

+The Divine Service+

The Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 26, 2026 | 8AM



Christ Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

Confession and Absolution

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Introit

Psalm 23, King James Version antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

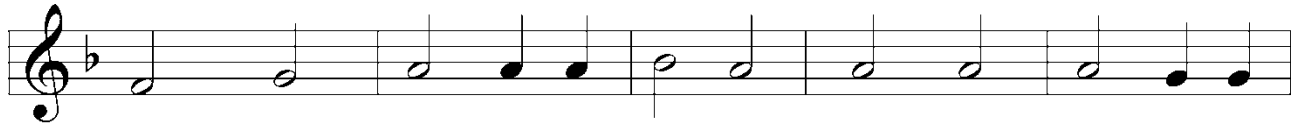


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie



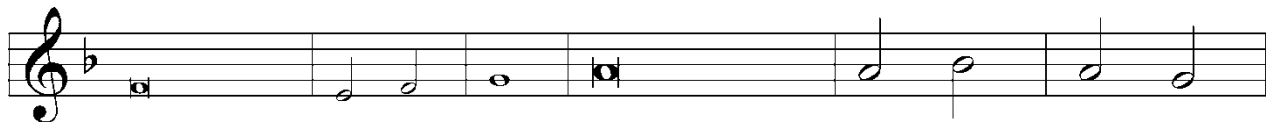
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

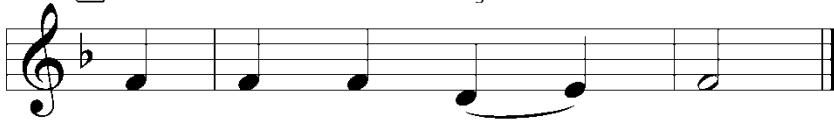
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Procession | 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

st. 1



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—

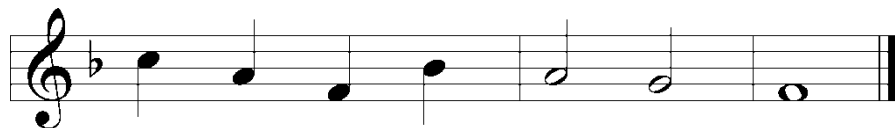


Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “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. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day | 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

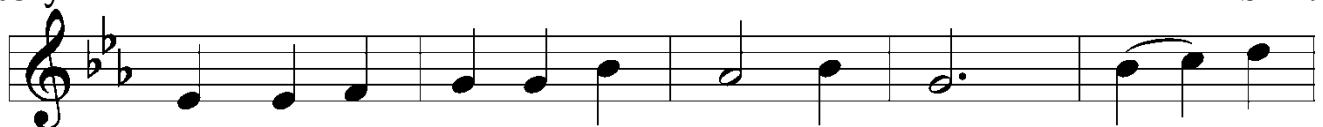
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

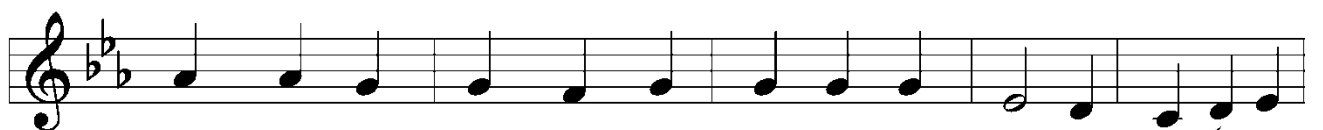
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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit
The Offering

Stand
Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the

world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

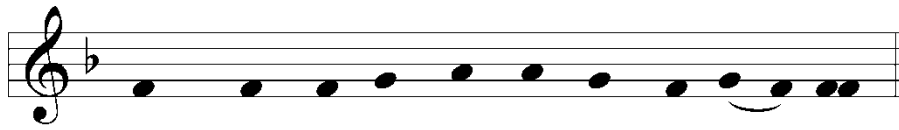
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

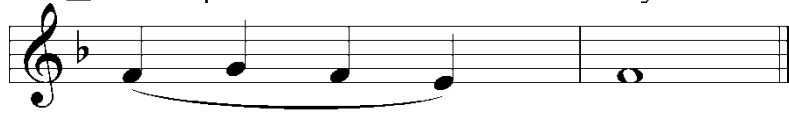
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Distribution Hymn | 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Distribution Hymn | 712 Seek Ye First

Stand

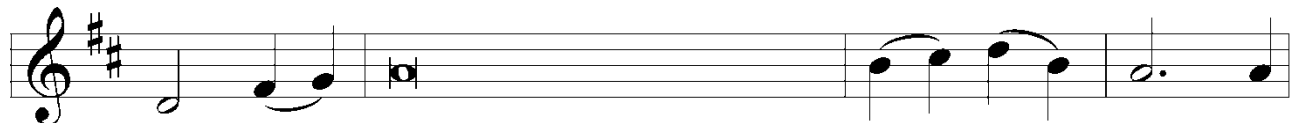
The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation

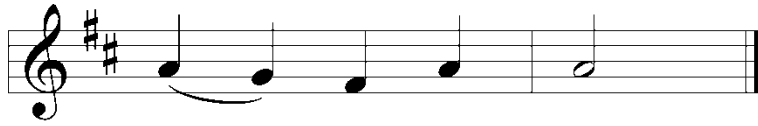
P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

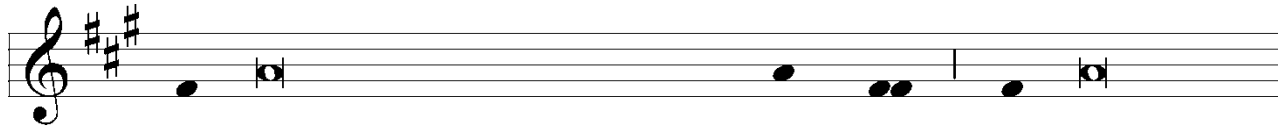
A Bless we the Lord.



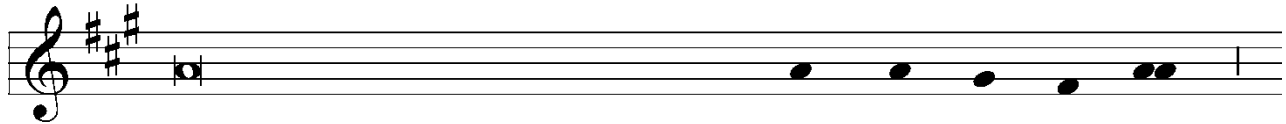
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

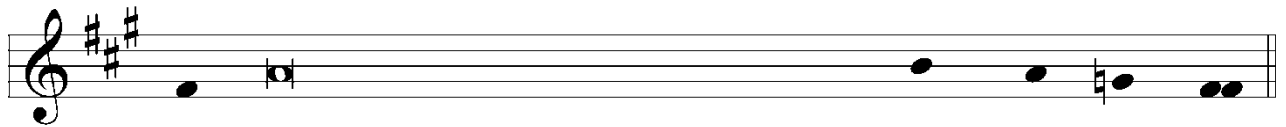
LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart | 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confirmation Class of 2026

This 2026, we rejoice with the five eighth grade confirmands of St. Paul, Preble. These boys will be confirmed in the faith on May 3 and will receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar as communicant members of our Church. We rejoice!

For faithful parents and sponsors who bring their children up in the fear and instruction of the Lord, for children who learn in obedience to their parent's instruction, for faithful teachers, Sunday school teachers, and all Christian mentors who lead the youth of Christ on to spiritual maturity in the things of God: we rejoice and give thanks to God this day.



Jonathan Gerald Borne

Born: January 12, 2012 Baptized: January 22, 2012

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Indiana

Parents: Micah and Amanda Borne

Sponsor: Nicholas Hoffman Witness: Danica Phillips

Verse: Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

John 14:23

Jazper Lewis Huff

Born: August 2, 2012 Baptized: September 30, 2012

Baptized at St. John Lutheran Church, Celina, OH

Parents: Brady and Elizabeth Huff

Sponsor: Cody Brown

Verse: The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.

2 Timothy 2:11-12a

Jordan Noah Miller

Born: October 21, 2011 Baptized: November 26, 2011

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Indiana

Parents: Jake and Jamie Miller

Sponsor: Paul Hockemeyer Witnesses: Will Miller, Megan Mankey

Verse: Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Walter Conrad Nussbaum

Born: July 24, 2012 Baptized: August 12, 2012

Baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preble, Indiana

Parents: Nicholas and Kristan Nussbaum

Sponsor: Todd Steiner

Verse: Therefore be imitators of God as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Andrew Thomas Yeager II

Born: October 23, 2011 Baptized: October 30, 2011

Baptized at Zion Lutheran Church, Garrett, Indiana

Parents: Andrew and Heather Yeager

Sponsors: Jared and Morgan DeBlicke

Verse: But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jude 1:20-21

I AM the Door. I AM the Good Shepherd

A Meditation on the Word of God | John 10:1-10

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday. Its theme is taken from one of the most common metaphors in the Bible picturing God's relationship to his people: God is the shepherd; his people are his sheep.

The Scriptures proclaim that the LORD, Yahweh, is himself the Shepherd of Israel:

Ps. 77:20—you lead your people like a flock.

Ps. 79:13—we, your people, the sheep of your pastures, will give thanks to you.

Ps. 80:1—give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

Ps. 95—He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ps. 23—The LORD is my shepherd. I shall not want.

David was a man after God's own heart. And we remember how David, before becoming king of Israel was a shepherd. But a brave shepherd David was. David would often put his own life on the line for his sheep. Remember when King Saul was reluctant to send young David into battle against Goliath? David said that in his past, he had fought lions, killing them with his bare hands, to spare his sheep. And now he was ready to do it again, ready to fight for Israel, to put himself between the enemy, and God's sheep, and defend them from Goliath.

Most shepherds don't act this way. Most shepherds only see the sheep as a means to an end. If they love them, it is only for their wool and for their flesh. When the hired-hand sees the wolf coming, he flees. Why? *Because he loves his own life more than the sheep.* And he wouldn't get anywhere near that close to death as David, who risked his life for the sheep. Plenty of shepherds in Israel had come and gone over generations. Ezekiel 34 is a passage where God is calling the prophet to prophesy against the false shepherds of his day who had used the sheep only as a means to an end. Here is what God says:

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts.

What will God do in response to the shepherdlessness of his people? He says in verse 23:

²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Wait a minute. Ezekiel is prophesying many years after King David lived and died. Who is God talking about? The Son of David, none other than Messiah.

So when Jesus comes into the world and says, "*I AM the Good Shepherd,*" this is what he is saying. "*I AM Messiah, David's Son and David's LORD, come to gather the wandering,*

scattered, lost sheep to myself.” Listen to the Gospels: Matthew 9:36—*when [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

And remember what Jesus said to the Pharisees, who were scandalized that he was eating with tax collectors and sinners? Lk. 15:4—*“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”*

Christ, the true shepherd, the Good Shepherd, the Son of David, man after God’s own heart, but not just man, even God himself, the LORD, Yahweh—*“the LORD is my shepherd,”* that’s Jesus, come to shepherd the people of God.

But there is something that distinguishes our Lord from every other shepherd in the world: and not only false shepherds, but even David, and all the other true shepherds who come in his name. What makes Jesus unique, alone the Good Shepherd, is not that he cares for us, that he protects us, that he leads us to green pastures and still waters. Plenty of other shepherds care for their sheep too. But Jesus is truly unique from all the other shepherds in the world in this way: *He dies for the sheep.* He says it five times in John 10: *“I lay down my life.”*

He allows that ancient wolf, death, to devour him. He lays down his own life, trusting that God the Father will take it up again. He goes into the valley of the shadow of death for us. He puts himself into the jaws of that ancient wolf to be devoured, so that his sheep might be spared. Because he is the Good Shepherd. He loves the sheep more than his own life. He doesn’t love them because of what he gets from them, and stops loving them the minute they stop giving to him. The Good Shepherd loves the sheep purely for their own sake, more than himself.

And what does it mean then, to be a sheep in the Good Shepherd’s hand? The sheep see what their Shepherd has done—how their Shepherd has bled and died for them—and they love him for it. And they are glad to call him their Shepherd, glad to hear his voice, glad to follow where he leads. Because they trust him. And this is what faith is. This is what unites the sheep to their Good Shepherd: faith. And faith is no mere historical knowledge of something. Even the demons know that Jesus is the Son of God. But the demons do not believe in him.

The essence of faith is trust—the trust of the heart that clings to Christ alone, and believes that, if the Good Shepherd has gone this far and done this much for me—if he has given himself into death for me, then he will not abandon me. He will stick with me in trouble. He will walk beside me in the valley of the shadow of death. He will be there with me, when my last hour comes. And when in my life, I stray, he will be patient with me. He will bring me back to himself by the rod of the Law, and by the staff of the Gospel. He will call me from my aimless wandering, and gather me up to himself, together with his whole Church.

And even when my Good Shepherd leads me into dark and dangerous places, even there, I will trust in him. For I know that while I may not know what the Lord is doing in each and every circumstance of life, I trust that he is using all things, even the sad experiences, to draw me ever closer to him, to train my ears to listen even more attentively for his living voice. And even more, I know that while I hear my Shepherd, my Shepherd hears me. He listens to my bleatings,

my pleas, my cries for mercy. He hears my prayers, and he answers me. He takes all my wants and concerns before the Throne of Grace, so that my heavenly Father hears them too. And, he calls me by Name. In Baptism, he has put his own Divine Name upon me, branded and marked me with water and the word that I may be his own. We are sheep who have been branded, so that when the enemies of the Cross see our branding, they know to whom we belong.

All of this is true of Christ, the Good Shepherd. But today, we get another metaphor besides “shepherd.” In the first ten verses of John’s Gospel, Jesus calls himself the Door. He says in verse 7, *“I am the door of the sheep.”* It has been said that in First Century Palestine, a sheepfold would often be a circular enclosure, with one gap in the circle, that was the sheep gate. And the shepherd would lay himself down at night in that gate, to close the circle.

So the shepherd literally became the door of the sheepfold. And this served two purposes: it kept the sheep in so that they wouldn’t wander out. And it kept the enemies out so they couldn’t come in. So that, if the shepherd is the Door, if he lays himself down between the sheep and the wolves, the only way the wolves can get to the sheep is over the shepherd’s dead body. If Jesus is calling himself the Door, it means that he has put himself between us and our enemies. And this is nothing else than the Doctrine of the Atonement: Christ, putting himself between us and our enemies, sin, death, and the devil, and giving his life for ours, substituting his perfect, holy life as a sacrifice to satisfy the wrath of God, and the Law’s punishment, that we might be spared from punishment, forgiven, justified, renewed, and on the Last Day, saved.

If Jesus is the Door, it also means that he is the only way to salvation and eternal life. He is the way we enter the Church, the way we come into God’s kingdom: through Jesus’ death and resurrection. Remember what St. Paul says in Romans 6 about your Baptism. In Baptism you were crucified with Christ, buried with him by baptism into his death, raised out of the water to new and resurrected life. You have taken that same paschal journey with Jesus out of death and into life. You have gone through the Door, and have been brought into the Sheepfold, the Church. So that, the only way to life and salvation is through Christ, the Door.

This is the mark by which we can distinguish true and false shepherds. Verse 1 of today’s Gospel says, *“He who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.”* In other words, false shepherds will try to get at you any way but by the Door. Any preacher who comes proclaiming a message other than Christ crucified for sinners is a false shepherd. Any preacher who teaches you to rely on your own works, or to follow your heart rather than the Word, or promises you health and wealth if you follow him or her—that one is a false shepherd. True shepherds (the word ‘pastor’ means shepherd) will tell you the only way to life and salvation is through faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone. It is only through the Door that we go in and out to green pastures and quiet waters of God’s paradise. It is only in Christ that we have the forgiveness of all our sins, life, salvation, and justification before God. So we trust him. We follow him. We hear his voice. And he goes before us, Christ the Good Shepherd—he that lays down his life for the sheep.

Announcements

St. Paul

We rejoice with our five eighth graders who are soon to be confirmed at St. Paul. **Examination Sunday is this Sunday (4/26) in the late service, and Confirmation will take place in the late service Sunday, (5/3).** The congregation is encouraged to come to the examination and confirmation services especially, to offer their prayers, support, and encouragement.

At the examination, the catechism will be recited and confessed by the catechumens and the whole congregation. At the Confirmation Rite, the presence of the congregation and their prayers is an encouragement to the youth who are about to join our communion fellowship. So if you are able, please join us for these services next two weeks.

We rejoice with Jon, Jazper, Walt, Jordan, and Andrew as they are confirmed in the faith and will receive the Sacrament of the Altar as confirmed Christians.

We rejoice with our field workers as vicarages and calls will soon be assigned at the Seminary. At this point, Ryan Skove, our second year field worker, and Michael Hahn, a fourth-year student and our former field worker at St. Paul, have no idea where the Lord will send them for Vicarage (Ryan) and first Call (Michael), but the services where they are assigned happen this week. Vicarage Assignment Service (Ryan Skove) is on **Tuesday, April 28th at 7PM** and Candidate Call Service (Michael Hahn) is **Wednesday, April 29th at 7PM**. Anyone may attend these services in person at Kramer Chapel at the Seminary but if you are going, get there early as space is limited. If you cannot attend the services in person, they will be livestreamed at ctsfw.edu/CallDay, and also on the Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Facebook and Youtube pages. If you have never watched these before, they are truly exciting, as candidates learn for the first time where they will be placed. We pray for Ryan and Michael as the Lord sends them into his vineyard for service in his Kingdom.

SAVE THE DATE: The Sunday School materials/awards presentation will take place May 24th in the 9AM service. The Sunday School—All Church picnic will take place on Sunday, May 31st from 11:30AM—2:30PM. You are invited!! More details to follow.

Greeters. Covid ended our practice of having greeters welcome the congregation to services. Now that Covid is over, we would like to bring back Greeters. If you and/or your family would like to sign up as greeters, please talk to Pr. Yeager who is getting a schedule in order.

The Ladies Aid would like to thank everyone who came to make noodles with them. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for your support.

There are **FREE TLH hymnals** (St. Paul's old hymnal) in boxes in the entryway to the fellowship hall. These are free to any members who would like to have one or several.

A new **Norway newsletter** from the Innvaers is available on the Norway donation box in the narthex. We thank you for continuing to support the Norway and Nazareth missions. Your mission dollars are being put in service toward the spread of the Gospel and Christ's kingdom into the world. Truly donating to both is doing a wonderful service. Thank you.

Wyneken

Becky Klenke—Retirement Open House Sunday, 17 May, 11-1PM in the Wyneken Cafetorium. Stop in anytime for light refreshments and fellowship as we celebrate one faithful teacher of our school who is headed into retirement. Those with special memory or photo of Becky are invited to email to office@wyneken.org or cwilson@wyneken.org.

2026 Wyneken Warrior Summer Volleyball Camp. At the Wyn. gym, June 24-26, girls grades 3-8 (based on 26-27 school year). Time: 3-4:30 (3rd-5th), 4:30-6 (6th-8th). Cost is \$30 (includes T-Shirt). Need to be registered by June 3 to receive T-Shirt. Email or call James Fuhrmann, Athletic Director, 260-450-5610 or athleticdirector@wyneken.org.

SGO Applications. We encourage all families to apply. The application deadline is May 29, 2026. All forms and completed application must be in the school office by this date and time.

Anniversaries: praise be to God and congratulations for those celebrating anniversaries at our school. Ms. Becky Klenke, teacher/chimes—49 years of service; Carolyn Voshell, teacher—20 years of service; Jennifer Conrad, teacher—5 years of service; Margie Edwards, Aide—15 years of service; Mrs. Janine Albert, Extended Care Director—25 years of service. Praise be to God for devoted teachers and staff members who serve at Wyneken!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 26	8AM	The Fourth Sunday after Easter—Divine Service
	9AM	Sunday School/Bible Class/Confirmation Instruction
	10:15AM	The Fourth Sunday after Easter—Matins
		<i>The Examination of the Confirmands</i>
	11:30AM	Lutheran Lads Greek Study
Wednesday, April 29	7PM	Divine Service
		Choir Practice
Thursday, April 30	1PM	Senior Fellowship
Sunday, May 3	8AM	The Fifth Sunday after Easter—Matins
	9AM	No Bible Class—family confirmation pictures/sanctuary
	10:15AM	The Fifth Sunday after Easter—Divine Service
		<i>The Rite of Confirmation</i>
		No Lutheran Lads Greek Study

***Important Future Dates**

Confirmation Sunday 5/3—late service

Becky Klenke—retirement Open House 5/17, 11-1PM Wyneken Cafetorium
St. Paul moves to the Summer Schedule on 5/24:

One service 9AM, no Sunday School/Bible Class/ Confirmation/Greek

Sunday school materials/awards presentation—5/24

All Church Picnic—5/31

Prayer of the Church

+**The Sick and recovering:** Penny Smith.

+**Our Wyneken School:** Mr. Darin Koenemann, teachers, staff, students, and childcare.

+**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Katie Keuneke; Sunni Jones; Kyndal Hall.

+**The Homebound:** Lurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).

+**Birthdays 4/22—5/2.** Ryker Seddelmeyer, Alana Melcher, Carrie Bulmahn, Tim Reinhart, Connie Bulmahn, Jean Skaggs, Jennifer Fuelling, Luke Ainsworth, Sarah Enterline, Carl Seddelmeyer, Jim Kolter, Oliver Faurote, Keaton Steiner, Carol Moughler.

Acolytes

4/26 8AM Jase Ehlerding 10:15 Henry Faurote

Stewardship for 4/12/26

Offering: \$5,885.20 Online Offering: \$1,184.57 Total for the week: \$7,069.77

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00 vs. Year to Date: +\$2,306.36

Attendance

Wednesday 4/15 14

Sunday 4/19 8AM 91

10:15AM 96



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