



OUR GOOD SHEPHERD IS VICTORIOUS OVER DANGERS

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

May 8, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, open my ears today to hear your voice. Reveal to me the dangers of my sins and of false shepherds who wish to destroy my faith in you. Lead me to the abundant pastures of your grace and forgiveness, and keep me always in your loving care and protection. Bless all of your lambs and strengthen us all to confess our faith in you and the eternal blessings you bring. In your name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

CHOIR

You Are Mine

please stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ✙ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



be seated

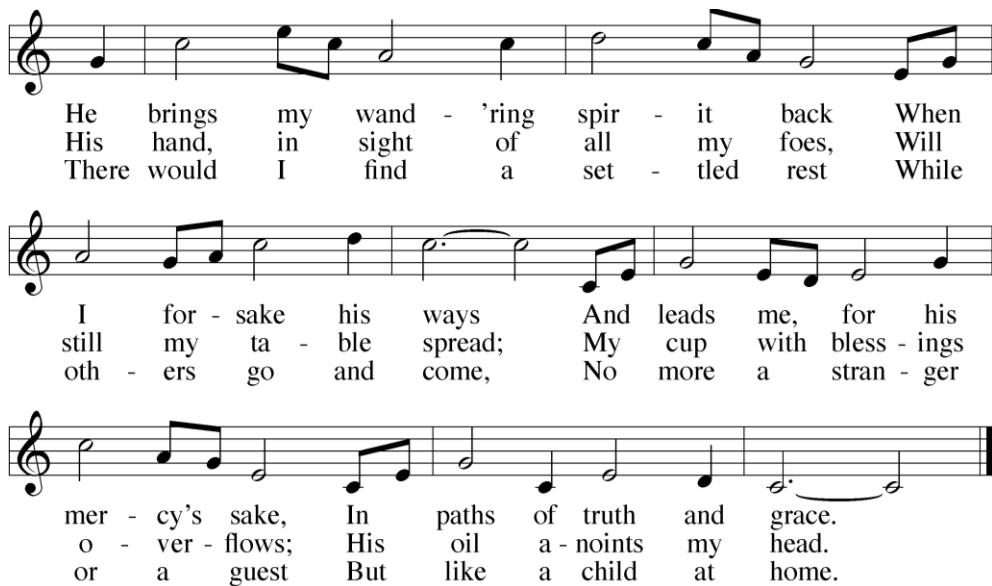
HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | 374

1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, His
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

ho - vah is his name. In pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -
tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be

makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode And all my work be praise.



He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When
 His hand, in sight of all set - tled foes, Will
 There would I find a rest While

I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his
 still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
 oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest But like a child at home.

The 10:00 am service continues on page 9.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:25-31

²⁵Then I will establish a covenant of peace with them, and I will rid the land of wild animals, so they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the forests.

²⁶I will make them and the area around my hill a blessing. I will send the rain showers down in their season. They will be showers of blessing. ²⁷The trees in the field will yield their fruit, and the earth will yield its produce. They will be secure on their own land and know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸No more will they be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in security, with no one to make them afraid. ²⁹I will establish for them farmland famous for its crops, so that they will no longer be carried off by famine that is

continued...

taking place in the land. They will no longer bear the scorn of the nations. ³⁰They will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. ³¹You are my flock of sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and you are my people, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

please stand

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

²²Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. ²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.



HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | 375



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me; And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

SERMON

John 10:22-30

Believe Your Good Shepherd



10:00 am

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | **375** (1,2,4,6)

SERMONETTE

John 10:22-30

Believe Your Good Shepherd

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

be seated

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, we have heard the sweet sound of your familiar and loving voice in the gospel and have feasted in the green pastures of your Holy Word. Bless your Word in our lives. Use its message to nourish and sustain us as we journey through this life to the next.
- C: What joy it is to know that you laid down your life for the sheep—even sheep like us.**
- M: Gracious Shepherd, we are truly confused and foolish without you. Forgive us for the times we wander from you and stray from the call of your voice. Restore us to your fold and protect us from the evil one. When Satan comes in the sheep's clothing of false teaching, expose his lies and guide us in your truth.
- C: When temporary pleasures tempt us, use your rod and staff to curb our sinful nature and lead us in paths of righteousness.**
- M: Guiding Shepherd, bless your Church with faithful under-shepherds—pastors who proclaim your death and resurrection as they minister to the souls in their care.
- C: Give all ministers of the gospel an unwavering devotion to your Word.**
- M: Tender Shepherd, look with special care on all who suffer from loneliness, disease, accident, or loss. Lift them into your comforting arms and embrace them with the warmth of your love. Carry them through life's troubling times.
- C: Renew hope and joy in their lives.**

M Loving Shepherd, we pray also for your "other sheep." Let your voice be heard in all the world. Prosper the work of our missionaries at home and abroad. Give us all the zeal and courage to share with our friends and neighbors the good news of sins forgiven.

C: Use our witness to gather the elect into one fold under your care.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Eternal Shepherd, when our days on earth come to an end and we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, lead us safely to our eternal home.

C: There we will enjoy your goodness and mercy forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want | 360



1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain And
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In
5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life, Shall



makes me down to lie In pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make With - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; For thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; My head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing - place shall be.

please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



be seated

CLOSING HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb | 432



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE GIVING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *A Shepherd Loves*

Midweek Bible Study (Tues. 7pm; Wed. 9am): *The Book of Ruth*

MICHAELA (JOHNSON) ZABELL'S GRADUATION

To thank the congregation of St. Paul's for the prayers, support and encouragement of our daughter, Michaela Zabell, we invite you to a Graduation Celebration on Sunday, May 15th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at our home, 204 18th Avenue North, Bangor. Michaela is graduating from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN with Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and Parish Music. We, along with Isaiah & Michaela, are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 15th. A luncheon will be served. No gifts, please. (Graduation and call placement ceremonies will be livestreamed at [Livestream.com/MLC-streams](https://www.livestream.com/MLC-streams) on Sat., May 14.)

--Michael & Marilyn Johnson

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's school is looking for a custodian to work part-time beginning June 1. If you or someone you know are interested in the position, please contact Dale Arndt at 608-769-3644.

SCHOOL PLAY DRESS REHEARSAL

The Teachers and the students would like to invite anyone who would like to attend the dress rehearsal for the play "Summer Camp" on Monday, May 23, at 10:00 am, in the school gym.

HOST AN MLC STUDENT

The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony will be playing at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Sunday, May 15, during First's morning worship services. They'll be arriving at the First Lutheran parking lot on Saturday, May 14, at about 9:00 pm. If you're able to pick up and host some of these college students for the night and bring them to church the next morning by 7:00 am, please contact Tina Johnson at 608-317-1471 (call or text).

SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

Luther High School's Operating Budget goes well beyond the normal operating budget. It allows Luther High School, through its dedicated faculty, to share the Gospel of our Savior each and every day. Our students are reminded of the grace we have all received in Christ. That is the Operating Budget, that is why Luther exists, and that is why we need your prayers and support. From March 1 through July 1, 2022, every gift given to the Operating Budget will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$60,000! This special opportunity will allow the ministry and mission of Luther High School to continue to provide quality Christ-centered education each and every day.

CAMP WHITEWATER

Registration for Camp Whitewater is now open! Each year this camp is held at Whitewater State Park, near St. Charles, MN. There are 2 separate weeks of camp. The dates for camp this year are July 12-17 and July 19-24. Go to campwhitewater.org to download all the forms needed to register. The cost for camp this year remains at \$160.

WELS TASTE OF MISSIONS

Taste of Missions is June 11, 2022! Join in person at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, OR online to get a "taste of missions" no matter where you might be around the world. Look forward to a fun day of worship, ethnic food offerings, and family-friendly fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Find all the details and register at tasteofmissions.com.

GIFT TO THE CONGREGATION

A \$500 memorial has been given in honor of Gary Schroeder by Robbie and Tara Brown.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73	Budget to Date: \$181,255.14
Received Last Week: \$6,808.68	Rec'd to Date: \$155,856.91

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 95 10:00 am: 70 Total: 165
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 22
Sunday Bible Study: 35
Sunday School: 5
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 25

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship and Examination
MONDAY	5:00 pm	Bible Information Class
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
SATURDAY	2:30 pm	Martin Luther College Call Service
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion and Confirmation

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Harriet Langrehr

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my voice
I • know • them • AND • they
follow me

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his life
• FOR THE •
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