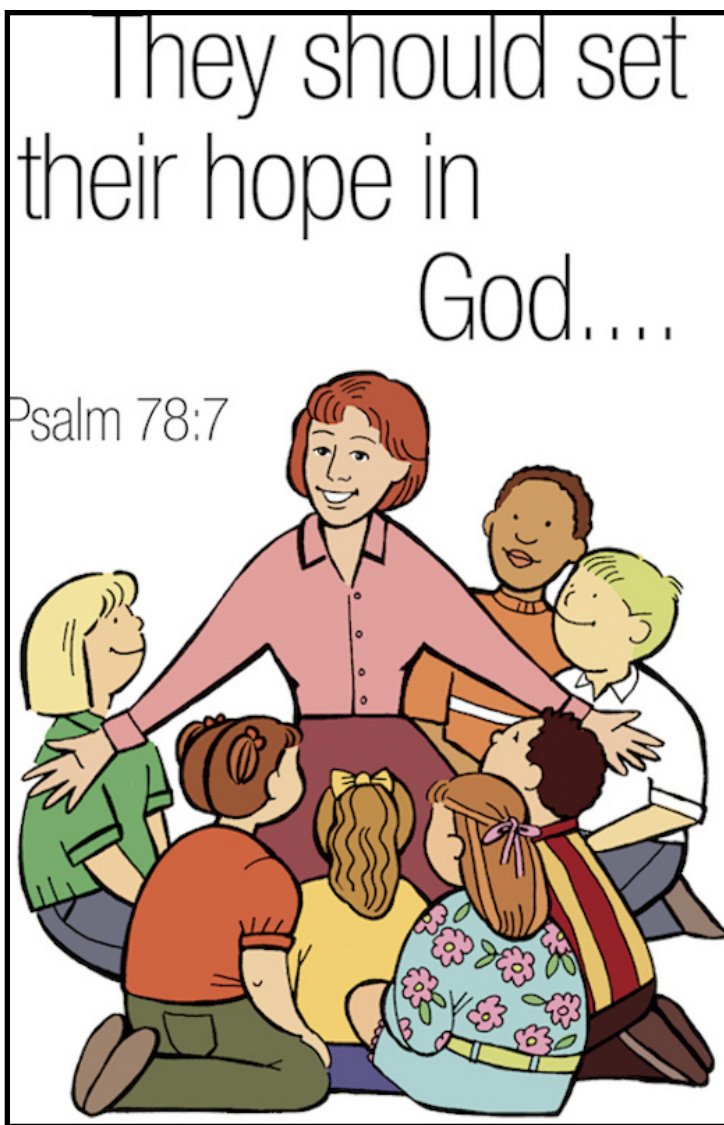




9th Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2026

Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

To our worship Guests a special welcome in Jesus' Name. We are pleased to have you worshipping with us today and invite you to come often. We wish you God's richest blessings in your worship, and ask you to kindly leave a record of your visit by signing our guest book. If you have no church home in the community and are seeking a fellowship in which you might worship and serve your Lord, we invite you to speak with the Pastor who will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 864 – “*Shepherd of Tender Youth*”

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 musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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,

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: "... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

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

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 "Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, 2 that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. 3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—"a land flowing with milk and honey." 4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 **"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.** 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 78

P: Give ear, O my people, to my law:

C: **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

P: I will utter dark sayings of old:

C: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

P: We will not hide them from our children:

C: Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD.

P: For He established a testimony in Jacob:

C: And appointed a law in Israel.

P: That the generation to come might know them:

C: That they may arise and declare them to their children.

P: That they may set their hope in God:

C: And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

Children's Song – *“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”*

Children: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Cong: Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, lets His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

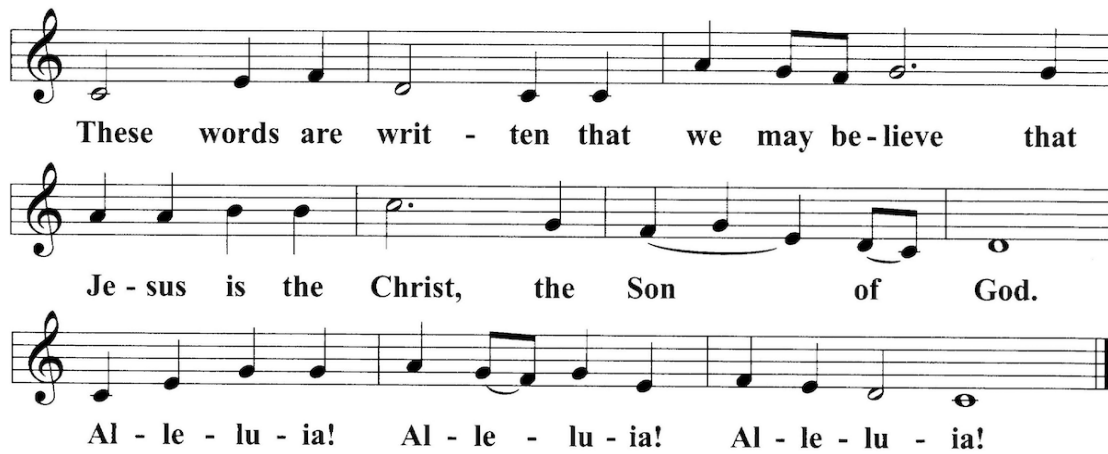
Second Lesson – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that **from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.** 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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!



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 866 – “*Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend*”

Sermon, based on John 17:11-17

Lord, Sanctify Us (and Our Children) By Your Word of Truth!

1. Use it to protect us and our children from the world’s evil influence.
2. Use it to strengthen and equip us for joyful service in Your kingdom.

11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**

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

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

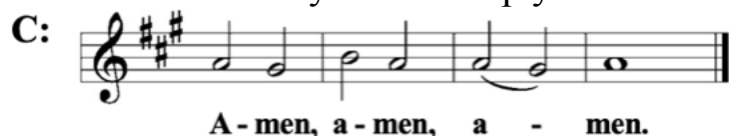
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 867 – “*Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*”

Benediction

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



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

Closing Hymn

LSB 725 – “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/26)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Potluck (downstairs)
Sunday (8/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

Thanks to VBS Contributors! – “Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School, including Pastor Schuetze (Opening/Closing Devotions), Suzannah Miller (Music Teacher), John Sprengeler (Prep Volunteer), Lisa Sprengeler (Food Coordinator/Additional Support), Sharlene Chiappetti (Food Coordinator), and Becca Baker (Arts and Crafts Coordinator). Special thanks as well to the Mary and Martha Ladies and everyone who donated snacks and refreshments for the children and VBS crew, and for your prayers for a successful program. Four children enrolled and had a fun three days learning about the love and sacrifice of their Savior for them. We look forward to continuing to build the effort, God-willing, in the coming years.” Derek Barthels, VBS Coordinator

August Birthday Blessings To . . .

Doug Tiefel, Aug 2	Joseph Cornish, Aug 26
Jo Ellen Blakey, Aug 5	Julie Ann Zamora, Aug 28
Emily Marzofka, Aug 6	Judy Garvin, Aug 29
Bobbie Brethauer, Aug 16	Zachary Ruegge, Aug 30
Bob Rankin, Aug 22	

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 27 – August 1

Mon Matthew 7:15-23 False prophets bring a different word than God's prophets bring. Thus trusting in a false prophets' word produces fruits very different from trusting in God's Word through His prophets.

Tues Matthew 7:24-29 Jesus wants people both to hear and to put His sayings into practice, because in the day of testing, this will be most beneficial for them. His words have an authority which is from above.

Wed Romans 8:13-17 Led by the Spirit, we live as God's own adopted children. We call out to Him as our dear Father, look forward to a glorious inheritance, and put to death the actions of the sinful flesh.

Thurs Jeremiah 15:19-21 The prophet has questioned God's loving care (v18). He is now called to a change of heart and strengthened with renewed promises. "I am with you to save you...declares the Lord."

Fri Psalm 126 Remembering how God has restored His people in the past to laughter and shouts of joy leads His people to call to Him now in days of weeping. He will restore His people again!

Sat Psalm 119:57-64 Not only are the words and testimonies and precepts of the Lord our great treasure, but the Lord Himself. **He** is ours, and **His** mercy fills the earth! "Teach me **Your** statutes" (v64).

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214



Pastor: Thomas Schuetze, 303-428-5524, trschuetze@yahoo.com

President: Ed Chiappetti, 303-882-1776

Sunday School Superintendent: Derek Barthels

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

www.denverlutheran.com

Find us on Facebook at: "St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church"

Member Congregation: Church of the Lutheran Confession

www.clclutheran.org