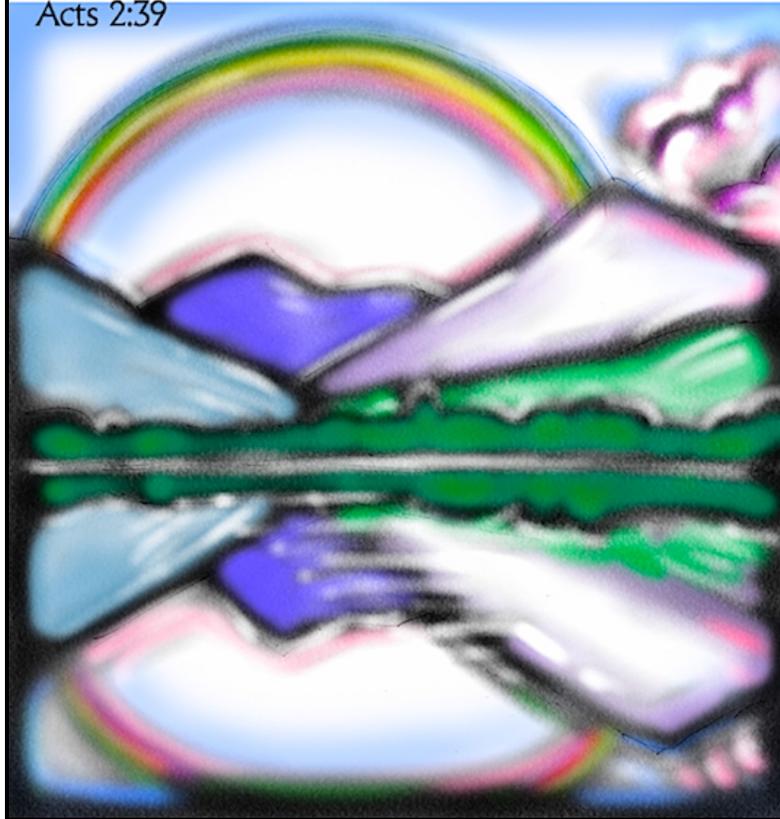


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For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 2:39



**17TH 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 (pew bible, p.)
- ◆ The Hymns: 822 (1-3), 505, 832, 822 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-13, Acts 2:38-47
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 96

Sermon Text – John 12:31-32

“THE GOSPEL DRAW”

(A CLC Ministry-by-Mail Sermon)

- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (822, stanza 4)

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the tract rack or by request from an usher.*

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putting it in the collection plate located in the foyer. There
will be no offering collection during the service.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Isaiah 55:1-13

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. 12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’S renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.”

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 96

- P Sing to the LORD, praise his name:
C Proclaim his salvation day after day.
P Declare his glory among the nations:
C His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
P Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness:
C Tremble before him, all the earth.
P Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad:
C Let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
P Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them:
C Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.
P For he comes to judge the world in righteousness:
C And the peoples in his truth.

Second Lesson – Acts 2:38-47

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Sermon Text – John 12:31-32

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” [ESV]

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshipping 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: Larry Reed, Bob Rankin
- ◆ Elder: Mike Sprengeler

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

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| Today (9/27) | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School (Overthrow of Israel, King Hezekiah, OT 52) |
| | 10:45 am | Adult Bible Class (Session 3 of 5 on the Great Commission) |
| Sun (10/4) | 8:30 am | Church Council Meeting |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School & Bible Class |

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- ◆ Mission Festival Service at St. Paul: Sunday, Oct.11, 9:30 am
- ◆ Church Movie Night: Friday, Oct.16, 7:00 pm
- ◆ Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.18, 10:45 am
- ◆ Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct.24 (8:00 am to noon)
- ◆ Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Sunday, Oct.25, 10:45 am
- ◆ Front Range Reformation Festival Service: Sunday, Nov.1, 3:30 pm (hosted by Redeemer, Cheyenne)

PASTOR SCHUETZE PLANS TO RETURN from his trip to the Midwest (attending Board of Doctrine meetings in Eau Claire and vacationing with family in Minnesota) this Tuesday. Our thanks to Ed Chiappetti and Mike Sprengeler for conducting today's service in the pastor's absence.

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