

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

*So Abraham
called that place
“The LORD
will provide”...*

Genesis 22:14



**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 91 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 809, 568, 438 (1-3), 438 (4)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 8:31-39, Mark 1:12-15
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 6

Sermon Text – Genesis 22:1-14

LOOK FROM MORIAH TO CALVARY

1. See a father's willing sacrifice.
2. See a son's unquestioning obedience.
3. See a substitute that was offered.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (438, stanza 4)

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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 – Romans 8:31-39

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 soul is in anguish.
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.

Second Lesson – Mark 1:12-15

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, 13 and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Sermon Text – Genesis 22:1-14

1 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. 2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.” 3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to

you.” 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. 12 “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We’re 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 would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Jeana Kettner

Ushers: Wayne & Joshua Ruegge

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (2/21)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Palm Sunday, NT 30)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (2/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Lord’s Supper, NT 35)
	10:45 am	Voters’ Meeting
	11:00 am	Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. Lenten Services: Feb 21,28; Mar 3,10,17, 7:00 pm
Daylight Savings Time begins, Sunday, Mar 14
Palm Sunday Worship: Mar 28, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 1, 7:00 pm
Good Friday Worship: April 2, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship: April 4, 9:30 am

OUR SECOND MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will conduct the service at St. Paul. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Redeemer, Cheyenne. See the poster in the foyer for more details on our Lenten services.



A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held next Sunday after the worship service. The main agenda item is to receive Karen Thompson as a communicant member. She recently completed a Bible instruction course with the pastor and has expressed her agreement with our church's doctrinal stand on Scripture and the desire to join our church. We look forward to receiving her in our midst and pray the Lord to bless our fellowship together in His Word!

CHOIR PRACTICES are scheduled for three upcoming Sundays (March 21, 28, and April 4) at 8:30 am. We will work on an anthem to present in our Easter Sunday worship service.

SYNOD NEWS: "Holy Trinity of West Colombia, SC is excited to announce that we will be conducting Christ's Explorers Camp for students entering grades 3-9. The camp will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN, from August 12-15. The camp's theme this year will be '*Fix Your Eyes On Christ.*' We have 6 (3 male, 3 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sunday, April 4. The camp will cost \$75 including all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1. Feel free to contact Sara Kloke at runsforfun@aol.com or Karen Howell kdhowell32@gmail.com for more information" (Pastor David Pfeiffer). Information on the camp may also be obtained at this address on the internet: www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
FEBRUARY 22-27

Mon Genesis 22:1-18 You may have heard someone say (in an irritated tone) “I can’t believe in a God who would do such an awful thing to a father!” Well, we sympathize with Abraham, but he left everything in God’s hands, and so do we. God selected Mt. Moriah for this event, the same place where He would ordain sacrifices at the Temple altar in Jerusalem; and Isaac resembles Jesus as the beloved son and in being resurrected from the dead (Hebrews 11:19)! God blessed Abraham in this test of his dedication to His will.

Tues Mark 1:12-15 What does immediately mean? It means that right after the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, He put Jesus through “basic training” to toughen Him for His line of work. It was the same line of work that got John into serious trouble, but Jesus was up to the job because He was prepared for it. [Question: Are we tough enough on ourselves for our line of work?]

Wed Romans 8:31-39 The Father was tough on His Son because Jesus had to face a tough adversary and survive. Note: Jesus was taken away from us when He died, but after He returned from the grave, we are reunited with Him. That’s what the word WITH means in this context. Yes, Jesus is with us all the way through the worst of circumstances and times (33-39).

Thurs Psalm 6 David went through some hard times, partly his own fault and partly the fault of others. Whichever, David went to the only One who could help, and he depended on God to do the helping—in whatever way He would choose (1-5). It seems to be night time in vv. 6-7, and it’s the next morning in vv. 8-10, when David faces the world again with a refreshed spirit, ready to take on all adversaries and endure all adversities.

Fri Joel 2:12-13 For what good reason were the prophets, apostles, and Jesus so emphatic about repentance? God doesn’t want anyone to go to hell due to un-repentant sin, so He reaches out and tries to turn them around. Turn to Me with all your heart . . . return to the LORD your God, for I am gracious and merciful . . . and of great kindness. [It’s not only them; it’s us, too.]

Sat Acts 21:26-36 Talk about getting into trouble because you’re a Christian! In this case, “religious” people misinterpreted what Paul was doing in the Temple, so they agitated a mob to drag him out of church and slam the doors shut (26-30). The city police barely rescued Paul from being lynched and put him into protective custody (31-36). Away with him means what it says: “Get him as far away as possible: out of our sight, away from Jerusalem and from life itself. We want him dead!” Lord Jesus, direct civil authorities to protect Your spokesmen—our pastors, missionaries, and teachers—from those who want to silence them; and stand guard over them with Your angels. Amen!