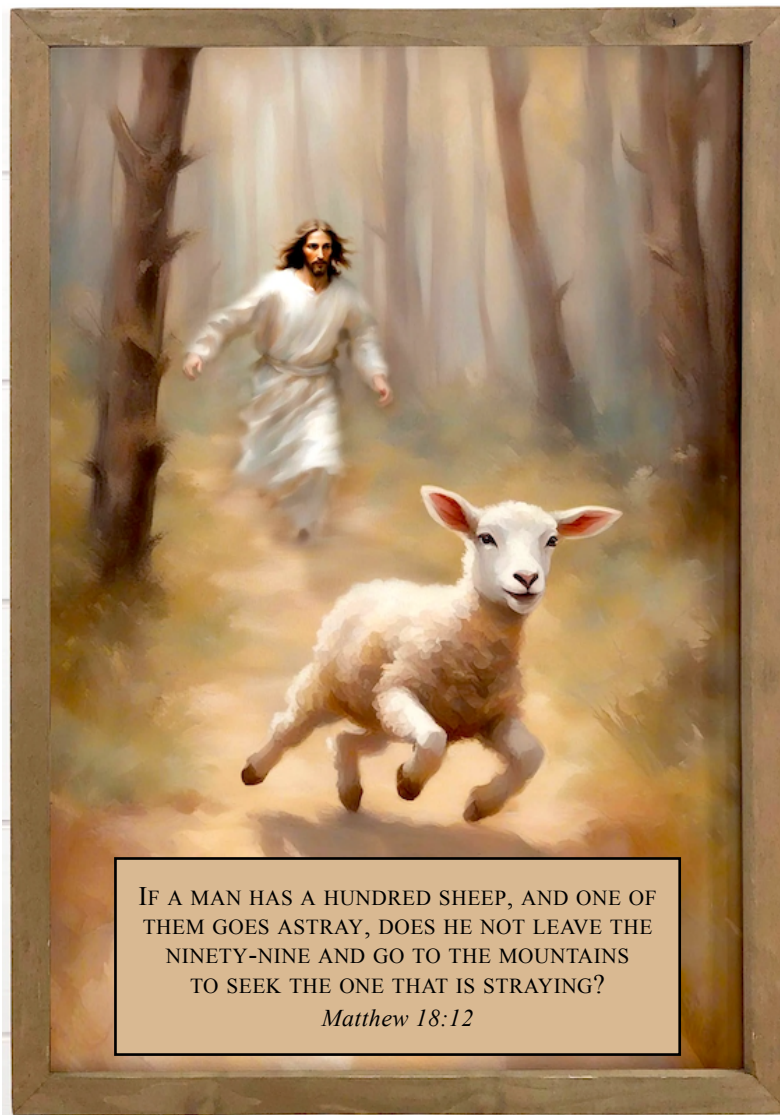




16th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2026

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 812 – “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

The Invocation

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

C: 
A - men.

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.

C: 
Who made heav'n and earth.

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

C: 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 – Psalm 51

P: Have mercy upon me, O God:

C: According to Your lovingkindness.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity:

C: And cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I acknowledge my transgressions:

C: And my sin is always before me.

P: Against You, You only, have I sinned:

C: And done this evil in Your sight.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity:

C: And in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Hide Your face from my sins:

C: And blot out all my iniquities.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation:

C: And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

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.

Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

Two-part musical score for voice and piano. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). 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:

C:
And may He be with you.

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

C:
A - men.

First Lesson – Ezekiel 33:7-11

7 “So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, “O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 10 “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: “Thus you say, ‘If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?’” 11 Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’”

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



Second Lesson – Galatians 5:16–6:2

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



5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(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 528 – “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”

Sermon, based on Matthew 18:12-22

“The Tough, Tender Love of Jesus”

1. It does not fail to speak to others about sin.
2. It is quick to share the news of His unlimited forgiveness.

12 “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15 Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. 18 Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” 21 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

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 Spir - it 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.

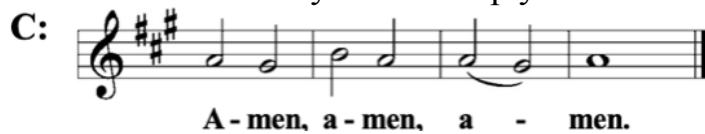
Installation of the Sunday School Staff

Hymn

LSB 611 – “Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”

Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 698 – “*May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (9/13) 9:30 am Worship Service with installation of the Sunday School Staff
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (9/20) 9:30 am Worship Service
 10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

Upcoming in October

- Mary/Martha Ladies Meeting: Sunday, October 11, 10:45 am
- Del Maas Memorial Service: Saturday, October 17, 3:00 pm
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 18, 8:30 am
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 25, 10:45 am
- Front Range Reformation Festival Service (hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne): Sunday, November 1, 11:00 am

The Installation of the Sunday School Staff will take place in this morning’s service. Those who have accepted the congregation’s call are: Derek Barthels (superintendent), Carly Mess (classroom instructor), Suzannah Miller (music teacher), Sharlene Chiappetti and John Sprengeler (substitute teachers). We thank the Lord Jesus for furnishing us with a full staff to serve in our Sunday School in the new school year. We pray for His blessing on their labors of love in His Name and on behalf of His precious lambs!

Pastoral Call: I have been led to return the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI. Please remember Living Hope Congregation in your prayers, as well other CLC churches that are experiencing a pastoral vacancy, asking the Lord to supply them with a spiritual shepherd, according to His perfect wisdom and timing.

The West-Central Pastoral Conference of the CLC is this week Tuesday through Thursday, hosted by Berea Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Pastor Schuetze plans to attend.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 14-19

Mon Matthew 6:24-34 The danger of material possessions, whether we have them or want them, is that they can distract us from the kingdom of God and His righteousness. He is the One who provides for us.

Tues Galatians 5:25–6:10 Walking by the spirit means loving one another (Jn15:12), bearing one another's burdens, rather than provoking and envying one another. Let us not become weary of doing good (v9).

Wed Deuteronomy 6:4-7 The Lord seeks the hearts of His people, wherever they may be, whatever they may be doing, parents and children, day and night. Christ showed such love to us when He died for our sins.

Thurs Psalm 34:1-10 When David found himself in a life-threatening situation, he called upon God and God delivered him. He speaks not of his part in the escape, but of God's hearing and delivering. Call on Him!

Fri Psalm 34:11-22 Being close to the Lord brings deliverance in distress (v17) and joy in sorrow (v18). This does not mean that believers never have troubles, but that the Lord delivers us from them all (v19).

Sat Psalm 119:113-120 The Psalm tells evildoers to get away (v115), for they are against the word and commands of God, and in that word is life, hope, salvation (v116-117). Therefore, I love your testimonies (v119).

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