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10th Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 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 summer we are reviewing in sermons God's will for our lives as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Today's topic: The Sixth Commandment.



Serving Us Today
Organist Carly Mess
Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 128 (pew bible, page 551)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 793, 859, 809, 707
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 2:8, 18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33

Sermon



Text – Genesis 2:8, 18-25

**Theme – *"God's Holy Institution
of Marriage"***

(review of the Sixth Commandment)

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Ephesians 5:22-33

Heavenly Counsel for Husbands and Wives

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 51

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

P O Lord, open my lips:

C **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it:

C **You do not delight in burnt offering.**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

C **A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God:
C **And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
P Do not cast me away from Your presence:
C **And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**
P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation:
C **And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**
P Then I will teach transgressors Your ways:
C **And sinners shall be converted to You.**

Second Lesson – John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” 4 Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come. 5 His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do it.” 6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, “Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.” And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

Sermon Text – Genesis 2:8, 18-25

God Creates Eve for Adam

8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. | 18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time (downstairs)
Sun (8/24)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee / Fellowship Time

Available in the Foyer: Hard copies of the CLC World Missions Prayer List, for August provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann (you may also view the prayer list at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com).

Synod News & Notes

"MANUP" WEEKEND – ManUp allows the opportunity to strengthen and encourage men 18 and older in their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend includes Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many awesome outdoor activities. This years Team Building activity will be epic! The retreat will be held September 25-28, 2025 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for ManUp online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Generous CLC donors have offered grants for men 25 and younger to attend for only \$25. Registration deadline is August 31, 2025.

PACIFIC COAST WOMEN'S RETREAT – Run the Race! (Hebrews 12:1-2) Registration is open (<https://tinyurl.com/MtnWomen>) for the retreat! Please consider joining us for a weekend in God's Word while relaxing in the mountain beauty of His creation. We'd love to have you with us! September 26-28 in Cusick, WA (fly or drive into Spokane, WA) Questions? Contact Tina at teichstadt@gmail.com.

Midwest Women's Retreat – Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one day retreat on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9am-4pm. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24, free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 / jtheneman@live.com) with any questions.

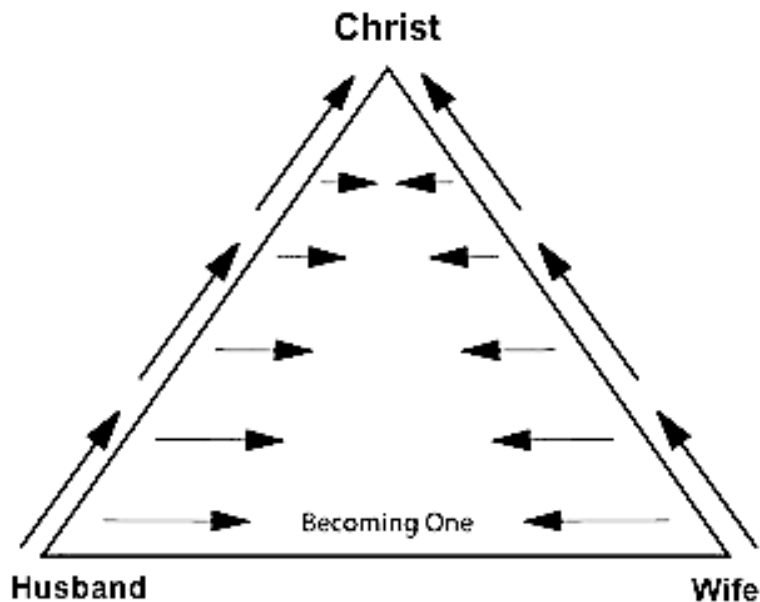


The Sixth Commandment
You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we live a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor one another.

Marriage Takes Three



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 18-23

Mon Matthew 7:24-29 To hear Jesus' words and put them into practice is like building a house on bedrock. It weathers the storms. Those who do not build on the firm foundation are heading to destruction.

Tues Acts 7:51-59 Faithful Stephen confronts those who rejected Jesus' words, and they display the destructive nature of their way of life. Stephen commits his spirit to Jesus, the firm foundation of his life.

Wed 1 Samuel 15:16-23 The once humble Saul permits the people to go against God's judgment pronounced upon the Amalekites. They saved some of the livestock "for religious reasons." To obey is better.

Thurs Psalm 53 Worth repeating (cp Ps14) is the foolishness of building on a "no-God" foundation. It produces evil and leads to destruction. God, however, provides salvation from Zion and brings joy (v6).

Fri Ezekiel 33:10-16 The prophet is given a message for God's people: "Repent, turn around. I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked." And don't think your righteousness will save you, sinner, but I will (v16).

Sat Romans 8:1-9 In Christ we have been freed from condemnation! So we do not think about things according to the sinful flesh, but according to the Spirit of Christ, that is, God's Spirit who dwells within us!