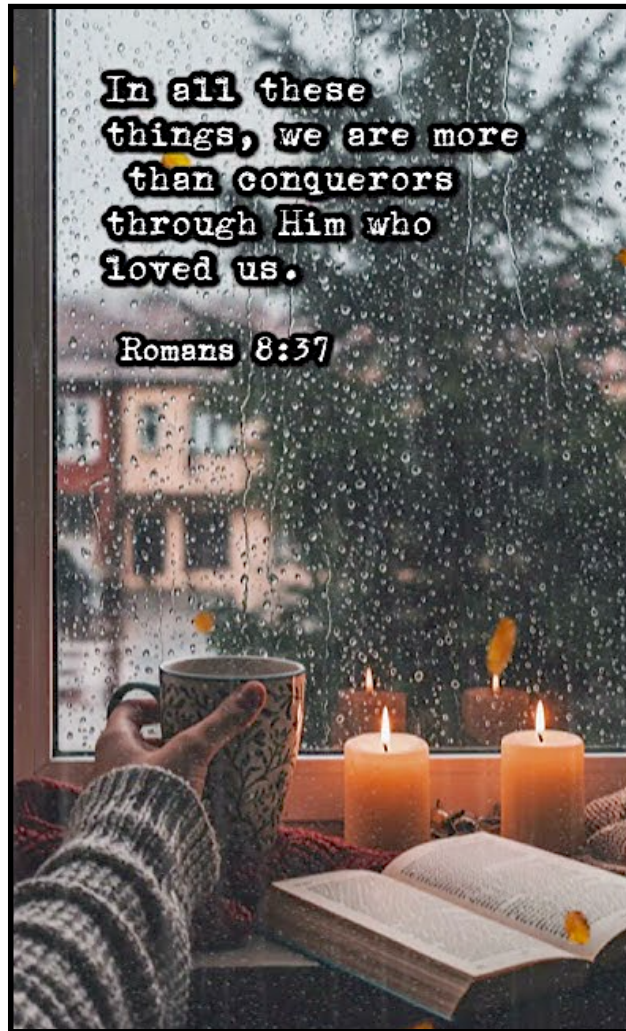




11th Sunday after Pentecost – August 9, 2026

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 909 – “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”

The Invocation

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

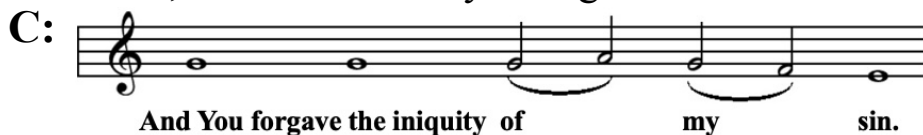


Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

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.



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



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.

C: 
A - men.

Psalm of the Day – Psalms 42-43

P: As the deer pants for the water brooks:

C: So pants my soul for You, O God.

P: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:

C: When shall I come and appear before God?

P: Why are you cast down, O my soul?:

C: And why are you disquieted within me?

P: Hope in God:

C: For I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

P: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me:

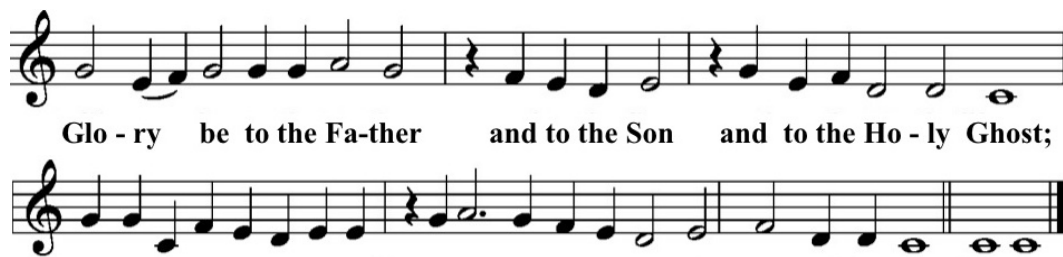
C: Let them bring me to Your tabernacle.

P: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy:

C: And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

P: Glory be to God!

Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*


Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for - ev - er-more. A-men.

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' is written for two voices on a grand staff. The melody is in a single line with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'

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!

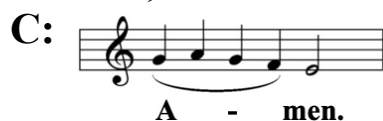
The musical score for 'Glory to God in the Highest' is written for two voices on a grand staff. The melody is in a single line with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 'All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - 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:

And may He be with you.

The musical notation for 'And may He be with you.' is written on a single staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4.

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



First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-5

1 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you— the sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you."

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



Second Lesson – Matthew 14:13-21

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



13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." 18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He

blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)



Confession of Faith – The 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 719 – *“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”*

Sermon, based on Romans 8:35-39

We Are Overwhelming Victors in Christ!

1. In the midst of tribulation. 2. Because of His victory.
3. Nothing can separate us from God’s love!

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Spi - rit 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

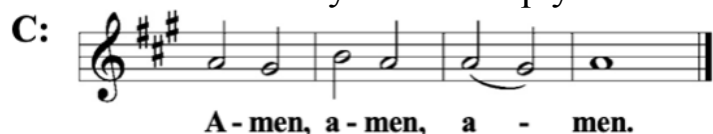
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 728 – “*How Firm a Foundation*”

Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 722 – “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/9)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Tues	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (8/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour

Upcoming In September

- Elders Zoom Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm
- SS & BC will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 10:45 am
- Installation of the SS Staff will take place in the service on September 13
- West-Central Pastoral Conference (hosted by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD): Tues-Thurs, September 15-17

Banners: A number of banners for adorning our church sanctuary walls up front were purchased during the past year for the seasons of Advent/Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We would like to add similar banners to our collection to decorating our church during other seasons/festivals (e.g. Epiphany, Reformation, Thanksgiving). If you would like to help with covering the cost for the purchase of additional banners you are invited to do so. To make a contribution for this purpose ...

- Put your donation in your offering envelope & write the amount in “other local purpose” on the left side with “Banners” written on the “specify” blank
- Put your donation in a separate envelope in the offering plate marked “Banners”
- Give your donation directly to Mike

Thank you! Questions? Please talk to Mike.

Voters Meeting Notes

- ◆ VBS Report: VBS Coordinator Derek Barthels reported an enrollment of 4 children. We look forward to continuing to build on this effort, God-willing, in the coming years. Thanks to all who lent their help to the operation of our school.
- ◆ Outreach Committee: A motion was passed to establish an outreach committee for encouraging personal invitations to St. Paul worship services and the goal of holding monthly potlucks after Bible Class, to which our guests would also be invited. It was suggested that the Outreach Committee give a report at each quarterly meeting.
- ◆ Pastor's Report: Baptized membership stands at 69 souls, 38 of whom live in the Denver area, 31 at a distance. Average Sunday worship attendance for the first two quarters of 2026 was 29. Average Lord's Supper attendance 26. 29 souls received communion privately.
- ◆ Calendar Items: Sunday School will resume September 13, with an expected enrollment of 2 (lessons will follow the pastor's preaching schedule). Four Christmas Eve practices are planned beginning on Sunday, November 29. <> Redeemer, Cheyenne, will host this year's Front Range Reformation Service on Sunday, Nov. 1 (time TBA) <> The voters discussed the possibility of scheduling the Children's Christmas Eve Service on the Sunday before Christmas (December 20) instead of Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24). St. Paul members are invited to share thoughts on this with SS Superintendent Derek Barthels. A decision about this will be made at the October 25 Quarterly Voters Meeting.
- ◆ Online Services via YouTube: Derek is working on this with Becca Baker. (Currently services are being live-streamed through St. Paul's Facebook account.) It is hoped that YouTube live-streaming will be more user-friendly. More information to be shared soon.
- ◆ Finances: The treasurer's report showed that we are behind in our annual local budget by \$870 and our annual CBP offerings by \$1,840. St. Paul parishioners are encouraged to keep the shortfalls in mind in the remaining months of fiscal 2026.

- ◆ Online Member Donations: Treasurer Wayne Ruegge indicated that he is getting close to making this option available to our membership. More information to be shared soon.

CLC News & Notes

- ▶ Lincoln, NE, Preaching Station: “About five years ago, we reached out for names of CLC members living in Eastern Nebraska, the greater Lincoln/Omaha area. At one point, we had a list of nearly 40 souls. Over the years, some from that list have either moved away or left our fellowship, but we still have two households committed to regular services. Lincoln/Omaha has long been known for high residential turnover. Since there is good reason to suspect others have moved into the area, we make a fresh appeal. If you have anyone on your membership or contact lists living in this part of the US, we would appreciate the opportunity to reach out and welcome them to our preaching station.” (Board of Missions Secretary, Pastor Tim Daub)
- ▶ ILC Opening Service: “The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place on Sun. Aug. 23, 3:00 p.m., at the campus fieldhouse. The service will also be streamed at <http://www.youtube.com/@ilcvideos>. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as we grow together in the truth of God's saving Word!” (ILC President, Dan Schierenbeck).
- ▶ Vacancies: Pastoral vacancies currently exist in the following churches of our CLC fellowship: Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ; Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI; St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN; Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN (dual parish); Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI; St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD; Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI (3rd pastor). *“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 10-15

Mon Luke 19:41-48 Jesus wept over the city that did not recognize the Christ who would bring peace. He rid the temple of merchandisers, used it properly to teach, and faced deadly opposition from its leaders.

Tues 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Gifts, ministries, and activities among God's people are all given and performed by God. Finding ourselves in possession of one of these, may we use it for the common good (v7).

Wed Jeremiah 7:1-7 The Lord through His prophet calls upon God's people to reform their ways, with regard to their actions both toward other people (vv5-6), and ultimately toward God Himself (v6).

Thurs Psalm 143:1-6 In this Psalm we cry to God for mercy, which we do not deserve (v2). Our very life may be in peril, but we remember how His hand of blessing has been on us through the days of our life.

Fri Psalm 143:7-12 Our cry for help is an urgent one (v7) and we long for God's mercy like the morning (v8). Teach me, rescue me, lead me, preserve me, bring me out of trouble, "for I am your servant" (v12).

Sat Psalm 119:73-80 Remembering that it is the Lord who has made us, we pray also for understanding. May we see His faithfulness also when we are afflicted, and may others see us and rejoice (vv74,79).

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