

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO**

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God;
for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. Isaiah 61:10.*

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**21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2020**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD *(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 36 (pew bible, p. 498)
- ◆ The Hymns: 804, 737, 563, 710
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 25:6-9, Philippians 4:4-13
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23

Sermon Text – Matthew 22:1-14

THE WEDDING HALL WILL BE FULL!

1. We've all been invited to a beautiful banquet.
2. Many refuse this invitation.
3. Only those properly dressed will be granted a place at the table.

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (804, stanza 6)

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

*You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 25:6-9

6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 23

P The LORD is my shepherd:

C I shall not want.

P He makes me to lie down in green pastures:

C He leads me beside the still waters.

P He restores my soul:

C He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

P Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

C For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:

C You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

C And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson – Philippians 4:4-13

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have

learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Sermon Text – Matthew 22:1-14

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. 13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning! The members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church consider it an honor and privilege to share with you the words of eternal life in Jesus Christ, the world's only Savior. Please sign the guest register in the front entry and come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- ◆ Organist: Ruth Greening
- ◆ Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Don Claeys

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (10/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Esther, OT 57)
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Sun (11/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	3:30 pm	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne (<i>see announcement below</i>)

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ Pastor Chad Seybt farewell: Sunday, Nov.8 (*see announcement below*)
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day Worship: Thursday, Nov.26, 9:30 am

REMINDER: Daily Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 1, so you'll want to remember to fall back one hour.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHEYENNE is hosting this year's From Range Reformation Festival Service next Sunday, November 1. The time of service is 3:30 pm. Redeemer is asking us to bring dessert for the after-service meal. If you would like to help out even if you won't be attending, you are welcome to send along a dessert with someone who will be going (pastor will be happy to serve as your delivery man).

NOVEMBER 8 IS CHAD SEYBT'S last Sunday serving as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, as he has accepted a call to Wisconsin. Redeemer member Allison Collins is hosting an open house farewell for him & his family at her home on Nov. 8 from 1 to 4 pm. St. Paul's congregation is invited to attend! Allison's address is: 1130 Morningside Dr., Cheyenne, WY 82001.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Emily Ruegge, Nov 8 Jerry Wamboldt, Nov 23

Joshua Ruegge, Nov 9 Linda Wamboldt, Nov 24

Darrick Peters, Nov 12 (Adam & Shawna Fritzler, Nov 24)

CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL: *“The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor John Reim at the end of the 2020-21 academic year. The position would require someone seminary trained with the ability to teach primarily music, college Greek, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2021-22 academic year. The person would serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, potentially teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding the nominee’s educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2020 (letters postmarked November 10, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.”*

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

OCTOBER 25-31

Mon Isaiah 25:6-9 This section of Scripture sounds like harvest time—and, of course, it is. God's Harvest-Home is pictured in terms of prosperity for His people (6) as well as in removing the dreadful pall (7) of death from their future. [Here God also is previewing Easter and Judgment Day (8).] We join Isaiah's people in being glad and rejoicing in His salvation (9), for we also look forward to that day in expectant faith. Praise God!

Tues Matthew 22:1-14 The first half of the parable informs us that God "took it personal" when He was insulted (Note: The Romans would destroy those murderers and burn up their city in AD 70). God didn't give up on humanity but scrounged the world and seated beggars at His table. Many are invited, few get seated, and cheating is not only insulting, but cheaters won't be allowed into heaven (11-13).

Wed Philippians 4:3-13 We know some of those now seated in heaven (besides Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) by the names of Clement, Tychicus, Timothy, Lucas, Jason, Sopater, Tertius, Erastus, Quintus, Mary, Julia – and the list goes on with twenty more named in Romans 16:1-15. See you there!

Thurs Psalm 23 On Good Shepherd Sunday we find ourselves pictured in the metaphor of sheep. I enjoy being a sheep under the care of Jesus, ambling along through the meadows of life, sipping at placid pools, and staying close to my Shepherd. He protects me from Satan when I step into the valley of death, and I look forward to being seated at His table. Since my entire life is in His capable hands, I can relax. Forever. Period.

Fri Matthew 22:15-33 After some flattery(15-16), these professional cheaters dropped a bomb (17). Since God's rules for Jewish social life had long ago expired (as everyone knew), Jesus' view is pragmatic: Don't act as if it's an insult to God when you pay taxes to the Roman government (18-21). Next, Jesus used a Bible passage to clarify that death does not equate with annihilation, for persons DO survive the grave and are currently living the good life with God in heaven.

Sat Acts 18:1-16 Besides having faithful friends, a good job, and a place to live, Paul had been well prepared and equipped to share God's Word about Jesus as Messiah/Savior – and when Satan muscled in (1-6), God parlayed events into larger successes (7-11). Further, when Satan tried to sabotage Paul's gospel outreach, God thwarted that plot, too. Sometimes things get complicated while God is sorting them out. Stay tuned.