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8th Sunday after Pentecost – August 3, 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.

Liturgical Notes for the Season of Pentecost

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ in the "festival half" of the church year (December-June), the worshipping Church spends the remainder of the church year (June-November) focusing on the teachings of Christ ("non-festival half"). The liturgical paraments up front are green in color as a reminder that the Holy Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to help us to grow in our faith, producing fruits of faith for His glory. Appointed lessons during this time cover a great body of doctrine for our faith and life as God's people. This year we are reviewing in sermons God's will for our lives as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Today's topic: The Fourth Commandment.



Serving Us Today

Organist: Jeana Kettner

Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

Communion Usher: Wayne Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 148 (pew bible, page 559)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 864, 866, 623, 577
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 78
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 6:1-4, Luke 2:41-52

Sermon



Text – Proverbs 1:8-9

**Theme – *"Father and Mother, God's
Representatives in the Home"***

1. Blessings God gives to children through their parents.
2. Incentives He gives to children for honoring their parents.

(review of the Fourth Commandment)

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

Today's Scriptures

📖 First Lesson – Ephesians 6:1-4

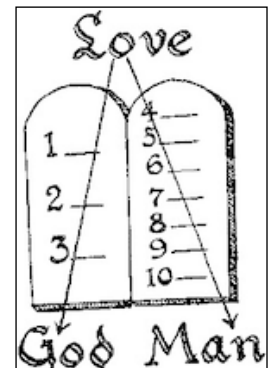
Children and Parents

1 **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.** 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

📖 Psalm of the Day – Psalm 78

Tell the Coming Generation

- P Give ear, O my people, to my law:
C **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
P I will utter dark sayings of old:
C **Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.**
P **We will not hide them from our children:**
C **Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD.**
P For He established a testimony in Jacob:
C **And appointed a law in Israel.**
P That the generation to come might know them:
C **That they may arise and declare them to their children.**
P That they may set their hope in God:
C **And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.**



Second Lesson – Luke 2:41-52

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; 44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. 45 So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." 49 And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" 50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 **Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them,** but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Sermon Text – Proverbs 1:8-9

Heed the Instruction of Your Father and Mother

8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 9 They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. [NIV84]

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time
Sun (8/10)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

In Our Prayers: Andrew and Rebecca Baker, who were blessed last Friday, August 1, with the gift of a son, *Archer Harrison Baker*. <> Nancy Chancellor, an acquaintance of Marty Schmoldt, who entered hospice care in Loveland last week.

Synod News & Notes

Frank Gantt is scheduled to be installed as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO, on Sunday, August 10. <> Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.

To watch a five minute sampling of a worship service from our overseas mission field in Tanzania, Africa, go to this address on the internet: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-_bP_Lm6Nk (shared by Missionary Bruce Naumann). To view Missionary Naumann's full blog post go to: <https://clc-tz.blogspot.com>.

The members of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property in a worship service on Sunday, September 14. The new address is 510 W. Girard Ave., Madison Heights, MI, 48071. The 1.64-acre plot consists of a 56-car parking lot, large grassy field, and a single-level, L-shaped building with a 175-person sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchenette, bathrooms, nursery, 2 offices, and 3 classrooms. The congregation invites their fellow believers of the CLC to rejoice with them as they praise the LORD for blessing Mt. Zion with this tremendous gift.



The Fourth Commandment

You shall honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise nor anger our parents or superiors; but we should honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

<u>God's Representatives</u>			
<u>Home</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Work</u>
- Dad and Mom	- pastors - Sunday School teachers - elders	- president - governor - legislators - police - judges	- supervisors - bosses - managers

<u>Blessings God Gives Us Through His Representatives</u>			
<u>Home</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Government</u>	<u>Work</u>
- GOD'S WORD - shelter - food - clothing - love and concern - education and guidance for life	- GOD'S WORD, especially the saving gospel of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ	- peace - protection - public services - law and order - roads, hospitals, libraries, etc.	- the blessing of order so we can earn a living with as little trouble as possible

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 4-9

Mon Matthew 5:28-30 Righteousness that exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees comes from the heart (v28). It is the heart which controls the eye, hand, etc., and it is the Lord who speaks to the heart.

Tues Acts 4:1-22 After the healing of the lame man, Peter and John are speaking to the people about Jesus. When the Sadducees approach, it becomes a question of “listen to you” or “listen to God” (v19).

Wed Joshua 24:14-28 As Joshua approaches the end of his work, he urges the people to continue serving the true God and no other. They respond positively and the covenant with God is reaffirmed at Shechem.

Thurs Psalm 103:1-5 David urges us to “bless the Lord,” praising Him for such personal gifts as forgiveness, healing, redemption, mercy, compassion, goodness, and renewed energy throughout our life.

Fri Psalm 103:6-18 Even from the days of Moses, the Lord’s forgiving mercy has been shown to His people. Our lives on this earth are short (v15-16), but the Lord’s mercy lives from eternity to eternity.

Sat Psalm 103:19-22 The Lord’s heavenly throne and royal power call for praise from His messengers, from His host of servants, from everything that He has made, yes, also from my own spirit and life!