



15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 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

based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 700 – “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

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
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,
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 – Jeremiah 15:15-21

15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit

in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 121

P: I will lift up my eyes to the hills:

C: From whence comes my help?

P: My help comes from the LORD:

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not allow your foot to be moved:

C: He who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, He who keeps Israel:

C: Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD is your keeper:

C: The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

P: The LORD shall preserve you from all evil:

C: He shall preserve your soul.

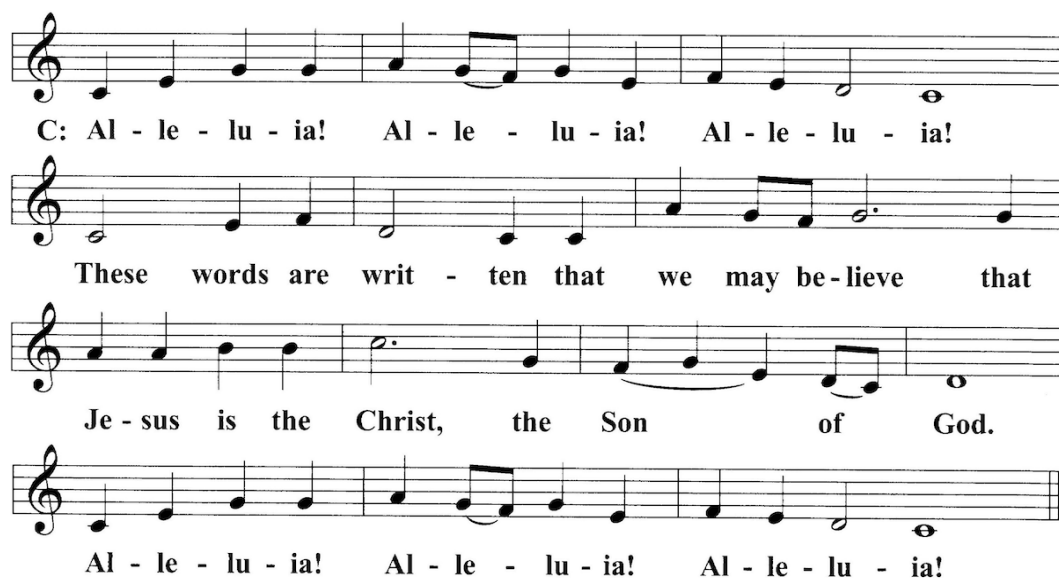
P: The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in:

C: From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Second Lesson – Matthew 16:21-26

21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

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



Confession of Faith – The 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 688 – “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

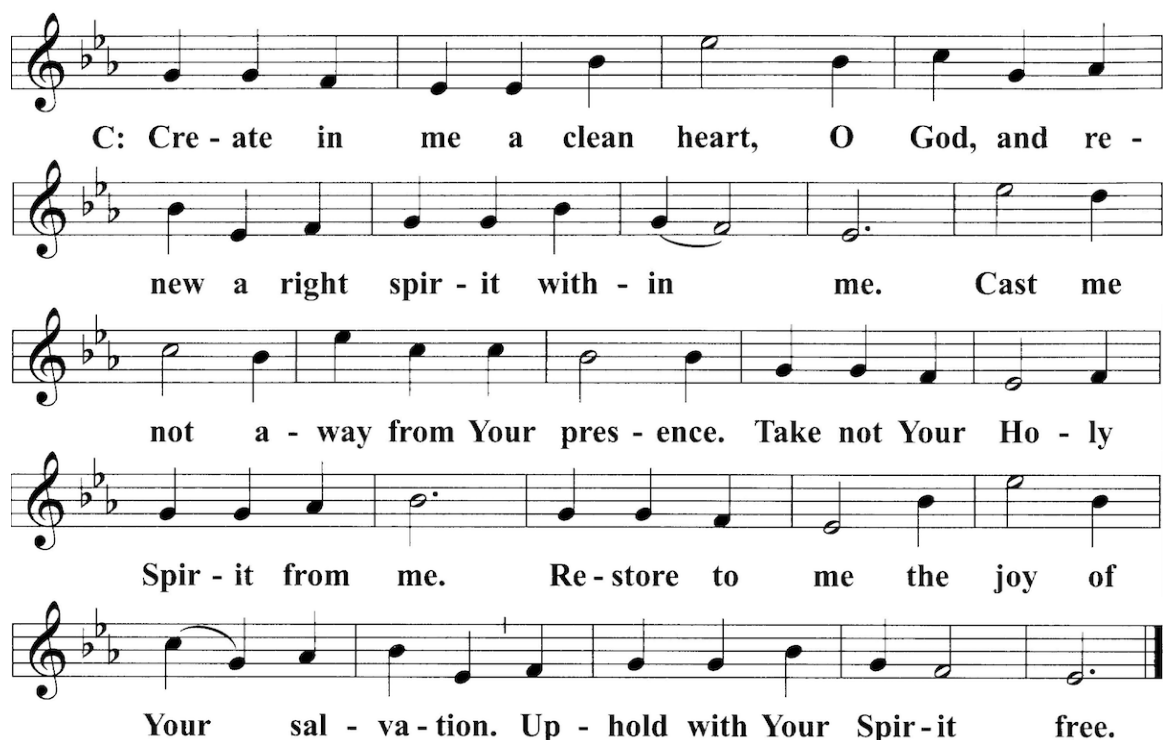
Sermon, based on Romans 12:1-8

“Live Each Day with God’s Mercy in View”

1. Presenting your body as a living sacrifice to Him.
2. Using your talents in service to your fellow-Christians.

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

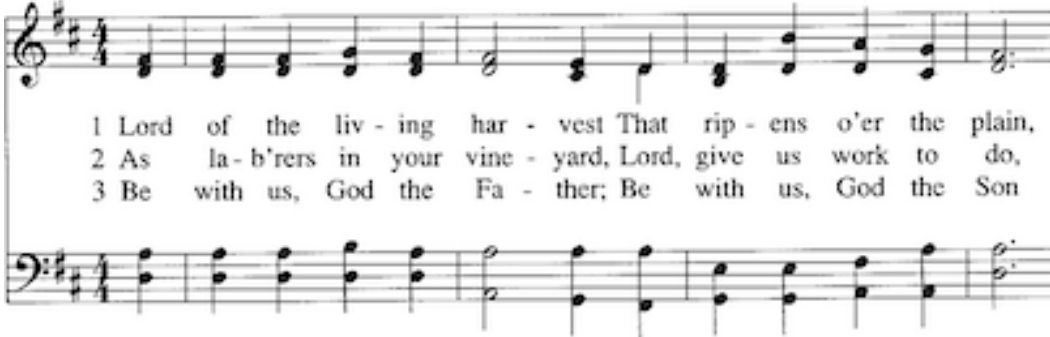
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn of the Day

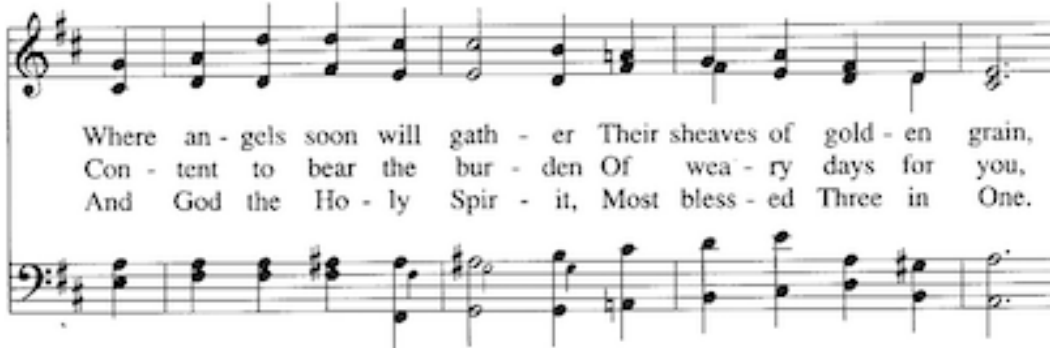
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Lord of the Living Harvest

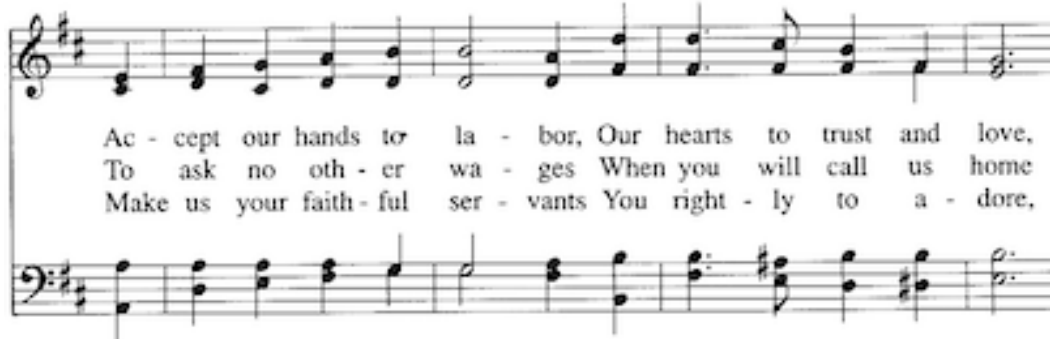
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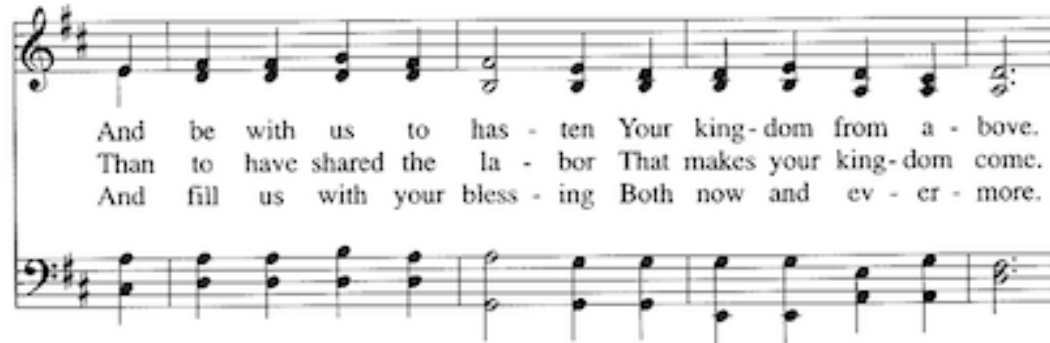
1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens o'er the plain,
2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us work to do,
3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us, God the Son



Where an - gels soon will gath - er Their sheaves of gold - en grain,
Con - tent to bear the bur - den Of wea - ry days for you,
And God the Ho - ly Spir - it, Most bless - ed Three in One.



Ac - cept our hands to la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love,
To ask no oth - er wa - ges When you will call us home
Make us your faith - ful ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore,



And be with us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
Than to have shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
And fill us with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

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 -



Distribution of the Sacrament

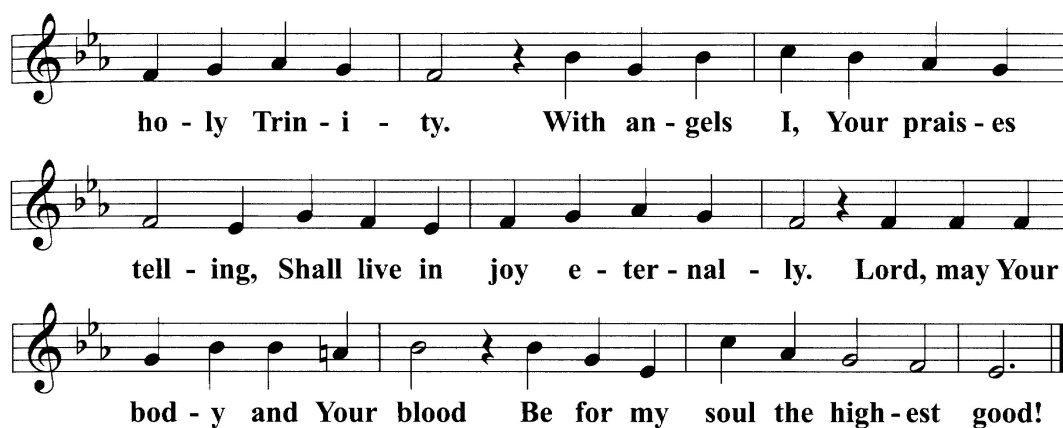
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let 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 lead 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.

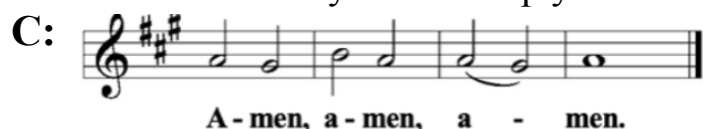
Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 643 – “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour (downstairs)
Thurs	6:30 pm	Elders Zoom Meeting
Sun (9/13)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Installation of the Sunday School Staff
	10:45 am	SS & BC (first sessions of the year)

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) who was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, August 26. A Christian victory service is being conducted this morning at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ where Del was a member and where he served as pastor from 1998 to 2012. A memorial service is also planned for Saturday, October 17, here at St. Paul (time of service TBA). Del served as the pastor of St. Paul from 1993 to 1998. We thank the Lord Jesus for His wonderful reminder: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in*

Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” John 11:25-26.

Also in Our Prayers: Victims of the Nepal Flash Flood. From a social media post shared by Missionary Todd Ohlmann: *“Recent catastrophic flash floods along the Trishuli and Bhote Koshi rivers have caused destruction throughout northern Nepal's Himalayan communities. Flood waters swept away infrastructure, bridges, businesses, farms, and homes, resulting in hundreds of confirmed casualties and leaving numerous residents and tourists unaccounted for as rescue and recovery continue. The Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal (HCLCN) has congregations and church members in the Rasuwa, Dhading, and Chitwan districts. Pastor Raju (spiritual leader of the HCLCN) and his brother Rajan, are preparing to travel to the impacted area as soon as possible. They will bring the comfort of God's word as they evaluate the damage and identify opportunities to provide humanitarian aid and relief in the name of Jesus Christ. Communication with Raju continues as we determine how CLC-Kinship can best assist affected HCLCN congregations and families. Please keep the HCLCN and all the people of Nepal in your prayers, asking God to grant comfort to grieving families, protect relief workers, provide shelter for the displaced, and open doors for His mercy to shine through this tragedy.”*

Around the CLC

- West-Central Pastoral Conference: Tues-Thurs, September 15-17 (hosted by Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD)
- Women's Retreat West at the Cedar Shores Resort, Chamberlain, SD: Fri-Sun, September 18-20. For more information go to: womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/ or see the flier posted on the narthex bulletin board.

Choir Practice Schedule: Rehearsals will be held on Sunday, October 4, 18, & 25, 8:30 am. We will practice the anthem that will be sung by the joint choir at the Front Range Reformation Festival service (to be hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne, on Sunday, November 1).

Upcoming in October

Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 11, 8:30 am
Mary/Martha Quarterly Meeting: Sunday, October 11, 10:45 am
Del Maas Memorial Service: Saturday, October 17, time TBA
St. Paul Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 25, 10:45 am
Fall Clean-Up Day: Day & Time TBA

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 7-12

Mon Luke 17:11-19 Jesus miraculously heals ten men afflicted with the dread disease of leprosy. Only one of them, an outsider to the people of Israel, returned to give glory to God. A foreigner too can have faith.

Tues Galatians 5:16-24 Walking according to our sinful flesh produces harmful and destructive works, but walking according to the Spirit, given by God, produces fruits which are sought by many as blessings.

Wed Jeremiah 17:13-14 To forsake the Lord is to forsake the Hope of Israel. This is not a threat, but an observation. It is the Lord who must heal us; it is the Lord who must save us. *Hallelujah!*

Thurs Psalm 66:1-12 God deserves our praise for His glorious power. We see it in His triumph over His enemies. We see it in His ruling over creation. And we see it in His preserving His people thru fire and flood.

Fri Psalm 66:13-20 God's people honor and thank Him with words and deeds, with offerings and utterances, telling what He has done to save our life (v16). He has heard our prayer and shown us mercy.

Sat Psalm 119:105-112 God's words mean life for us and His words mean light for us. They show us the snares which the wicked have set for us. No wonder they are the joy of our hearts right to the end (v111-112).

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