



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

-  **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.

-  **CONGRATULATIONS** to our four-8th graders who will be Confirmed in Christ today and receive their first communion!!
 - **Josephine Ross** – Matthew 11:28-30
 - **Troy Ryan** – John 8: 31-32
 - **Blake Schroeder** – 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8
 - **Alexa Welander** – Matthew 22:37

-  Today's radio broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God and is in loving memory and Celebration of Lee and Jeanette Williams Wedding Anniversary.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience. * *
- **LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION:** The Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions are due by June 5th, 2023. The cost for the year is \$23.16. If you are interested in adding or renewing a subscription, please drop off your check in the amount of \$23.16 (payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church) to the church office **by May 31st, 2023**. Thank you!!
- **Lamentation 3:** 22-23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". I give thanks to all for your prayers, cards, and words of support during my recent illness and recovery. You have been a blessing to both me and my wife and family. God has blessed us with His love and care. May His face shine also upon you. **Thank you and Thanks be to God!**
Roger and Marilyn Rucker.
- Please join us **today** after service for a **Bible Study** led by Bill Kuschel
- Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday May 3rd and May 17th from 9:30am to 10:45am. Every Lady is welcome to attend.
- We have purchased a new **Convection oven** and are looking for donations to help cover cost. If interested, please note on your offering envelopes. Thank you.
- **CAMP OMEGA is looking for Summer Counselors.** If you are 18 years old or older, enjoy being outdoors and love to work with kids and want to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ with them, then this job is for you!! Please reach out to Camp Omega, go online to fill out an application or contact the Church office for assistance.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Door and the Shepherd

April 30, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Today we hear about Jesus as both our Shepherd and the door for us, the sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us to green pastures and still waters. And Jesus is the door, the gate by which we enter eternal life. As we follow Jesus, we know that He is always leading us toward righteousness—toward an eternity dwelling in the house of the Lord.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

[LSB 463]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord is our Good Shepherd;

People: He leads us and restores our souls.

Pastor: He walks beside us through the darkness

People: and never abandons us, even in death.

Pastor: He goes before us and prepares a table for us,

People: and we will dwell in His house forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though our Lord goes before us, beside us, and behind us, we still find a way to run away from His good pasture. We devote ourselves to all sorts of destruction. Still, our Good Shepherd seeks us out and brings us back to safety. He invites us to confess our sins before His heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have strayed from You. We have wounded You with our sin. We have wounded others with our sin. We have wounded

ourselves with our sin. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to Your good pasture, on account of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Pastor: Though we have strayed, Jesus always keeps searching for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven. Our souls are restored in Christ.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 95*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who has brought together sheep from every tribe, nation, and language to be one flock ever following You. Strengthen us to devote ourselves to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Solo by Bill Kuschel

FIRST READING: *Acts 2:42–47* (Devoted to the Apostles' teaching, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking of the bread)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *1 Peter 2:19–25*

(We return to the Shepherd)

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Romans 6:9; John 10:14

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1–10 (Jesus is the door of the sheep.)

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" [LSB 709]

SERMON

CREED *Apostle's Creed*

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2023 CONFIRMATION: Josephine Ross, Troy Ryan, Blake Schroeder,
Alexa Welander

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: **within Thy house forever.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, ...we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and tend us as our Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

People: **within Thy house forever. Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE: *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the Good Shepherd who leads us to the green pastures and still waters of Your Word and Sacraments. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: “Sing Holy, Holy, to the Lord”

Sing holy, holy, to the Lord,
Who by His cross unchains us.
His blood has purchased our reward.
Eternal life He gains us.

So sing hosanna, seek and knock,
For Jesus has renamed us:
God’s newborn, chosen, priestly flock.
Our Shepherd has reclaimed us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ....

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven...

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: "O Lamb of God, You Take Away"

O Lamb of God, You take away
Each burden and affliction.
We need Your mercy every day;
Save us from sin's conviction.

For Satan' prowls with schemes and scams—
He seeks our condemnation.
But You pursue Your blood-bought lambs,
And home us in salvation.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

"There Is A Redeemer"

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

[LSB 617]

Reusable Song Sheet

[LSB 845]

[LSB 641]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have led us to the green pastures and still waters of this Meal, and we pray that You would continue to lead us on the paths of righteousness, devoted wholly to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

[LSB 770]

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.
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- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND LWML PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on May 4th at 2: 00pm here at St Paul Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dessert will follow in the Parish Hall.
- **To all our Volunteers-** A sincere thank you goes out to each and every one of you. Volunteering is a gift one person gives to another. Whether you gave of yourself once or many times over, your time, talents, and energy have and continue to make a difference. Thank you again for sharing your gifts! **The Board of Stewardship**
- On Monday, April 24th 20 pounds of food stuff from church was delivered to the **FOOD SHELF**.
- **THANK YOU** goes out to the following families for donating Waster plants to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones: Cindy Kolander, Dick Arnold, Kent DeLong, Karen Berg, Connie and Davide Krause, Duane Brase, Esther Dietrich, Gary Siefert, Anita Nelson, Shirley Bluhm, Dave Ziegler, Lois Spies, Pastor Lund, David Denn, Bob Roemhildt, Marv Maass, Karen Weckwerth, Grant Duffy, Jeanette Williams, Jean Kuschel, Jerry Flogstad. Due to my injury, I apologize for being a little behind with this thank you. Kathy Flogstad

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Wayne Hursh, Lester "Les" Wayne Barbknecht
- **Hospitalized:** Margie Arndt
- **Surgery:**
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney,
- **Testing:**
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- **Up Coming Surgeries:**
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Ezra Rudolph (new baby of Jared and Tirzah Rudolph), Judy Graper
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm) Randy Gehring (brother-in-law to Denise Duffy)
- **Chemotherapy Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Terry George (Fiancé of Linda Larson), Kirsten Tharp (sister to Denise Duffy)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **For the Itron employees.** May God guide them during this next year as the plant closes and people search for new jobs.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 30th – May 7th, 2023

Sunday (30th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

Monday (1st):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (2nd):

1:00 pm Quilters

6:00 pm BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

6:00 pm BOARD OF ELDERS

Wednesday (3rd):

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

7:00 pm BOARD OF EVANGELISM

7:00 pm BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday (4th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

5:30pm BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday (7th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Led by Bill Kuschel) and Coffee hour

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: April 30th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

FLAUTIST: Hannah Lacroix

ACOLYTE: Alex Bethke

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Denise Duffy

NEXT WEEK: May 7th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Bob Lau/ Harold Christianson

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Bill Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

Sunday April 23rd: 138 Voter's Meeting: 49 Sunday School: 12

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 5,172.00

Improvement Fund: \$105.00 **Other: OVEN:** \$1000.00

Radio Broadcast: Memory of Clinton Bluhm \$75.00 and Lester Barbknecht \$10.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund: Memory of Wayne Hursh \$25.00

***** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 *****

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:

O Lord, have mercy!

There Is A Redeemer

Words and Music by
Melody Green

♩=92 **VERSE**

D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D A D G A D A

1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

5 D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D G G/B A^{sus} A⁷ D

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

CHORUS

9 D D/F# G D G A D A⁷

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, and

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D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D G G/B A^{sus} A⁷ D

leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

1 Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

3 Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

4 Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
 With gift of finest wheat.
 Come give to us, O saving Lord,
 The bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
 They know and heed his voice;
 So when You call Your fam'ly,
 Lord, We follow and rejoice. *Refrain*
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to You
 Our praise and gratitude
 That You should count us worthy,
 Lord, To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share
 The blood of Christ outpoured?
 Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
 Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*
- 4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
 No mortal tongue can tell:
 Whom all the world cannot contain
 Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
 Then selfless let us be,
 To serve each other in Your name
 In truth and charity. *Refrain*

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

