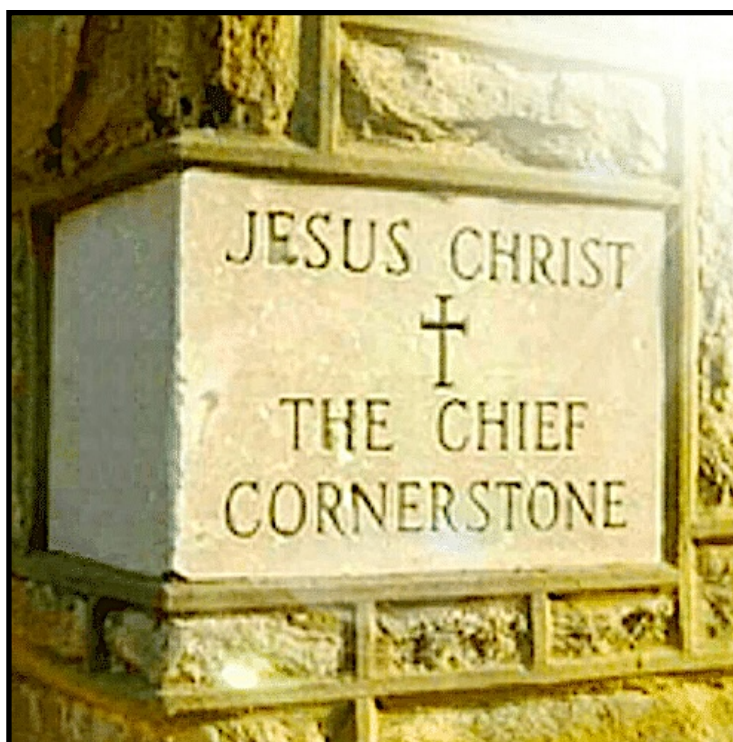




14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2026

Welcome to
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

To Our Worship Guests a special welcome in Jesus' Name. 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 645 (1-4) – *"Built on the Rock"*

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.

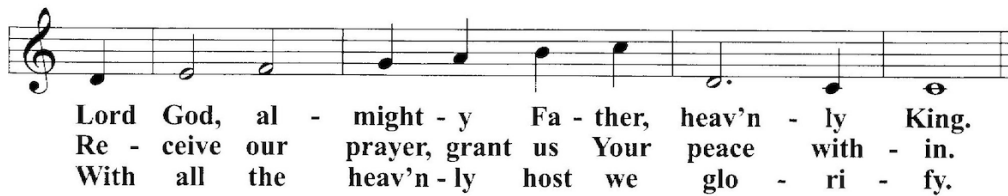
C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

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

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,



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 – Exodus 6:2-8

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. 4 I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: "I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.'"

Psalms of the Day – Psalm 34

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good:

C: **Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!**

P: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous:

C: **And His ears are open to their cry.**

P: The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him:

C: **And delivers them.**

P: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears:

C: **And delivers them out of all their troubles.**

P: The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart:

C: **And saves such as have a contrite spirit.**

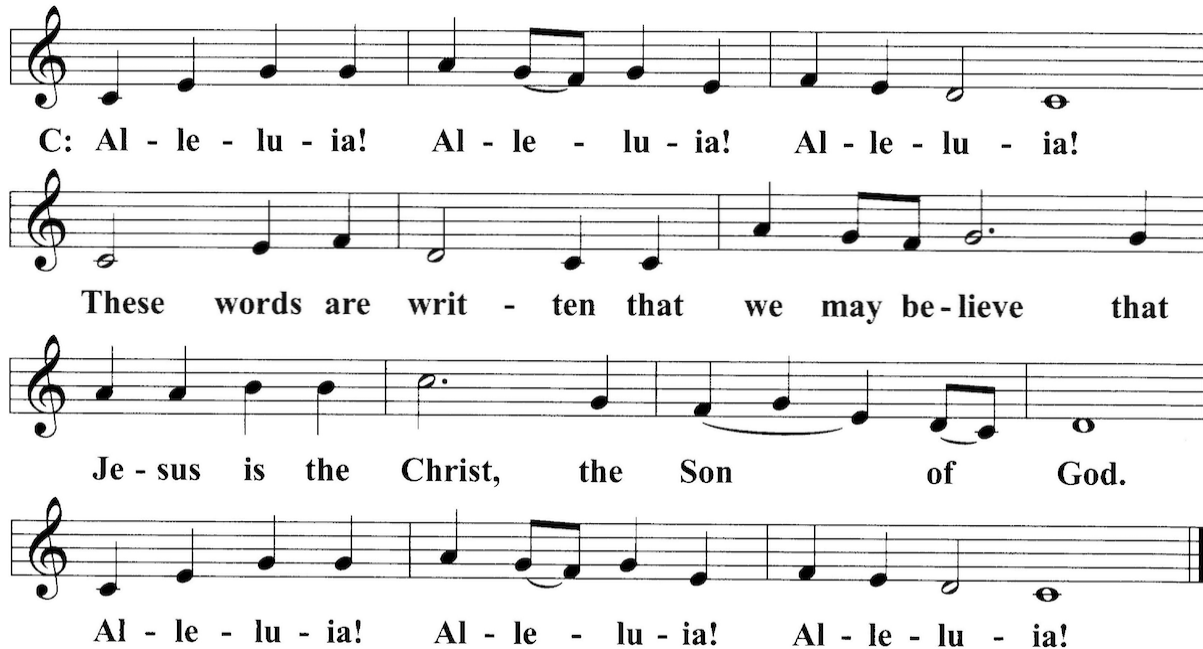
P: The LORD redeems the soul of His servants:

C: **And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.**

Second Lesson – Romans 11:33-35

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” 35 “Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?” 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

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!

Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

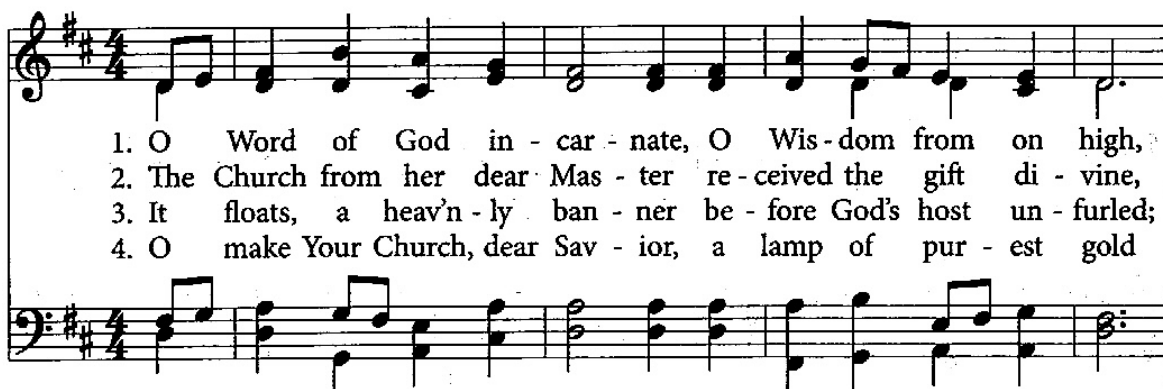
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand 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.

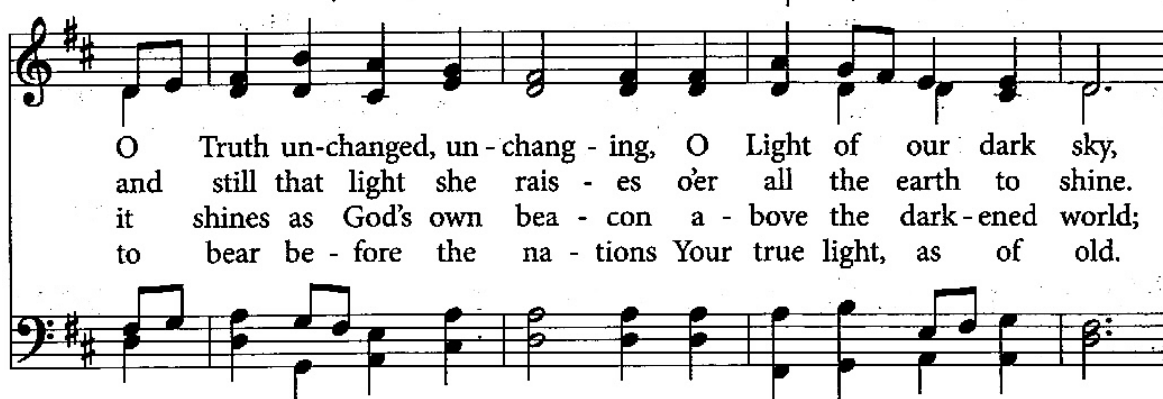
Hymn of the Day

198 – “O Word of God Incarnate”
(printed on next page)

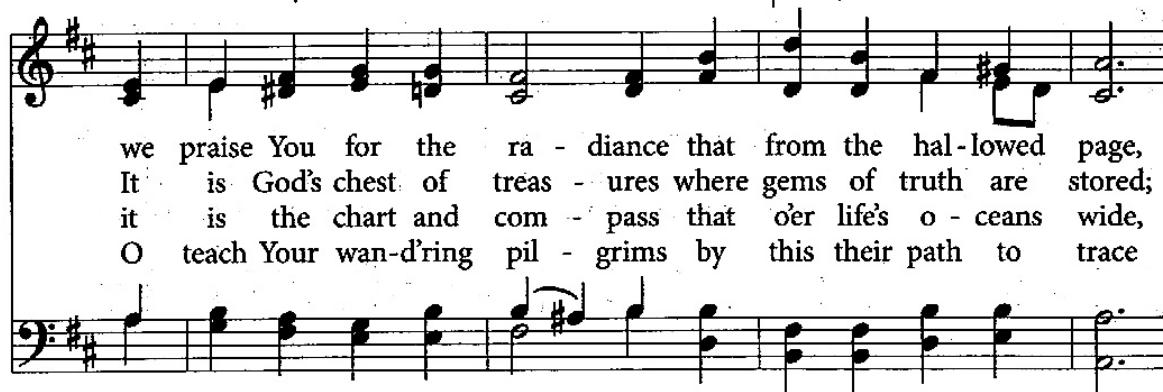
Ps 119:105; John 1:14, 8:12; Eph 3:7-12; Matt 5:14-16; Rev 1:12-20



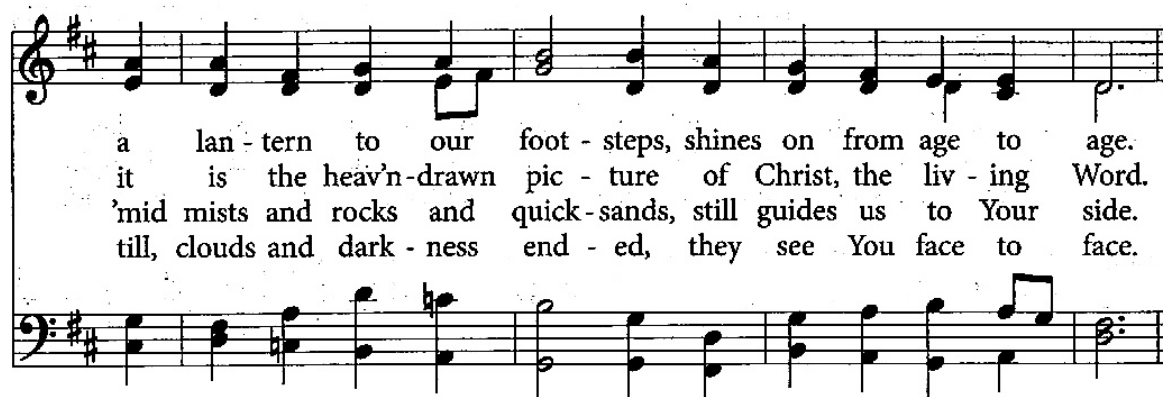
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
 3. It floats, a heav'n - ly ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
 4. O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
 and still that light she rais - es o'er all the earth to shine.
 it shines as God's own bea - con a - bove the dark - ened world;
 to bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old.



we praise You for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is God's chest of treas - ures where gems of truth are stored;
 it is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's o - ceans wide,
 O teach Your wan-d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides us to Your side.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see You face to face.

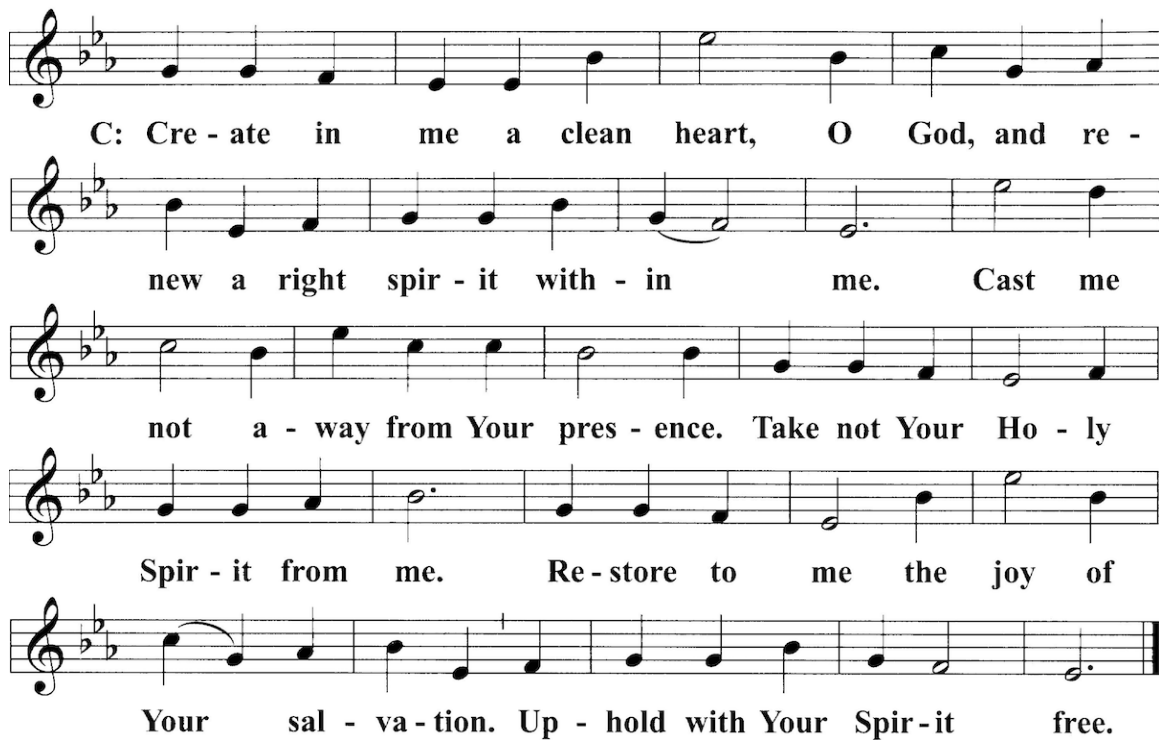
Sermon, based on Matthew 16:13-20

The Church's Authority Comes from the Word

1. It faithfully confesses Jesus to be "the Christ."
2. Its ministry is centered on the Keys.
3. Nothing will overpower it ... it will last forever.

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

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 / Lord's Prayer

Hymn

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

199

2 Peter 1:19

1. We have a sure pro - phet - ic word by in - spi -
2. By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned, by pa - gan
3. Lo, what the word in times of old of fu - ture
4. A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure the teach - ings

ra - tion of the Lord; and though as - sailed on
pride re - ject - ed, spurned, the word still stands the
days and deeds fore - told is all ful - filled while
of the word en - dure. Blest he who trust this

ev - 'ry hand, Je - ho - vah's word shall ev - er stand.
Chris - tian's trust while haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
a - ges roll, as traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
stead - fast word; his an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Benediction

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

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

Closing Hymn

LSB 645 (5)

This Week at St. Paul

Today (8/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Sunday (9/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	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 Sept 13
- West-Central Pastoral Conference (hosted by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD): Tues-Thurs, September 15-17

We Ask the Lord for His Continuing Gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Ethel Eastridge, Ruth Greening, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, and Jerry Wamboldt.

We also pray for the comfort of the family and friends of Del Maas (brother of Sharlene Chiappetti and former St. Paul pastor) who was called home to heaven this past Wednesday.

September Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To ...

Ed Chiappetti, Sept 1	Lily Meyer, Sept 29
Pastor Schuetze, Sept 9	(Don & Ruth Claeys, Sept 3)
Jacob Cornish, Sept 18	(Jim & Linda Wamboldt, Sept 9)

Sunday School Call Update: Derek Barthels has been led to accept St. Paul's call to serve as Sunday School Superintendent for the upcoming school year. Suzannah Miller has accepted the call to serve as music teacher.

Pastoral Call: Last week I received a call to serve as pastor of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. I will be giving it prayerful consideration in the days ahead. I ask for your prayers that the Lord lend me His guidance so that the decision I reach will be according to His will and serve for the spiritual benefit of His saints both in Lakewood and Appleton. Thank you. Pastor Schuetze

CLC Women's Retreat-West: "We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, September 4th. Information can be found at womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/ (and on the flier posted on the narthex bulletin board)."

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

August 31 - September 5

Mon Luke 10:23-37 Jesus shows a law expert that his own doings will not gain eternal life. His attempt to justify himself asks “Who is my neighbor?” when the question should be “To whom can I be a neighbor?”

Tues Galatians 3:15-22 The promise of salvation in the Christ was given long before the Mosaic law was added to reveal transgressions until the promised Savior had come. Faith in Jesus Christ brings salvation.

Wed Leviticus 18:1-5 Loving God with all one’s heart and soul and strength means not following the religions of the Egyptians behind them or the Canaanites ahead of them on the Israelites’ journey home.

Thurs Psalm 84:1-7 We long for the house of the Lord, not because of its construction materials, but because the Lord is there, the God who takes care of even the small sparrow and brings us to Himself!

Fri Psalm 84:8-12 O Lord, hear us, look upon us, and bring us into Your presence. God blesses us with light and warmth like the sun, and shields us from harm. How blessed is everyone who trusts in Him!

Sat Psalm 119:97-104 The Lord’s Word makes us wiser than our enemies, wiser than our teachers, more understanding than the elders. Keeping to His words gives sweet blessing and guidance for our daily walk.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
2470 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80214



Pastor: Thomas Schuetze, 303-428-5524, trschuetze@yahoo.com

President: Ed Chiappetti, 303-882-1776

Sunday School Superintendent: Derek Barthels

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

www.denverlutheran.com

Find us on Facebook at: “St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church”

Member Congregation: Church of the Lutheran Confession

www.clclutheran.org

“O Word of God Incarnate” – Text & music from *O Sing of Christ*, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI 2024. Public domain.

“We Have a Sure Prophetic Word” – Text & music from *O Sing of Christ*, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI 2024. Public domain.
Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are taken from The Holy Bible, New King James Version (Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, Inc., © 1982). Used by permission. All rights reserved.