

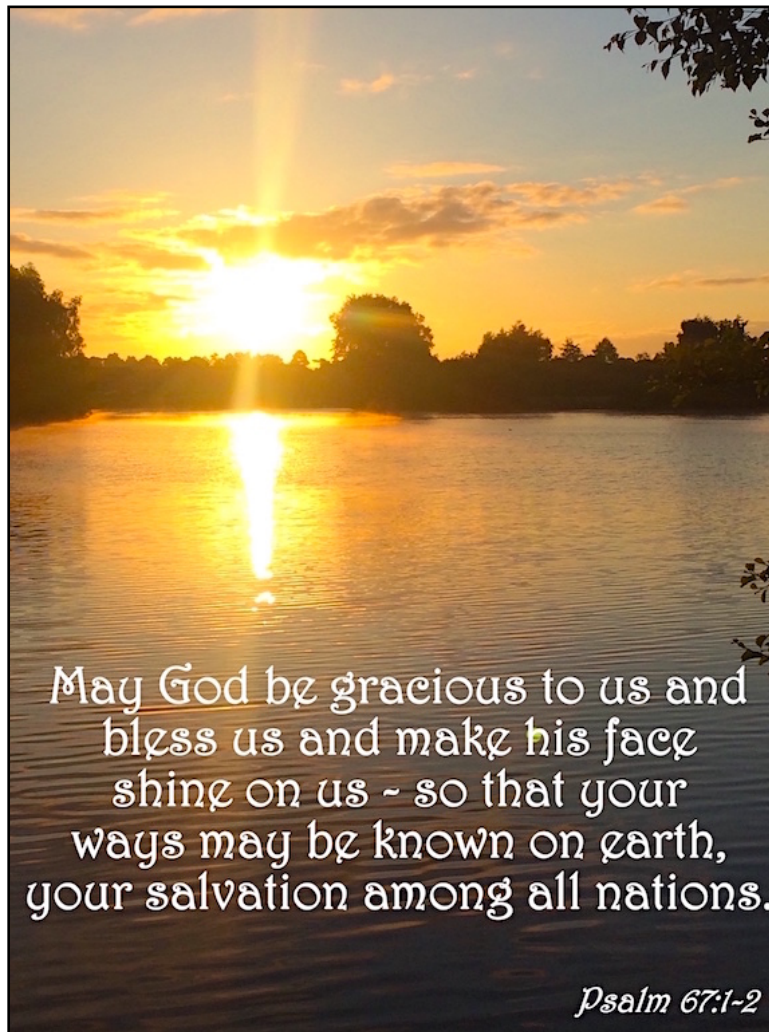
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 19, 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 Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 9 (pew bible, page 484)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 905, 523, 830, 917
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 126
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Daniel 5 (selected verses), John 19:6-11

Sermon



Text – Romans 13:1-7

**Theme – *"Secular Government ...
God's Servant for Our Good"***

1. The origin of secular governments.
2. Their God-assigned function.
3. Our God-given duty/privilege as citizens.

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

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Daniel 5 (selected verses)

The Handwriting on the Wall

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. 5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 8 Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. 10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. 11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. 13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? 14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. 15 Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing. 16 And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 17 Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. 19 And **because of the majesty that God gave him**, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he

executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. 20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21 Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen and his body wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that **the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.** 22 “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. 23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. 24 Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him. 25 “And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26 This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” 30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 126

A Joyful Return to Zion

P When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion:
C We were like those who dream.
P Then our mouth was filled with laughter:
C And our tongue with singing.
P Then they said among the nations:
C “The LORD has done great things for them.”
P The LORD has done great things for us:
C And we are glad.
P Bring back our captivity, O LORD:
C As the streams in the South.
P Those who sow in tears:
C Shall reap in joy.
P He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing:
C Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Second Lesson – John 19:5-11

Jesus Before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!”⁶ Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.”⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.”⁸ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,⁹ and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ Then Pilate said to Him, “Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?”¹¹ Jesus answered, **“You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above.”**

Sermon Text – Romans 13:1-7

Be Subject to the Governing Authorities for Conscience' Sake

¹ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.⁴ For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.⁵ Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake.⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing.⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

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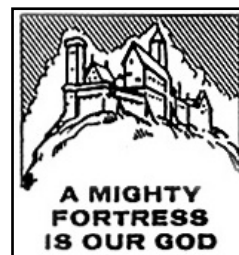
This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/19)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (10/26)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

In Our Prayers: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Jerry Wamboldt, Ethel Eastridge, Bobbie Brethauer, and Mark Hartmeister in physical trials they are experiencing. <> May all of God's lambs be under His tender care and protection.

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



Choir Rehearsal Schedule: Today, 8:30 am
Sunday, October 26, 8:30 am
Sunday, November 2, 9:30 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

Now available in the tract rack: Hard copies of ...

- The Coordinating Council Report Summary
- The CLC CC Report devotions (President's Message, Board of Missions, Board of Regents, Board of Trustees)
- The September CLC World Missions Prayer List.
- Help yourself!

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate a male or males to fill the vacancy which has been created by the resignation of Professor David Schaller. A plan is already in place to fill this void during the current 2025-26 academic year. As such, the person would start serving in this role during the 2026-27 academic year. It would be preferable for this male to be seminary trained and/or musically trained. Courses to be taught depending on the abilities that the Lord has given this person for use in His Church, may include courses such as music classes, religion classes, college Greek, and other potential disciplines. The person may serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, also teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations should include information regarding the nominee’s educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 20-25

Mon Matthew 13:44-52 The rulership of heaven is not only a treasure, but it reaches out to all (“fish of every kind” v47). At the end of the world comes the separation of the wicked from the righteous (v49).

Tues Acts 20:17-21 Paul bids farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus and reminds them how he lived among them. During hard times and good times he taught repentance toward God and faith in Jesus.

Wed Acts 20:22-27 The Holy Spirit warns Paul of chains and afflictions waiting for him, and he does not expect to see the Ephesians again, but his main concern remains to testify to the gospel of God’s grace (v24).

Thurs Acts 20:28-38 Paul urges the elders to be always on the alert, guarding the flock given into their care by the Holy Spirit (v28). He therefore entrusts them to God and to the powerful word of His grace (v32).

Fri 1 Kings 18:21-40 God’s prophet Elijah demonstrates the difference between the helpless idol Baal and the mighty God. Then comes the separation between those serving Baal and those serving the Lord.

Sat Deuteronomy 21:18-21 Among the children of Israel, the separation of the stubborn and rebellious (v18) from the faithful and righteous even reached into the home and involved parents of faithless offspring.