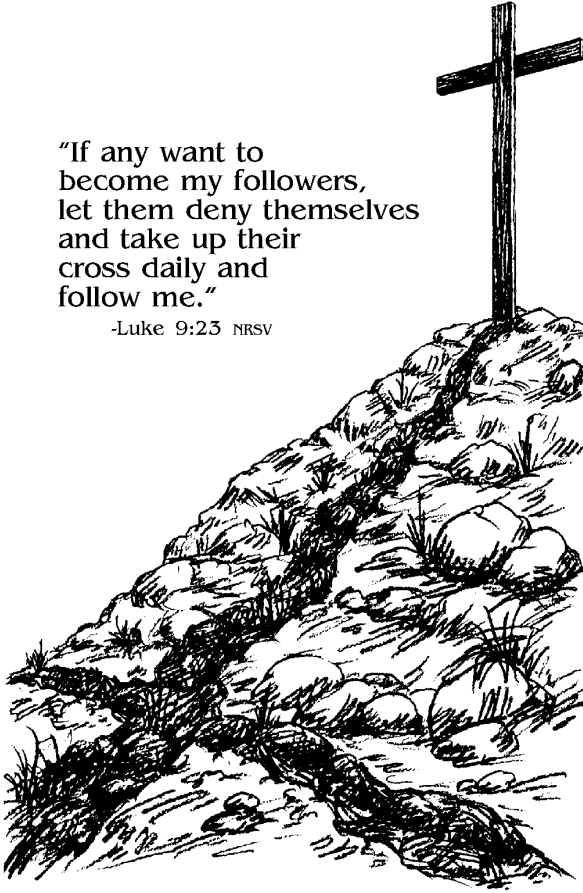


"If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their
cross daily and
follow me."

-Luke 9:23 NRSV



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (237:1)

HYMNS: 390; 245; 421; 453:2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 13:7-9

The Lord would raise the sword against the Shepherd He appointed over His sheep, even the One that was His own Companion, the very Son of God incarnate. He would strike the Shepherd and the sheep would be scattered, the disciples would be offended and flee, but out of the adversity, and testing of the people of God a true and faithful remnant would arise. God call them, "My people." By the gracious calling of God we are included among these blessed people. We are among those who confess, "The Lord is my God."

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29

Jesus' coming is the focus of the law. The Old Testament Scriptures lead to Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God. We have been baptized into Christ, and so we have put on Christ. He is our life. As His disciples, no matter who we are or where we have come from we are Christ's. We are one in Him. Through faith we are all the spiritual children of Abraham and heirs of eternal life!

THE SERMON: Luke 9:18-24

Theme: Knowing Christ Means Knowing the Cross

I. Jesus Is the Christ Crucified for Us

II. We as Disciples Take up the Cross and Follow Him

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY: Catechism, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 a.m. Sermon text: 1 Kings 19:14-21.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

July 12-13: Friday and Saturday Vacation Bible School The lessons this year are: “*Thus Says the Lord*”-- *Prophets of the True God*. We hope that we can have a good turn out for our classes this year. We will have one lesson Friday evening and two on Saturday: one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

August 13-18: YOUTH CONFERENCE at Camp Golden Bell, Divide CO. Theme: Scripture – Thousands of APPS! Brochures available on narthex table.

October 13: Mission Festival Sunday. Pastor emeritus Dan Fleischer has agreed to serve as our guest speaker.

SERVING TODAY

-Organist: Denise Barthels

-Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Norm Schwartz Randy Berg, Luke Berg

-Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 16 worship – 20

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| Weekly Offerings Needed: | \$1,045.00 | Other Offerings: Property Imprv. Fund | 200.00 |
| Offerings Received | 1,360.00 | | |
| Needed for Year: | 25,070.00 | | |
| Received for Year: | 23,210.00 | | |

SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: LAST CALL!

Subscriptions close today. There are still some perennial subscribers who have not subscribed. Our group subscription needs to be sent in this week. The annual group subscription rate is \$15.00. Make checks payable to St. Paul's.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Water leaking into the **church electrical panel** has damaged the panel so that it needs to be replaced. Fox Electric has been contracted to complete this project. However the **\$4,950.00** it will cost will deplete most of the funds from the **Property Improvement Fund**. The voters have initiated a special offering to help defray the cost of this major repair. Only a few gifts have been made in response to this call for a special offering. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do to help meet the cost of this expensive repair. Your gift may be made to **Property Improvement Fund**.

Home from the Hospital: Phil Egtvedt returned home from St. Mary's last Sunday. His recovery from triple by-pass surgery continues to go well. We thank the Lord for this blessing and continue to pray for the Lord's blessing on Phil's continued rehabilitation. Phil and Hazel wish to express their deep appreciation for all the prayers and support they have received from their church family here at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Web Site: Please check out our restored congregation website. The bulletin and sermon will be on the site each week:
<http://stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com/>

Changes in our order of Service. The Church Counsel has approved some minor changes in our order of service. The following changes will be incorporated into our service beginning July 1st.

1. Opening Prayer: We will return to the earlier congregation practice of beginning the service with a prayer to call us to worship. It is hoped that this will encourage our members to be seated earlier and prepare themselves for worship before the service begins.
2. We will exchange different words and/or verse for the Gloria in Excelsis, where we most commonly now sing hymn 237:1 which has expressions that have been misunderstood by some in the past.
3. On communion Sunday the congregation will be invited to say the Lord's prayer with the pastor, but we shall still join in singing the doxology as we have in past communion Sunday's.