



Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men. Mark 1:17.

4th Sunday after Pentecost – June 21, 2026



Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 556 (1-6) – "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

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Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

First Lesson – Exodus 19:2-7

2 For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. 3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 “You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” 7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8 Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!:

C: **Serve the LORD with gladness.**

P: Come before His presence with singing:

C: **Know that the LORD, He is God.**

P: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves:

C: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving:

C: And into His courts with praise.

P: Be thankful to Him, and bless His name:

C: For the LORD is good.

P: His mercy is everlasting:

C: And His truth endures to all generations.

Second Lesson – Romans 5:6-11

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is a vocal line with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the vocal line with the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff continues with 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Confession of Faith – Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 826 – *"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"*

Sermon, based on Matthew 9:35–10:8

Jesus Teaches a "How-To" Course on Reaching Out to the Unchurched

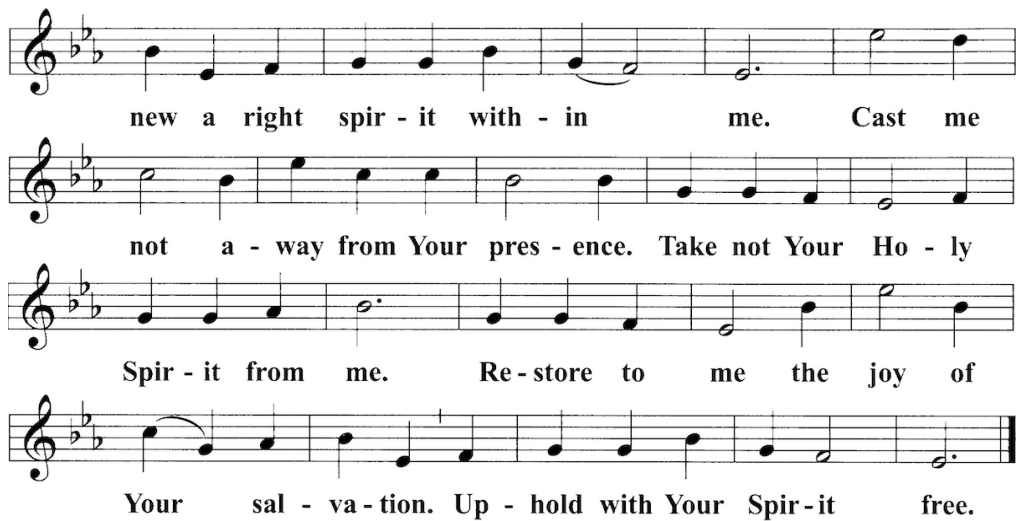
1. Reach out with a heart of compassion.
2. Reach out in fervent prayer.
3. Reach out by preaching the Good News.

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Father's Day Prayer / Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

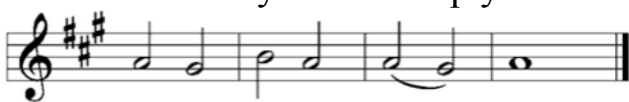
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 586 – "Preach You the Word"

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .

C: 
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/21)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Joe Cornish Graduation Reception
Sunday (6/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming In July

- Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 11 (8 to noon)
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 8:30 am
- Vacation Bible School: Thursday - Saturday, July 23-25 (9 am to noon)
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 26, 10:45 am

The CLC Convention will be held on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI, Thursday through Sunday, June 25-28. This year's convention theme is "***The Word of God ... Preach It! Defend It!***" St. Paul's representatives at the Convention will be Ed Chiappetti, Mike Sprengeler, and Pastor Schuetze. They have been assigned to serve on the following floor committees: Committee 2 – *President's Report/Board of Education & Publications*; Committee 3 – *Membership*; and Committee 6 – *Missions*. You can read the 2026 Convention Prospectus, which outlines the work to be conducted at the convention, at clclutheran.org. Please remember the work of the Convention in your prayers, asking the Lord of the Church to bless the work of the delegates that will gather in Eau Claire for the glory of His Name and the spread of His saving Gospel in hearts here at home and in our overseas mission fields.

A Sisters-in-Christ "Convention Tea" is planned for Thursday afternoon during convention. The tea includes tours of Ingram Hall led by Lynette Roehl. All CLC ladies are invited to participate.

"The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend" will be held September 24-27, 2026, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 22-27

Mon Luke 15:1-10 Those who consider themselves above “sinners” complain that Jesus is spending too much time with such people. With two pictures, Jesus points to the joy in heaven over what He is doing.

Tues 1 Peter 5:6-11 While it is the Devil’s goal to devour (v8), it is God’s to lift up (v6), restore, establish, strengthen, support (v10). So much better to be with Him, even in times of anxiety (v6) and suffering (v10)!

Wed Micah 7:18-20 In a glorious hymn of praise, the prophet praises the God who forgives sinners, shows mercy, and overcomes our guilty deeds. What an invitation this is to come to Him in repentant trust!

Thurs Psalm 25:1-11 We pray with David for help in the face of earthly enemies and our own sin (v1-7,11). We pray with confidence because God is good and upright, and teaches the way of mercy and truth (v8-10).

Fri Psalm 25:12-22 The one who respects the Lord will follow His guidance and look to Him (v12-15). In the face of every enemy, may He protect us who wait for Him. “Redeem Israel, O God, from all its distress!”

Sat Psalm 119:17-24 As servants of the Lord (v17), and as pilgrims in this world (v19), we seek the help and guidance of the Lord’s testimonies. “Yes, your testimonies are my delights. They are my advisors” (v24).

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