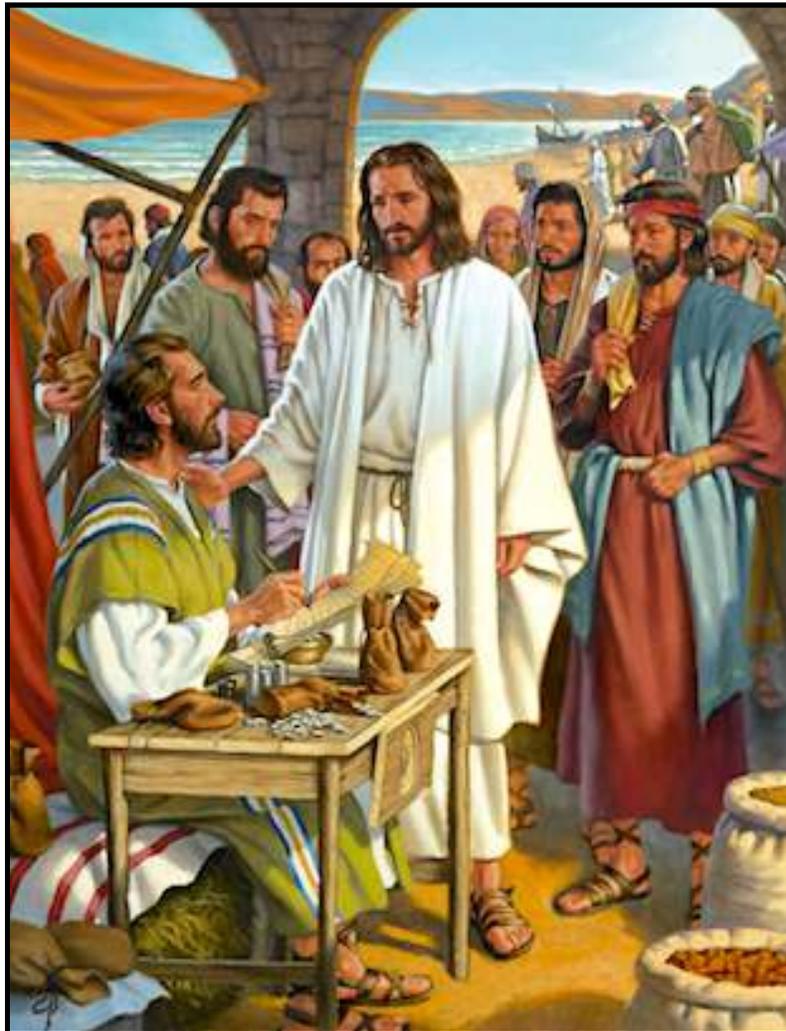


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



JESUS CALLS MATTHEW – MATTHEW 9:9

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:17-24 (pew bible, p.545)
- ◆ The Hymns: 915, 611, 814, 749
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Hosea 5:15–6:6, Romans 4:18-25
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 6

Sermon Text – Matthew 9:9-13

JESUS IS OUR HEAVENLY PHYSICIAN

In love ...

1. He diagnoses our sin-sickness.
2. He provides us with the cure.
3. He calls us to follow Him.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Special Petitions
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (749)

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*Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Hosea 5:15–6:6

5:15 Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me.” 6:1 “Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. 3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.” 4 “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. 5 Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. 6 For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 6

P O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger:
C Or discipline me in your wrath.
P Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint:
C O LORD, heal me, for my bones are in agony.
P Turn, O LORD, and deliver me:
C Save me because of your unfailing love.
P I am worn out from groaning:
C My eyes grow weak with sorrow.
P Away from me, all you who do evil:
C For the LORD has heard my weeping.
P The LORD has heard my cry for mercy:
C The LORD accepts my prayer.
P All my enemies will be ashamed and dismayed:
C They will turn back in sudden disgrace.

Second Lesson – Romans 4:18-25

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” 23 The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Sermon Text – Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was

having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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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.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers: Bob Rankin, Larry Reed

Elder: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (6/21)	9:30 am	Worship Service
Tues	10:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (6/28)	9:30 am	Catechism Q's & A's Service
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Mtg (rescheduled from April)

EXTENDED CALENDAR: Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 18
Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 19
Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, July 26

IN OUR PRAYERS: Douglas Kettner, father of Nathan Kettner, who suffered a heart attack recently. He received treatment for the attack at a hospital in Eau Claire near where he lives in Cameron, WI. Heart stents were inserted and he is now back home recuperating. He is a member of our sister church in Eau Claire, Messiah Lutheran.

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES UPCOMING: On Sunday, July 12, John Sprengeler will be confirmed in the faith in the 9:30 am worship service. He recently completed three years of instruction in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine as summarized in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*. During the service next Sunday, John will be given opportunity to confess his faith



by answering questions on selected portions from the Catechism and by sharing Bible verses and parts of the Catechism he has memorized. A great opportunity for us to review the saving truths of God's Word on which His Spirit has grounded our faith, and to be strengthened on that foundation!

NOTE TO OUR COMMUNICANTS: The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on two Sundays in July, on the 5th and the 12th (Confirmation Sunday).

NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- 1) Summary of the CC reports & actions
- 2) CLC President's Message
- 3) Board of Missions' Devotion
- 4) Board of Regents' Devotion

CALL NEWS: Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer, Cheyenne, returned the call to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU FATHERS!

“Pick a safe trail, Daddy!”

It was the voice of a child calling his father who had gone into a rugged mountainous region in search of a lost sheep. The father had instructed the child to remain behind, but before he had gone far the child called to him: *“Pick a safe trail, Daddy, I'm coming too.”* Whether parents are conscious of the fact or not, they are picking a trail for their children by their attitudes and conduct, by their likes and dislikes, by their loyalties and prejudices, by their preferences and priorities, by their love for, and trust in, the Lord.

Thank God for Your Christian Home

What place on earth so nearly resembles heaven as a home like this, where, superadded to the love of its members for each other is mutual love for the blessed God; where attention is paid not only to the physical and mental duties but also the higher duties of religion; where there is not only a family circle and table but also a family altar; where attention is paid not only to books in general but where the family Bible is loved and honored as the Word of God; where not only earthly music is heard but heavenly hymns are sung, whose sweet notes angels bend to hear and which float to heaven like incense from golden altars; where unions are formed not for this life only but unions which shall be perpetuated in heaven forever – golden links, which even death's rude hand will not sever but for a moment, to be reunited eternally in the home of the blest. – adapted

Scriptures for Meditation

Psalm 112:1-8, Proverbs 17:6

Ephesians 6:4, Hebrew 12:7

Joshua 1:9, Joshua 24:15



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
JUNE 22-27

Mon Hosea 5:15-6:6 God used Hosea to denounce Israel for cheating on Him, for they had turned traitors: so God left them to wallow in their sins. What happened next? Hosea urged them to repent: “Come, let us return to the LORD (6:1-3), who is willing to raise us up and take us back as His bride.” Note: God clarifies what He’s really after: “If you didn’t do the sinning, there’d be little need to apologize to Me for having done the sinning” (6:6).

Tues Matthew 9:9-13 Does it seem unfitting that God goes out of His way to rescue wayward souls (9-10)? Since humans misunderstand God, Jesus set the record straight that God specializes in search-and-rescue (12). And those who are already safely aboard God’s helicopter should be reaching out to the wounded who need a helping hand to get on board, too (13).

Wed Romans 4:18-25 Here the Holy Spirit is explaining how God has always rescued souls—and Abraham is the prime example of God’s protocol. God reconfigured Abraham’s way of thinking—so that he dumped his personal belongings overboard (18-19) in favor of God’s personal belongings (21). With God’s belongings firmly in hand, Abraham possessed what he needed, and God approved (22). (God does it that way for everyone else, too.)

Thurs Psalm 119:17-24 What kind of a person talks like this!? He says that he enjoys God’s Law, wants more time with God’s commandments and God’s regulations for life! Yet it’s not strange to those who love God because He first loved them. We appreciate God’s interest in us; heaven is our home.

Fri Luke 5:27-32 is parallel to Tuesday’s reading—with the addition that it was Matthew Levi’s home where Jesus was having lunch. Doing so was a breach of Jewish protocol, for IRS agents were looked down on as scum and traitors. Jesus, however, saw Matthew as a wandering sheep who would welcome the voice of his good Shepherd. Matthew became a disciple and was used by the Holy Spirit to compose a history of the life and work of Jesus: the Gospel acc. to Matthew. How wonderfully God works with us mortals!

Sat Acts 12:18-24 Herod had already murdered John and James, and when the cell-block couldn’t hold Peter, Herod executed the guards before he left on vacation (18-19). Because Herod handled a peaceful delegation with egocentric pride, it was time for God to make it perfectly clear that Herod was just a worm-bag, after all. Note: It was because Herod did not give glory (credit and thanks) to God for his privileged responsibilities that God dethroned and deleted him. God, favor governments that glorify You! Then God moved on—to His primary interests (24). Hallelujah!