

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure



Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
Matthew 13:44

10th Sunday after Pentecost – August 2, 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!

To Our Guests Seeking an Altar at Which to Commune: We believe that those who partake of the Lord's Supper together are giving expression to the close-knit bond of fellowship God has created among them in *all* that the Bible teaches. For this reason we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us, by membership here or at another CLC church, to come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith but an expression of ours. If you have the desire to commune with us in the future, please speak with the Pastor at your convenience. We'd love to have you!



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 790 (1-4) – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*



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



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

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

First Lesson – 1 Kings 3:5-12

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for

yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 119

P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes:

C: And I shall keep it to the end.

P: Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law:

C: Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

P: Make me walk in the path of Your commandments:

C: For I delight in it.

P: Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things:

C: And revive me in Your way.

P: Establish Your word to Your servant:

C: Who is devoted to fearing You.

P: Behold, I long for Your precepts:

C: Revive me in Your righteousness.

Second Lesson – Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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!

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 850 – *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Sermon, based on Matthew 13:44-52

What is the Kingdom of Heaven Like?

1. It's like a buried treasure and a priceless pearl.
2. It's like a dragnet filled with good and bad fish.
3. It's like a homeowner who possesses a treasure trove of old and new things.

44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” 51 Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” 52 Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

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

Special Petitions / 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 of the Day

LSB 636 (1-4) – “*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



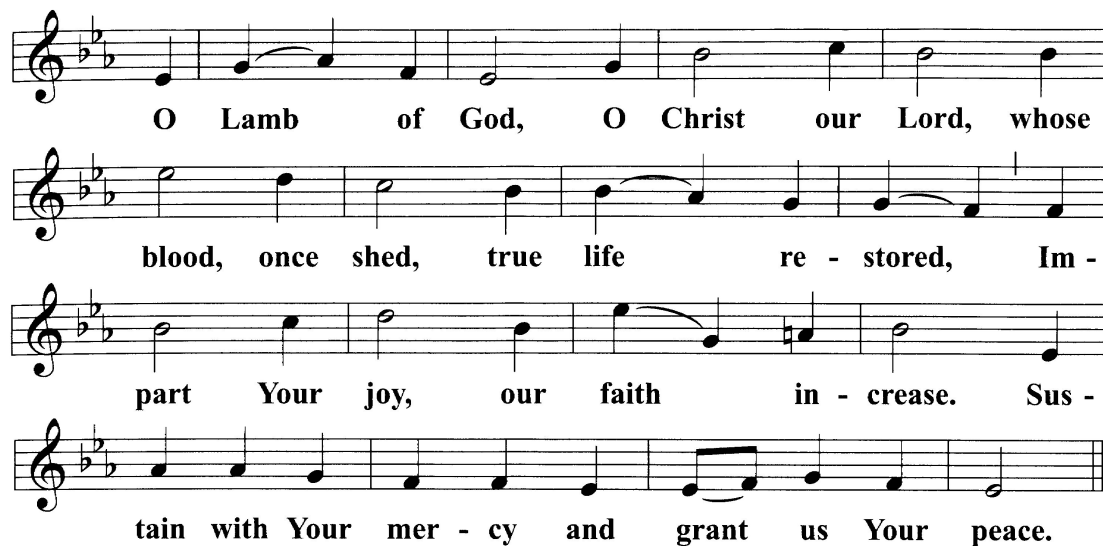
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to in lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

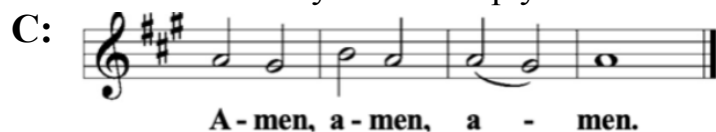
Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your



Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 790 (5)

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/2)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun (8/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming In September

- Elders Zoom Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm
- Sunday School & Bible Class will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 10:45 am
- Installation of the Sunday School Staff will take place in the worship service on Sunday, September 13

In Our Prayers

- Doug Tiefel who was hospitalized at Boulder Community Hospital where he received treated for pneumonia and a flu virus. He is also dealing with a heart ailment. He is recuperating at home. <> Willa Mae Janssen who underwent skin surgery last Monday. <> We pray the Lord to bless them with a swift recovery according to His gracious will.
- We also ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Ruth Greening, Pat Newton, and Jerry Wamboldt.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 3-8

Mon Luke 16:1-9 The cheating steward acted on the basis of the future laid before him. God's children do well to act on the basis of the eternal salvation that has been laid before them in Christ.

Tues 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Let us learn from the consequences of God's people's unfaithful and wicked behavior. It is truly God who is faithful (v13), and who always has our best interest at heart.

Wed 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 King David gave the plans for the Temple to his son Solomon, but he gave the glory to the Lord God. "Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity"... (v10)

Thurs Psalm 139:1-12 God knows us thoroughly, sitting and standing, faraway thoughts, traveling or staying home. And not only does know us, but He also cares about us and is with us always and everywhere.

Fri Psalm 139:13-24 God has made us, so we are His. He determined our days (v16) before they happened. He has nothing to do with wickedness, so can be trusted to lead us in the way everlasting.

Sat Psalm 119:65-72 God has done good for us, and has both good judgment and knowledge (v65,66). "You are good, and you do good" (v68). He can even bring good for us out of distress and affliction (vv67,71).

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