

# **St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 5, 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.

**To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune:** We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the close-knit bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us, by membership here or at another CLC church, to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!



Serving Us Today  
Organist Jeana Kettner  
Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys  
Communion Usher Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 150 (pew bible, page 559)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 822, 646 (1-3), 644, 646 (4)
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 145
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Peter 1:1-12, Mark 13:1-21

**Sermon**



**Text – Ephesians 1:3-6**

**Theme – *The Teaching of Election –  
Comfort Food for the Soul***

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

# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – 1 Peter 1:1-12

*Peter's Greeting to the Elect Pilgrims  
An Unfading Heavenly Inheritance Awaits*

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 **elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father**, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. 10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 145

*A Song of God's Majesty and Love*

P I will extol You, my God, O King:

**C And I will bless Your name forever and ever.**  
P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:  
**C And His greatness is unsearchable.**  
P I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty:  
**C And on Your wondrous works.**  
P Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts:  
**C And I will declare Your greatness.**  
P They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness:  
**C And shall sing of Your righteousness.**  
P All Your works shall praise You, O LORD:  
**C And Your saints shall bless You.**  
P They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom:  
**C And talk of Your power.**  
P My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD:  
**C And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.**

## **Second Lesson – Mark 13:1-21**

### *Signs of the Close of the Age The Lord Will Shorten the Time for the Sake of His Elect*

1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!” 2 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?” 5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. 7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows. 9 “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the



synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. 16 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 18 And pray that your flight may not be in winter. 19 For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. 20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; **but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.** 21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, **if possible, even the elect.** 23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

### Sermon Text – Ephesians 1:3-6

#### *We Are Blessed in Christ with Every Spiritual Blessing*

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 **having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

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### This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/5)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Tue	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Lakewood
Sat	8:00 am	Fall Clean-up Day (till noon)
Sun (10/12)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting
	11:45 am	Choir Practice

### Events Upcoming

- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 19, 10:45 am
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service (hosted by St. Paul): Sunday, November 2, **11:00 am** (*note change in service time*)

**Choir Rehearsal Schedule:** Today, 8:30 am  
Sunday, October 12, 11:45 am  
Sunday, October 19, 8:30 am  
Sunday, October 26, 8:30 am  
Sunday, November 2, 9:30 am

### **October Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .**

Mark Hartmeister, Oct 1	Rae Baker, Oct 18
John Sprengeler, Oct 8	Sharlene Chiappetti, Oct 29
Jaxon Potter, Oct 14	(Andrew & Rebecca Baker, Oct 8)
Andrew Baker, Oct 17	

### **Front Range Reformation Festival**

- When: Sunday, November 2
- Where: St. Paul is hosting this year's Celebration!
- Schedule of Events: Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am; Bible Class & Sunday School, 10:00 am; Worship Service with Holy Communion, 11:00 am; Fellowship Meal, 12:15 pm



**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

- Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate their new church building (1223 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00pm.
- Smartphones for Africa: Missionary Bruce Naumann is requesting donations of a certain kind of Android smartphone, for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have a used phone that was once on a Verizon plan and would like to donate it, please bring it to the church office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches – thank you!
- Banners and Paraments Storage Solution: Members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO, have designed and constructed a storage unit for banners and paraments. It is proving to be quite efficient, and makes these beloved but bulky items easily accessible. This workable plan came about from - believe it or not - plans for storing a horse blanket! If any of our CLC churches are interested in this plan, we will be happy to share it with you. Please contact [pastorsamnaumann@gmail.com](mailto:pastorsamnaumann@gmail.com) to be put in touch with the handyman who built it.



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### October 6-11

**Mon Luke 13:6-9** If tragedies that cut us down serve as a call to repentance for the believer, he bears fruit for the Lord. The Gardener does not desire the death of the tree, but that it should live and bear fruit.

**Tues Acts 16:13-15** The Lord opens the heart of Lydia to the preaching of Paul. No sooner were she and her household baptized than the fruit of hospitality sprang forth and she invited them to stay at her house.

**Wed Acts 16:16-34** A woman possessed by a spirit is freed in Jesus' name, and Paul and Silas end up beaten and in prison. The prisoners get to hear their prayers and hymns, and the jailer's family is baptized!

**Thurs Acts 16:35-40** The magistrates want Paul and Silas to leave quietly after their public beating, but Paul wants their mission vindicated so they can go and encourage the believers before they leave Philippi.

**Fri 2 Chronicles 7:12-22** After the consecration of Solomon's temple, the Lord appears to him, and promises to hear the prayers from this place. But if they turn away from God, the house will have no purpose.

**Sat Jeremiah 17:5-10** Those who trust in the Lord for strength are like trees by the water. They will bear fruit. Those who want to "follow their heart" would do well to have the Lord in their heart.