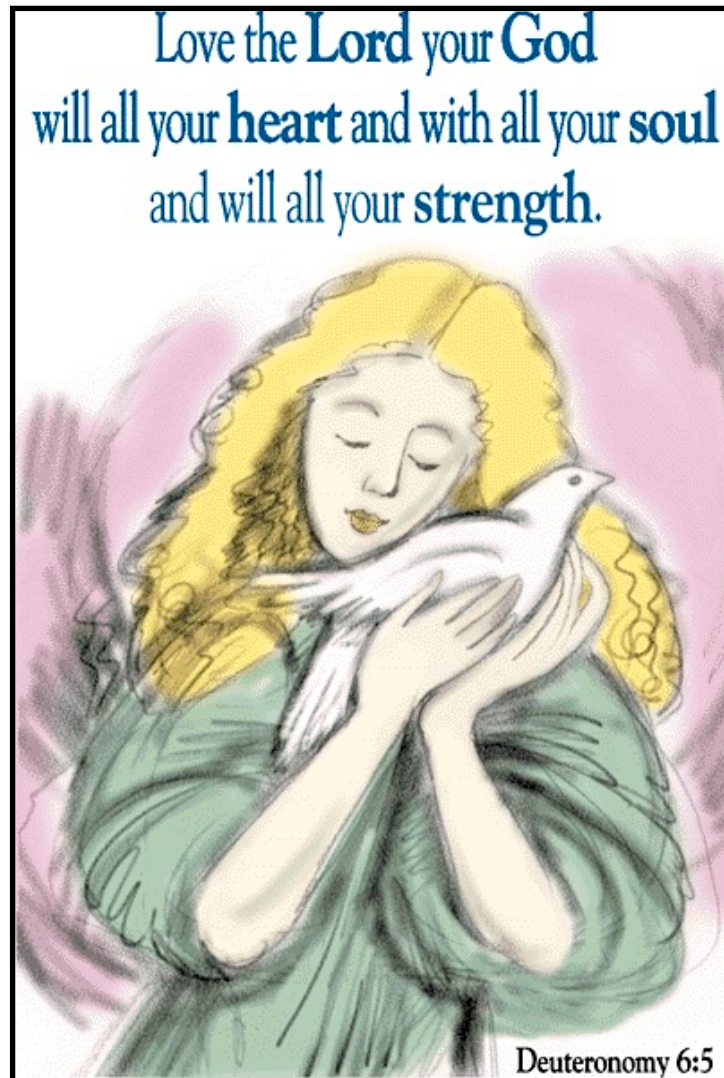
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 6, 2025**

**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.

**Today's Order of Worship** is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



**W**here two or three  
are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst  
of them.

Serving Us Today

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Bob Rankin, Mike Sprengeler

Communion Usher: Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:1-8 (pew bible, page 545)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 684, 705, 865, 917
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 103
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 22:34-40

**Sermon**



**Text – Exodus 20:1-6**

**Theme – *The First Commandment:  
"You Shall Have No Other  
Gods"***

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and  
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – Romans 12:1-2

*Offer Your Body as a Living Sacrifice to God*

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 103

*Praise the Lord for His Mercies*

P Bless the LORD, O my soul:

**C And all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul:

**C And forget not all His benefits.**

P Who forgives all your iniquities:

**C Who heals all your diseases.**

P Who redeems your life from destruction:

**C Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies.**

O As a father pities his children:

**C So the LORD pities those who fear Him.**

P For He knows our frame:

**C He remembers that we are dust.**

P As for man, his days are like grass:

**C As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.**

P For the wind passes over it, and it is gone:

**C And its place remembers it no more.**

P But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him:

**C And His righteousness to children's children.**

P To such as keep His covenant:

**C And to those who remember His commandments to do them.**

## **Second Lesson – Matthew 22:34-40**

### *Jesus Teaches About the Great Commandment*

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "*You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.*" 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

## **Sermon Text – Exodus 20:1-6**

### *The First Commandment*

1 And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

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## **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (7/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Jesse Cornish Graduation Reception
Sat	8:00 am	Summer Clean-Up Day (till noon)
Sun (7/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting

**July Meetings:** Church Council – Sunday July 20  
Quarterly Voters – Sunday July 27

**Thank You!** The St. Paul Mary & Martha ladies group thanks the congregation for your generous gifts of money to help pay for this year's kinship student we are sponsoring. Because of your generous gifts, we met our goal of \$600, plus more! Mary & Martha voted to keep the extra money donated toward our Kinship renewal for 2026.

## **Synod News & Notes**

**Mission Helper Trip** – Eight CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the simple Gospel message to children in Himalayan villages where Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession congregations and preaching stations are located. You can read the trip blog and see pictures at: [www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com](http://www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com).

**Call News** – Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, has resigned his call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, and has stepped down from the pastoral ministry. <> Mr. Rick Mariner has accepted the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Mountain View CA, Red Wing MN, Manchester MO, Eau Claire WI, and Middleton WI, <> Teachings vacancies currently exist at Okabena MN and Fond du Lac WI.

**Good News from ILC** – This fall, Immanuel Lutheran College is projected to have over 30 students enrolled for first time in nearly 20 years. Of these, 15 are in the pre-theology program (studying to be pastors). 11 are in the teacher-training program. If all current pre-theology students to on to graduate, we would expect the following: 1 new pastor in May 2027 and May 2029. In May 2030 there would be 4 new pastors and 1 Limited Ministry candidate, the following year 5 new pastors, the year after that 2 new pastors, and the year after that 3 new pastors. We pray the Lord of the Church to richly bless the studies of all the students enrolled in the three departments at ILC (high school, college, and seminary).

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### July 7-12

**Mon Matthew 5:17-19** Jesus supports the entire Old Testament, whether Law, which He will keep, or Prophets, which He will fulfill completely as our substitute, our promised Savior.

**Tues Acts 3:9-26** The people were amazed to see the lame man healed, and Peter is swift to credit Jesus for the healing, as well as forgiveness (v19). In Him is the fulfillment of all the prophets' promises (v24)!

**Wed Numbers 23:7-12** Balak hired Balaam, the sorcerer, to try to get the Lord to stop blessing the Israelites. But Balaam cannot manipulate the God of Israel, who is intent on blessing many through Israel.

**Thurs Ezekiel 18:20-24** To go against the Lord of life means death. The prophet is clear on that. But the Lord does not desire people's death, but that they would turn back to Him and live!

**Fri Matthew 5:20-26** The righteousness that Jesus gives us is greater than that of the Scribes and Pharisees. e.g. Not only will we refrain from murder, but also from hurting or harming by word or deed.

**Sat Romans 6:3-11** Our new life comes from being baptized into Jesus' death, so that we might also live with Him. As He died to sin on the cross, so also we consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ.



## Post-Independence Day Prayers

Gracious Lord, as the United States paused this past week to commemorate its independence, we think of the many blessings of love 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 homeland. 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.

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Almighty Lord, before Your throne  
Your mourning people bend;  
'Tis on Your grace in Christ alone  
Our failing hopes depend.

Dark judgments from Your heavy hand  
Your dreadful power display;  
Yet mercy spares our guilty land,  
And still we live to pray.



How changed, alas, are truths divine  
For error, guilt, and shame!  
What impious numbers, bold in sin,  
Disgrace the Christian name!

Oh, turn us, turn us, mighty Lord;  
Convert us by Your grace!  
Then shall our hearts obey Your Word  
And see again Your face.

Then, should oppressing foes invade,  
We will not yield to fear,  
Secure of all-sufficient aid  
When God in Christ is near.



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### June 30 - July 5

**Mon Matthew 5:13** Jesus calls His followers salt. Now, salt has certain abilities, like enhancing flavor. But if it loses its abilities, it is good for nothing, no matter what it is called. Lord, help us to be what You made us!

**Tues Matthew 5:14-16** Jesus, the light of the world (Jn8:12), also calls His followers “light.” He does not want us to be dark or hidden, but rather to live among people in such a way as to glorify our God and Father.

**Wed Acts 3:1-9** Peter and John have no money to give a lame beggar, but give him health in Jesus’ name. The man enters the temple, walking, jumping and praising God. The people see and God is glorified!

**Thurs Numbers 21:4-9** The peoples’ complaints against God call forth His judgment. When they seek His mercy, their lives are spared through looking at a bronze snake lifted up on a pole (cp Jn3:14).

**Fri Job 36:26-33** Elihu answers human complaints against God by pointing to God’s goodness and power in gathering up drops of water to provide rain, how His lightning shines to the depths, and His thunder warns.

**Sat Job 37:1-13** When we hear the voice of thunder, and see the lightning fill the sky, when we see the clouds swirling, and the rain and snow falling at God’s direction, who are we to sit in judgment on Him?

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

**June 23-28**

*(catching up from the past 2 weeks)*

**Mon Matthew 5:1-12** Blessings are pronounced upon the lowly ones in this life (vv3-6), who also reflect their Savior's mercy, purity, peace, and sufferings (vv7-12) in their daily walk. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

**Tues Acts 2:42-47** As the early Christians continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching, they also showed their Lord's love to one another and were viewed favorably by all the people (v47).

**Wed Exodus 34:1-10** Moses ascends Mt. Sinai again with stone tablets. The Lord, compassionate and gracious, promises to do marvelous things for His people, which all the people around them will see.

**Thurs Psalm 139:1-6** The Psalmist sings of the wonders of our God. He is All-knowing! He knows where we go, what we do. And even before there is a word on our tongue, He already knows it completely!

**Fri Psalm 139:7-12** Our God is present everywhere, so He is able to be with us always, guarding and guiding us by His hand. When things are dark for us, they are never dark for Him, but light as day!

**Sat Psalm 139:13-24** Our God has shown His great power in our creation, and His goodness in His precious thoughts toward us! He would never side with the wicked. Lord, lead me always in your way!