

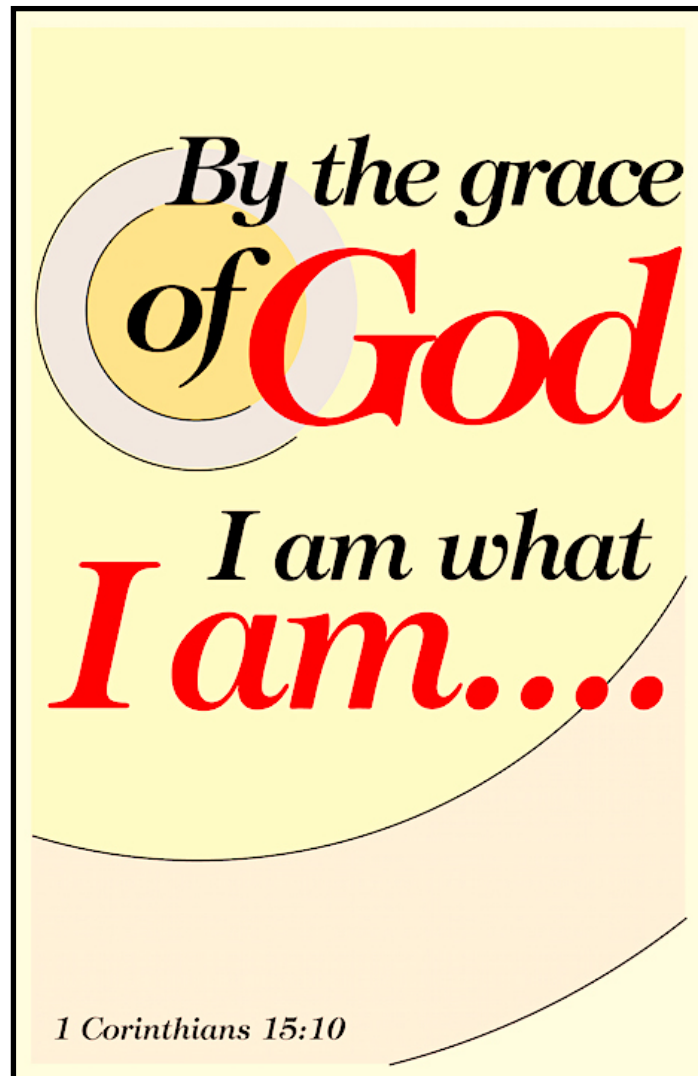
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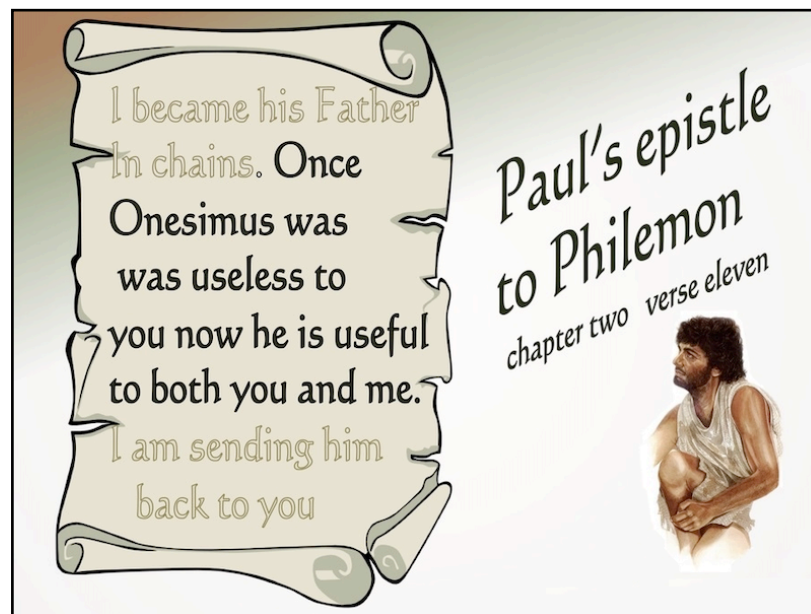
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16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 28, 2025

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 10 (pew bible, page 484)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: *779 (1-3), 688, 782, *779 (4)

** tan hymnal*

- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 9:8-12, Luke 14:25-33

Sermon



Text – Philemon 1, 10-21

**Theme – *"Our Spiritual Family –
Made, Not Born"***

By the Gospel ... 1. The Father made us His
children.
2. He makes us brothers and
sisters to each other.

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Proverbs 9:8-12

Instruct a Wise Man and He Will Become Even Wiser

8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. 10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11 For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you. 12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you scoff, you will bear it alone.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 146

The Happiness of Those Whose Help Is the Lord

P Praise the LORD!:
C **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**
P While I live I will praise the LORD:
C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
P Do not put your trust in princes:
C **Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.**
P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help:
C **Whose hope is in the LORD his God.**
P Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them:
C **Who keeps truth forever.**
P The LORD gives food to the hungry:
C **The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.**
P The LORD watches over the strangers:
C **He relieves the fatherless and widow.**
P The LORD shall reign forever – Your God, O Zion, to all generations:
C **Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson – Luke 14:25-33

Jesus Teaches Us About the Cost of Discipleship

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, “This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Sermon Text – Philemon 1, 10-21

Paul’s Plea for His Friend Onesimus

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, | 10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, 11 who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. 12 I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, 13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. 14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. 15 For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. 18 But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. 20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. 21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Sun (10/5)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Events Upcoming

- Fall Clean-up Day: Saturday, October 11 (8:00 am to noon)
- 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** (*note change in service time*)

In Our Prayers: Ethel Eastridge who is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital. She had been experiencing stroke-like symptoms. <> The Family of Benjamin Whitmer, son of Julie Whitmer-Wright, who was called out of this life last week.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule: Sunday, October 5, 8:30 am
Sunday, October 12, 11:45 am
Sunday, October 19, 8:30 am
Sunday, October 26, 8:30 am
Sunday, November 2, 8:30 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.

Synod News & Notes

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'sretreat.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 29 - October 4

Mon Luke 12:32-34 How rich we are depends on what we value. The treasures of this world will fade and fail us, but the heavenly treasure that is ours in Christ is eternal, something worth setting our heart upon.

Tues Luke 12:35-36 As we await the return of our glorious Savior and Lord, let us strive to be ready at all times to serve Him. Whether He comes early or late, it will be the right time to receive Him warmly.

Wed Acts 14:1-7 As Paul and Barnabas preached the Good News, many believed but not all. Sometimes they stayed a long time to speak, and sometimes a plot to mistreat them sent them on to other cities.

Thurs Acts 14:8-20 In Lystra a lame man was healed and the people wanted to worship the missionaries as gods. Paul was barely able to stop them, but a stoning incident sent him and Barnabas on to Derbe.

Fri 1 Kings 3:5-15 As Solomon becomes king, God invites any requests. Instead of asking for earthly treasures, riches and honor (v13), Solomon asks for an understanding heart to serve well the people of God.

Sat Deuteronomy 6:4-13 The word which God gave Israel through Moses was to be the treasure of their hearts as they came into the rich land that was promised to them. “Do not forget the Lord”... “serve Him.”

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