

Philip Tells an Ethiopian about Jesus (Acts 8:26-39)



**21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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 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 793 – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

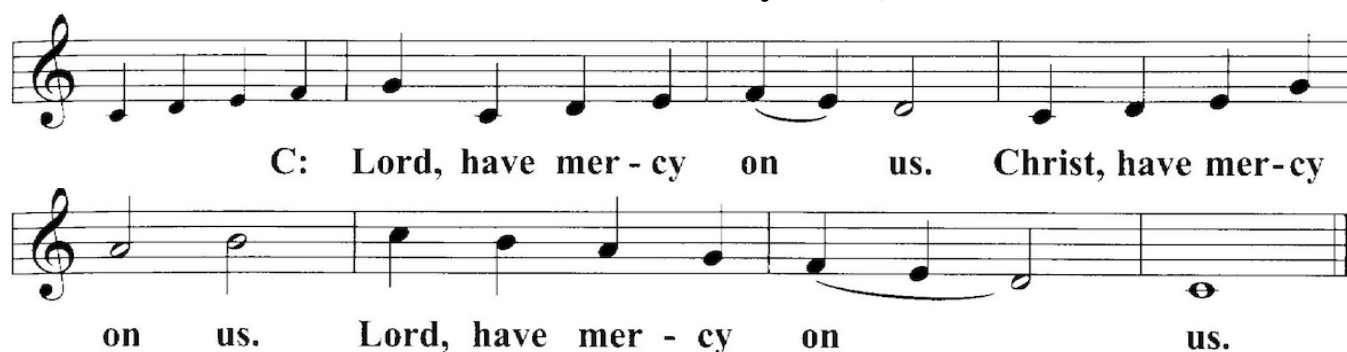
P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

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,

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: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

First Lesson – Jeremiah 31:10-14

10 “Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.’ 11 For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of the LORD— For wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; their souls shall

be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all. 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. 14 I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 98

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!:

C: For He has done marvelous things.

P: The LORD has made known His salvation:

C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel:

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth:

C: Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

P: Sing to the LORD with the harp:

C: With the harp and the sound of a psalm.

P: Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King:

C: For with righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson – Romans 1:14-17

14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

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!



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

LSB 694 – “*Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*”

Sermon, based on Acts 8:26-39

“A Most Unlikely Evangelism”

The Holy Spirit sends you ...

- I. To the most unlikely places,
- II. And the most unlikely people,
- III. With a totally unlikely message,
- IV. Producing astonishing results!

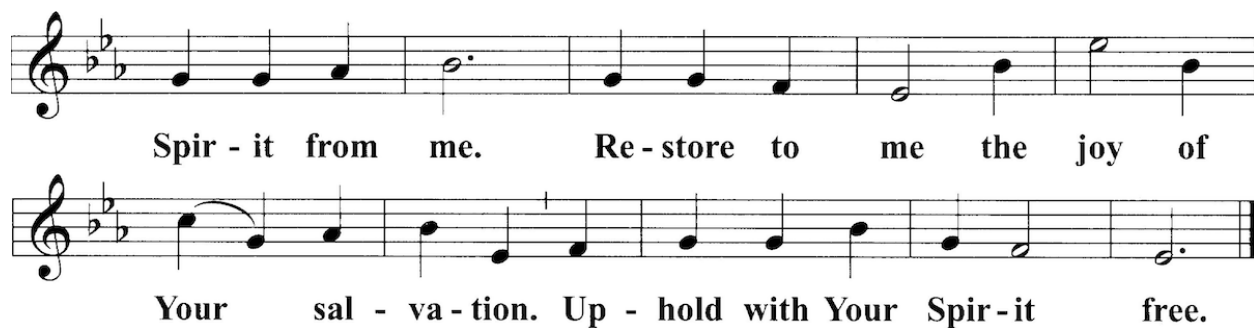
26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.” 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation For His life is taken from the earth.” 34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?” 37 Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

—Guest Speaker, Professor Paul Naumann

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



Offering of Thankful Hearts

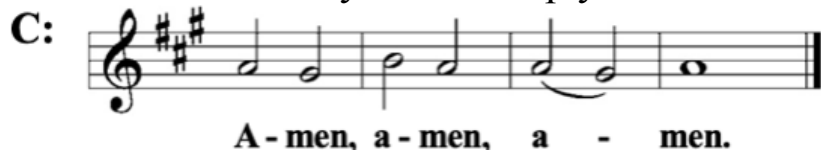
Prayer of the Church

Hymn

WS 780 – “*Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give*”

Benediction

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



Closing Hymn

LSB 830 – “*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*”

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We Extend Our Sincere Thanks to Professor Naumann for sharing the message from God's Word with us today. Professor Naumann currently serves as Academic Dean at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he teaches Hebrew, religion, theology, and history. We thank the Lord for providing faithful servants who proclaim His Word and pray for His continued blessings upon Professor Naumann's ministry.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (10/18)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sat (10/24)	8:00 am	Fall Clean-Up (till noon)
Sun (10/25)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters Meeting

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. 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.

Front Range Reformation Festival

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Location: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne

Schedule of Events:

- 10:00 am — Bible Class
- 10:45 am — Choir Practice
- 11:00 am — Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 12:00 noon — Meal and Fellowship



A Reformation Festival Service will also be held at St. Paul that same morning at the customary time of 9:30 am.

The Reformation Festival is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for God's faithfulness and for the recovery of the truth of His Holy Word. As we remember the Reformation, we rejoice in the central truth of the Gospel: "*The righteous shall live by faith*" (*Romans 1:17, ESV*). All are encouraged to join in worship, fellowship, and thanksgiving for the enduring truth of God's Word and the salvation we have through Jesus Christ alone.

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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 accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico with the approval of his congregation. <> 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.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

October 19-24

Mon Matthew 22:1-14 The Pharisees are trying to arrest Jesus, but He is still reaching out to them in a parable. They are the invited ones, who should come and truly celebrate the forgiving mercy of God.

Tues Ephesians 5:15-21 Our daily walk should reflect the heavenly goal which the Lord wants for us, our songs reflect the joy the Spirit brings to our hearts, and our thanks to God show in serving each other.

Wed Isaiah 65:1-2 As Jesus invited the Pharisees (Mt22), so did the Lord in Isaiah's time also reach out to those who did not seek Him. And in our day He still calls us to repentance, saying, "Here I am, here I am" (v1).

Thurs Psalm 57 David hid in a cave more than once when Saul was chasing him, yet it is not the cave, but God, who is his refuge (v1) in this psalm of prayer (v1-6) and praise (v7-11) for saving him from "lions" (v4).

Fri Romans 11:25-32 God's own precious people includes both Jews and Gentiles (v25-26). This is not because Jews or Gentiles have been so good, but because God is good. He wants to show mercy to all (v32).

Sat Psalm 119:145-152 The psalmist prays for his life as one who relies on the Lord for salvation from every foe. From the Word, which is both true and eternal, he learns of the Lord's mercy and compassions.

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