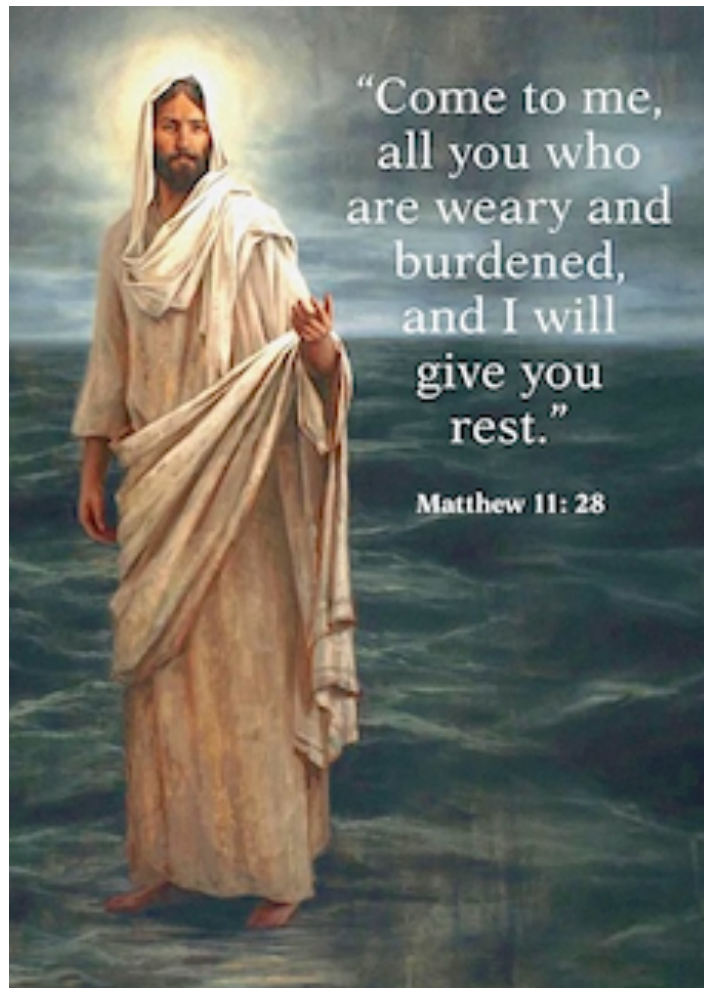




7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2026

Welcome to

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

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. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (pp. 5-14)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 794 – “*The Lord, My God, Be Praised*”

The Invocation

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

C: 
A - men.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



Psalm of the Day – Psalm 111

P: The works of the LORD are great:

C: Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

P: His work is honorable and glorious:

C: And His righteousness endures forever.

P: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered:

C: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

P: All His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever:

C: And are done in truth and uprightness.

P: He has sent redemption to His people:

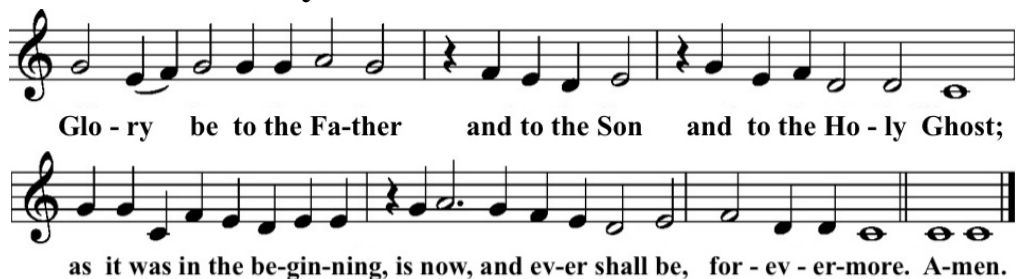
C: He has commanded His covenant forever.

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:

C: A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

P: Glory be to God!

Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*



Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*





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

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of
God for - ev - er. The Fa - ther's love, the Sa - vior's birth, Bring
peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

P: The Lord be with you:

C: 

And may He be with you.

P: Let us pray: "... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

C: 

A - men.

First Lesson – Exodus 33:12-23

12 Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ 13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.” 14 And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” 15 Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.” 17 So the LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.” 18 And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” 19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” 20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” 21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

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



Second Lesson – Romans 7:15-25

(Upon announcement of the Second Lesson, the congregation sings:)



15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present

with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)



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

LSB 761 – *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

Sermon, based on Matthew 11:25-30

“A Yoke Just for You”

1. Designed for little children.
2. Given by Jesus.
3. Easy to bear.

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have

revealed them to babes. 26 Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up -
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

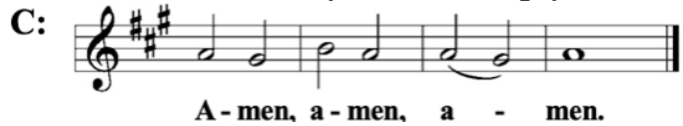
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 684 – “*Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*”

Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 917 – “*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (7/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Sun (7/19)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour



Vacation Bible School: Thursday - Saturday, July 23-25, from 9:00 am to noon each day. The theme for the school is “Vibrancy of the Son.” The series of Bible Lessons to be presented to the children explores the “colors of God’s grace,” as symbolized by colors of the church year:

- purple – the color of suffering and sorrow
- black – the color of sin and its curse
- white – the color for purity and life
- red – the color for fire and zeal
- green – the color for growing in God’s grace

Other activities will include: assembling craft projects, learning a Gospel song, snacks, and recess. Posters for advertising our school are available in the narthex. Take and share! Note: A potluck meal is planned for Sunday, July 26 following the worship service, to which all are invited!

Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, August 2, 10:45 am

CLC News & Notes

Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) traveled last week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team was welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at www.2026clcmisionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Your prayers are requested and much appreciated.

Exciting news on the ILC Gymnasium Project: Delegates at the CLC Convention which convened recently in Eau Claire, WI, voted to raise the approved Church Extension Fund (CEF) loan amount for the new gymnasium from \$3M to \$7M. With \$2.6M already donated to the Building Fund, that means that when that \$7M is received into the CEF, and offerings grow by another \$1M, we can begin construction – as early as next Spring! In passing these resolutions, the Convention not only removed all doubt that we are moving forward, but provided an opportunity for CLC members to show their support. Four things you can do:

- 1) Pray! Ask the Lord to bless this project and move the hearts of our CLC membership to share the wealth He has already provided us.
- 2) Consider loaning money to the CEF. You can choose your rate of interest (up to 2.5%). [For the past 12 years, no new loans have been accepted into the CEF. That has now changed]. The CLC Board of Trustees will share information in the coming days on how to lend money to the CEF for the Gymnasium Project.
- 3) Contribute to the ILC Building Fund. In addition to funds loaned to the CEF, we need \$1M in additional contributions and investment earnings to begin construction.
- 4) Consider bequests to the ILC Building Fund as part of your estate planning.

To refresh yourself on the design and get a virtual walk through of the building, go to www.fep.ilc.edu.

Call News: Lori Ruthenbeck and Jill Liepold have each accepted one-year calls to teach at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. <> Marie Muehlenhaupt has accepted a one-year call to teach at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Rebecca Lillo has accepted a one-year call to serve as principal at Faith Lutheran School in Markesan.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

July 13-18

Mon Matthew 5:20-26 Appearing holy to other people was the specialty of the Pharisees and theologians of Jesus' day, but God looks on the heart. If anger or accusation are there, it needs to be settled quickly (v25).

Tues Romans 6:3-11 The death of Christ not only reconciles us to God and thereby gives us new life; it also affects our walk in this new life. We now consider ourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ (v11).

Wed Ephesians 2:4-10 The surpassing riches of His grace – this is what God demonstrated when He gave us life in Christ for the death that our sins deserved! We are God's workmanship, created to glorify Him.

Thurs Exodus 20:1-17 These are the commandments of the Lord who delivered His people from slavery, not because He wanted to enslave them, but because He wants to continue blessing them!

Fri Psalm 114 This psalm sings of the Red Sea parting, the Jordan River stopping, and the mountains trembling in the presence of the Lord. He blessed His people also with water from the rock, springs of water!

Sat Psalm 119:41-48 The mercies of God bring salvation according to His Word. The words of God give answer to enemies, lead us to speak before others – even kings – and bring delight in His commandments.