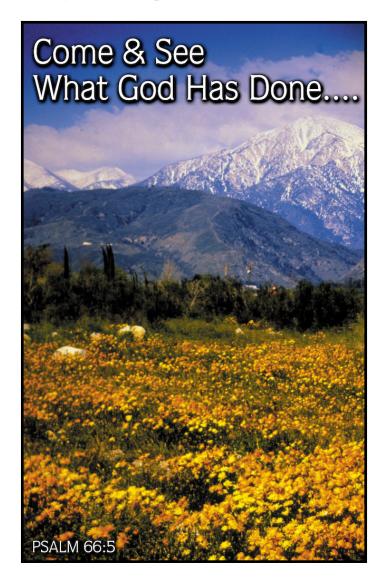
## St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 21, 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.



# Serving Us Today Organist Lisa Sprengeler Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 14 (pew bible, page 486)

◆ Today's Hymns: 869, 648, 651, 918

◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 48

◆ Scripture Lessons: Micah 4:1-5, Luke 12:32-40

#### Sermon



**Text – Hebrews 12:18-24** 

Theme - "Contrasting Two Mountains"

- 1. Mount Sinai, our stopping place.
- 2. Mount Zion, our home.

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

## **Today's Scriptures**

## First Lesson – Micah 4:1-5

## Many Will Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord

1 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. 2 Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 4 But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. 5 For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 48

## The Glory of God in Zion

- P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:
- C In the city of our God, in His holy mountain.
- P Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion:
- C On the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- P God is in her palaces:
- C He is known as her refuge.
- P As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts:

- C In the city of our God, God will establish it forever.
- P According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth:
- C Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- P Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad:
- C Because of Your judgments.
- P Walk about Zion, and go all around her:
- C Count her towers.
- P Mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces:
- C That you may tell it to the generation following.
- P For this is God, our God forever and ever:
- C He will be our guide even to death.

#### Second Lesson – Luke 12:32-40

## Make Ready for the Coming of the Son of Man

32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house

to be broken into. 40 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

#### Sermon Text – Hebrews 12:18-24

### The Glorious Company Who Have Come to Mount Zion

18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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#### This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/21)	9:30 am	Worship Service
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Sun (9/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

#### **Fall Events Upcoming**

- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 12, 8:30 am
- Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting: Sunday, October 12, 10:45 am
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 16, 10:45 am
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service (hosted by St. Paul): Sunday, November 2, 11:00 am

Easy Contribution to Mission Outreach: If you are comfortable and willing to do so, please consider posting a review about St. Paul on Google Maps. An increased number of reviews helps our church appear in online searches and may be an easy way to help bring in visitors that want to hear God's Word taught in its truth and purity. If you have questions on how to do this, please ask Andrew Baker or Derek Barthels.

A Reminder that there is a sign-up list on the bulletin board for restocking items for our church kitchen. Questions may be directed to Crystal Ruegge.

Call News: Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church in Cheyenne has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI. Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Southeastern Women's Retreat: "Registration is now open for the Southeastern Women's Retreat, to be held in Sherrills Ford, NC, February 13-15, 2026. The theme this year is "Sisters in Christ." To register, please head over to women's retreat.clclutheran.net, click on SOUTHEAST, and scroll down to the link for the online form. If you would like to register over email or you have any questions, reach out to southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!"

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions September 22-27

Mon Mark 4:26-28 God's ruling hand does not depend on our effort or understanding. He causes the farmer's seed to grow and bear fruit. He also brings the greater spiritual blessings of His rule to His people.

Tues Acts 11:1-18 Peter carefully explains how God brought him to see that "repentance that results in life" (v18) is intended for both Jews and Gentiles. When they heard him out, the others praised God with him.

Wed 2 Samuel 23:1-4 The last words of David, speaking by the Spirit of God, hold before his people the shining righteousness of the Rock of Israel (v3). Like sunshine after rain, the Lord brings life to His own.

Thurs 2 Samuel 23:5-7 Although David confesses his own unworthiness, he rejoices in the everlasting covenant with God that brings salvation and life to those who deserve to be thrown away.

Fri Proverbs 3:1-8 What better gift can a father give to his son than long days, peace, prosperity, mercy, and truth? All these are gifts from God to the children who learn to fear and trust in Him above everything.

**Sat Proverbs 3:9-16** Wealth is not the goal in life; it is a gift of God. But the gifts of wisdom and understanding are even greater than silver and gold, and teach us to honor the Lord with our wealth (v9).