

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our risen and ascended Lord and Savior!

Peace: an elusive commodity! What robs you of peace? Mass shootings. Waiting for a diagnosis. Unemployment. A new job. Family conflict. Waiting for acceptance into a college. Buying a house. New variants of the coronavirus. Racial tensions. Guilt. Shame. You can name other peace robbers.

God speaks through Isaiah: “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you” (Is. 26:3). Therein lies the challenge. Peace robbers rivet our mind elsewhere.

Jesus, before facing his own death, said to his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John. 14:27).

Note the first words of Jesus to his disciples on the evening of His resurrection: “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). After showing them his scars from the crucifixion, he repeated those words.

In that context, Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit, commissioning them to forgive sins, or in some cases withhold forgiveness. When you have repented of sin and been forgiven, you know what it means to have peace!

The Holy Spirit continues to come. He raises up pastors for this work in the Church, to bring forgiveness through Word and Sacrament to God’s people. To bring peace!

As individuals, there are times in life when we need to forgive those who have sinned against us in our family, in school, in the work place, or in community. Peace with others!

St. Paul, inspired by the Spirit, encourages “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all” (Romans 12:18). Challenging? Yes! Sometimes, it means overlooking offenses. The Apostle Peter states it well, “love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).

“May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace” (Psalm 29:11)!

In Christ’s love and service,

Roger Schlechte
District President

Please forgive me.

Friends in Christ, I have caused offense through my neglect to properly screen a speaker for the Fall Educators Conference. For that I repent and seek your forgiveness. Please be assured it is not my intention to have speakers that are contrary to Scripture in their personal or professional life. I pledge to you that I will be thorough and diligent in the future. The contract with the speaker has been terminated. Steps will be put in place to protect against future errors. I have corresponded directly to all pastors, principals, DCEs and ECC directors and I ask them and you for grace and mercy.

Again, I take responsibility for not properly vetting the speaker and ask for your

New Website

The Rocky Mountain District now has its new website up and running! Thanks to the staff for the time and work that it has taken over the past several months to have a new site. A special word of thanks to Pastor David Buss for doing the vast majority of the work!

Check it out at www.rm.lcms.org.

Opportunity for District Pastors

All District Pastors are invited to attend the program portion of the Circuit Visitor Zoom Conference to be held on September 20th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Featured will be Pastor Trevor Sutton who will speak on the topic, "Technology and Theology." Pastor Paul Shults' topic will be "Technology and Mission." Pastors will find these timely topics of special interest and benefit. After each presentation there will be an opportunity for questions.

Put the event on your calendar now! Information for joining the Conference will be sent at a later time.



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WHAT IS EVANGUARD?

The Mission

The mission of Evanguard is to instruct, train, equip, and exhort men and boys in biblical masculinity "to mature manhood" in service to their God-given leadership roles in family, church, and society as they "content for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" Jude 3.

The Purpose

As "evangelical" Christians we hold to the orthodox confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as articulated in the Book of Concord of 1580 because it is a true exposition of Holy Scripture and "loyal to the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

In service to Christ and His Gospel we seek to be an advancing point of the Christian faith into the world, with the objective to proclaim (Mark 16:14–16), protect (2 Cor. 10:5), and preserve (Gal. 2:4–5) the orthodox Christian faith now and for future generations—for our "children and our children's children" (Deut. 4:9).

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

One hundred years ago, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod authorized the creation of the Colorado District which would include Utah. This new Colorado District would help support congregations in the Rocky Mountain area as the country was starting to settle the west. It wasn't until March 23, 1922 that 33 representatives from 22 congregations convened in Colorado Springs to formally organize this new district in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Only 20 years later, this new district added New Mexico and El Paso, TX to further expand the proclamation of the Gospel. In 1978, the Colorado District was renamed to the Rocky Mountain District to reflect the vast geographic area it covered including congregations in Page, AZ, Riverton, WY, and Big Springs, NE.

The Rocky Mountain District has changed a lot since the start of the first preaching station in Westcliffe, Colorado in 1872. Through the years, over 400 congregations and preaching stations have been formed, 14 district presidents have faithfully served, and at its peak over 61,000 baptized members partook in Word and Sacrament ministries throughout the district. Laborers for Christ, campus ministry in Boulder, deaf ministries, Hispanic ministries, and a bold undertaking to raise money for ministry in South Africa are just a few of the district's accomplishments. While ministries have closed over time, some have brought the birth of completely new opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. The members of the Rocky Mountain district continue to be pioneers for the church in finding new ways to begin Word and Sacrament ministries in this vast geographic area.

In the months to come, you will receive information on the many accomplishments of the Rocky Mountain District over the past 100 years. The district web site has a page dedicated to this 100 year celebration along with an opportunity for you to share your stories. This year-long celebration will culminate at the district convention next summer. Look for ways your congregation can celebrate and raise awareness about how God has blessed the work in our district. Thank you for being part of the Rocky Mountain District and all that we do together to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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