

REJOICE WITH ME,
for I have found my
sheep that was lost.



5th Sunday after Pentecost – June 28, 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 811 – "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

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 second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Grant, O Lord, we implore You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

First Lesson – Micah 7:18-20

18 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. 19 He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

Psalms of the Day – Psalm 31

P: In You, O LORD, I put my trust:

C: **Deliver me in Your righteousness.**

P: Be my rock of refuge:

C: **A fortress of defense to save me.**

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit:

C: **You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**

P: My times are in Your hand:

C: **Save me for Your mercies' sake.**

P: Oh, how great is Your goodness:

C: Which You have laid up for those who fear You.

P: You heard the voice of my supplications:

C: When I cried out to You.

Second Lesson – Luke 15:1-10

1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. 8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ 10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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 four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The first staff is for the 'C: Alleluia' response. The second staff is for the 'P: These words are written...' text. The third staff is for the 'Je - sus is the Christ...' text. The fourth staff is for the final 'Alleluia' response. The system ends with a double bar line.

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 664 – *"Fight the Good Fight"*

Sermon, based on 1 Peter 5:6-11

"Under God's Mighty Hand"

1. Humble. 2. Watchful. 3. Firm.

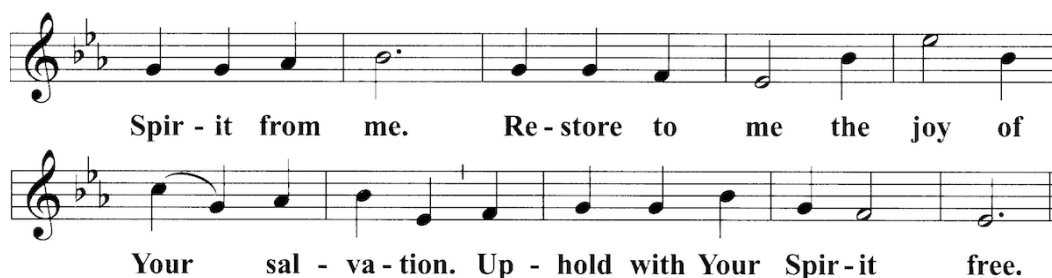
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6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. [ESV]

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



Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

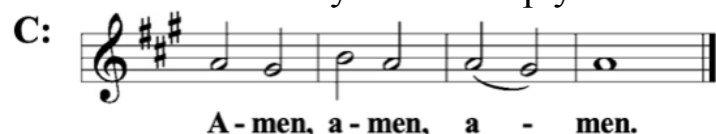
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 587 – *"I Know My Faith Is Founded"*

Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 725 – *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (6/28) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Sunday (7/5) 9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
 10:45 am Coffee Hour

Upcoming In July / August

- 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 (9:00 am to noon)
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, August 2, 10:45 am

Pastor Schuetze is out of town attending the CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Our thanks to Wayne Ruegge for conducting the service in the pastor's absence.

July Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .

Lisa Sprengeler, July 3	(Wayne & Crystal Ruegge, July 13)
Shawna Fritzler, July 28	(Fred & Bobbie Brethauer, July 16)
Archer Baker, July 31	(Scott & Carly Mess, July 18)
(Ed & Sharlene Chiappetti, July 4)	(Jordan & Sarah Potter, July 19)
(Dennis & Jennifer Roberson, July 4)	(Travis & Kylee Acker, July 28)

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