

***The Parable of the Two Sons
(Matthew 21:28-32)***



19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2026

Welcome to
**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

A Warm Welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States, in Canada, as well as throughout the continent of Africa, and in India and neighboring nations. All our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired, unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to 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 497 – “*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord*”

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 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

1 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, 2 "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? 3 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. 4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. | 25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord

is not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? 26 When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27 Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? 30 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 25

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul:

C: O my God, I trust in You.

P: Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses:

C: For they are from of old.

P: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:

**C: According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness’ sake,
O LORD.**

P: Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me:

C: For I am desolate and afflicted.

P: Look on my affliction and my pain:

C: And forgive all my sins.

P: Keep my soul, and deliver me:

C: For I put my trust in You.

Second Lesson – Philippians 2:1-11

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is a prelude. The second staff begins with 'C: Al - le - lu - ia!'. The third staff begins with 'These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that'. The fourth staff begins with 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' and ends with a double bar line. The fifth staff begins with 'Al - le - lu - ia!' and ends with a double bar line.

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 546 – “*O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild*”

Sermon, based on Matthew 21:28-32

What Wonderful Reason We Have to Do Our Father's Will!

1. We have heard the saving Truth! 2. We have seen its saving effect!

28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ 29 He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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 623 – “*Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray*”

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 -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

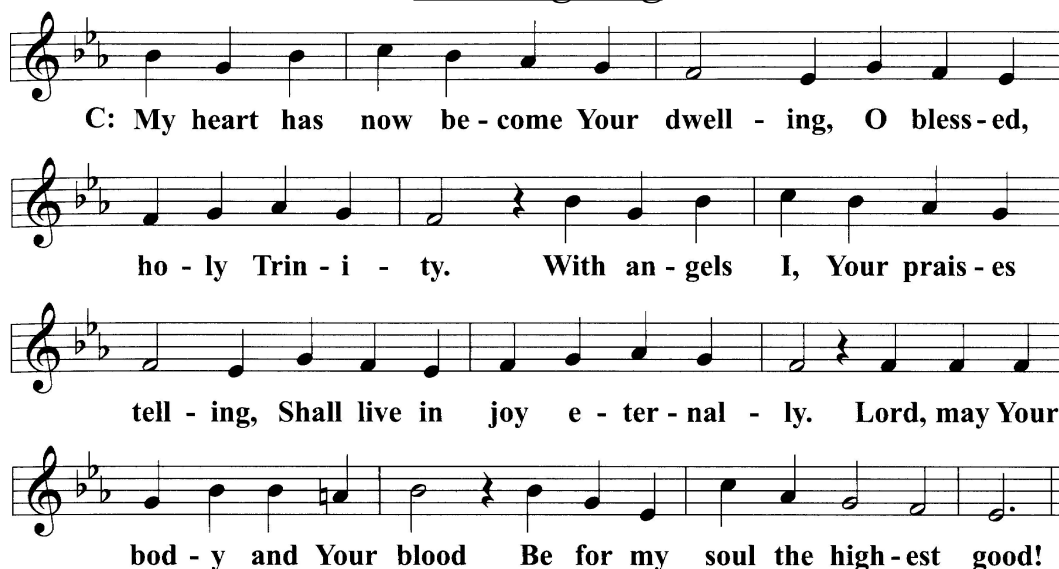
O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*



C: 1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the 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
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now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

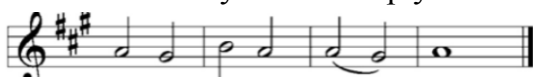
Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Benediction

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

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

Closing Hymn

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

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/4)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Tues	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference in Loveland
Sun (10/11)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Quarterly Meeting

Extended Calendar

Delwyn Maas Memorial Service: Saturday, October 17, 3:00 pm
Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 24, 8:00 am to noon
Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, October 25, 10:45 am
Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Sunday, November 1, 11:00 am
(hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne)

Choir Practice Schedule: Two more rehearsals will be held on the last two Sundays of the month (October 18th & 25th) at 8:30 am. We will practice the anthem to be sung by the joint choir at the November 1st Front Range Reformation Service in Cheyenne.

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 Are Now Providing a Live Stream of our Sunday worship service [on our YouTube page](#). This link is also posted on our St. Paul Facebook page. The Live tab on YouTube will show the live service each Sunday. Here you will also be able to see past services. Older services can also be viewed on our [Facebook](#) page. Parishioners of St. Paul are encouraged to share feedback on our live-streaming (how well it is working, or not) and to offer suggestions for further improvements. Please share your feedback with Sharlene Chiappetti or the pastor. Thank you.

Around the CLC

- Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India.
- Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will celebrate its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will serve as the guest speaker.
- A video overview of the CLC Mission Program is available for your viewing at: youtu.be/4hCOxlkIe90

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 5-10

Mon Matthew 22:34-40 A lawyer tries to trap Jesus into prioritizing one commandment over another. Jesus points to **love** which unites all God's commandments. Such love took Jesus to the cross for us all.

Tues Matthew 22:41-46 Jesus reaches out to the Pharisees, showing them that the Christ is not just the son of David, but also David's Lord. Sadly, they had no response, except to avoid future discussions with Him.

Wed 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Paul thanks God for the rich blessings showered upon the Corinthian Christians. Their troubles, which he will soon address, did not come from any failure of God to provide for their needs.

Thurs Deuteronomy 10:12-21 The commandments of the Lord are reflections of Him. He is the mighty one, who does not take bribes, who carries out justice, who loves the stranger among you. Cling to Him.

Fri Psalm 54 When godless adversaries seek to destroy David, he leaves it in God's hands. With the Lord there is help and deliverance, demonstrated in the past and promised for all time and eternity.

Sat Psalm 119:137-144 Jehovah's righteousness is the subject of this section of the psalm. It is seen in His word. His righteousness is eternally true (v142), and no trouble destroys our delight in the truth (v143).

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