



12th Sunday after Pentecost – August 16, 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 worshiping 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 801 (1-3) – “*How Great Thou Art*”

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 – 1 Kings 19:9-19

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." 11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." 15 Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. 17 It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes

the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 73

P: I am continually with You:

C: You hold me by my right hand.

P: You will guide me with Your counsel:

C: And afterward receive me to glory.

P: Whom have I in heaven but You?:

C: And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

P: My flesh and my heart fail:

C: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Second Lesson – Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” 28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” 29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

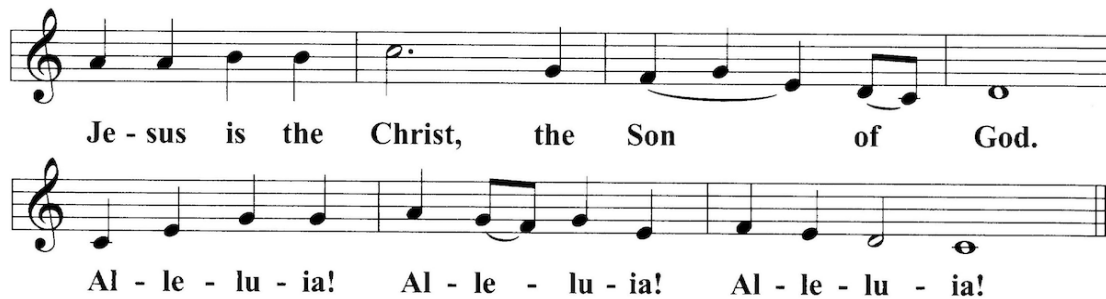
P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



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 715 – “*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*”

Sermon, based on James 1:1-8, 12

Godly Counsel from James for “the Diaspora”

1. Recognize the good in trials you face.
2. Ask God for heavenly wisdom, not doubting you’ll receive it.
3. Keep your eyes on the promised prize.

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. | 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. [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
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

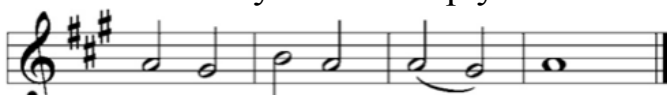
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 651 – *"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

Benediction

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

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

Closing Hymn

LSB 801 (4)

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Sunday (8/23)	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 Sunday School Staff will take place in the worship service on September 13
- West-Central Pastoral Conference (hosted by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD): Tues-Thurs, September 15-17

St. Paul Has Issued Sunday School Calls through the Board of Elders to the following individuals to serve in our Sunday School in the 2026-2027 school year:

- Superintendent: Derek Barthels
- Teachers: Carly Mess, Lily Meyer, Emily Ruegge
- Substitutes: Sharlene Chiappetti, Jesse W. Cornish, Joe Cornish, John Sprengeler
- Music Teacher: Suzannah Miller

We pray for the Spirit's guidance upon their call deliberations!

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 decorate our church during other seasons/festivals (e.g. Epiphany, Reformation, Thanksgiving). If you would like to help cover 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.

The Opening Worship Service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place next Sunday, August 23, at 3:00 pm in the campus fieldhouse. The service will also be live-streamed. You're invited to go online to <http://www.youtube.com/@ilcvideos> and watch!

August Quarterly Meeting Notes

- The voters discussed the possibility of scheduling the Children's Christmas Eve Service on the Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 20) instead of Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24). St. Paul members are invited to share thoughts on the advisability of doing this with SS Superintendent Derek Barthels. A decision about this will be made at the Oct. 25 Quarterly Voters Meeting.
- A motion was passed to establish an Outreach Committee for encouraging personal invitations to St. Paul worship services with the goal of holding monthly potlucks after Bible Class, to which our guests would also be invited.
- We are working on having our services live-streamed on YouTube in addition to our Facebook account.
- 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 these shortfalls in mind during the remaining months of fiscal 2026.
- We are getting close to making the option available to our membership of making online donations. Stay tuned.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 17-22

Mon Luke 18:9-14 In this familiar parable the Pharisee looked to himself and his own doings while the tax-collector looked for God's merciful help. It was God's doing that the latter went home justified (v14).

Tues 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 It was all God's doing that "Christ died for our sins" (v3), and was raised on the third day (v4). Scripture prophecies before and multiple appearances afterward testified to this resurrection.

Wed 2 Samuel 22:21-29 David praises the Lord our righteousness (Jer23:6). In the Messiah, God has made us His righteous ones, and as such He continues to bless us. This is truly grace upon grace!

Thurs Psalm 147:1-11 Not merely urging us to praise the Lord, this psalm proceeds to praise Him for His power and care, shown both to His people and to all creation. Those who fear Him wait for His mercy (v11).

Fri Psalm 147:12-20 The Lord provides protection and peace for His people. He sends food and He sends His Word. He sends snow, and frost, and hail; He melts them again. Above all, He sends His Word!

Sat Psalm 119:81-88 In the darkest night, when life is hanging by a thread, and our eyes are worn out, we still look for comfort in His Word. When they almost put an end to us, let us look for His great mercy (v88).

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