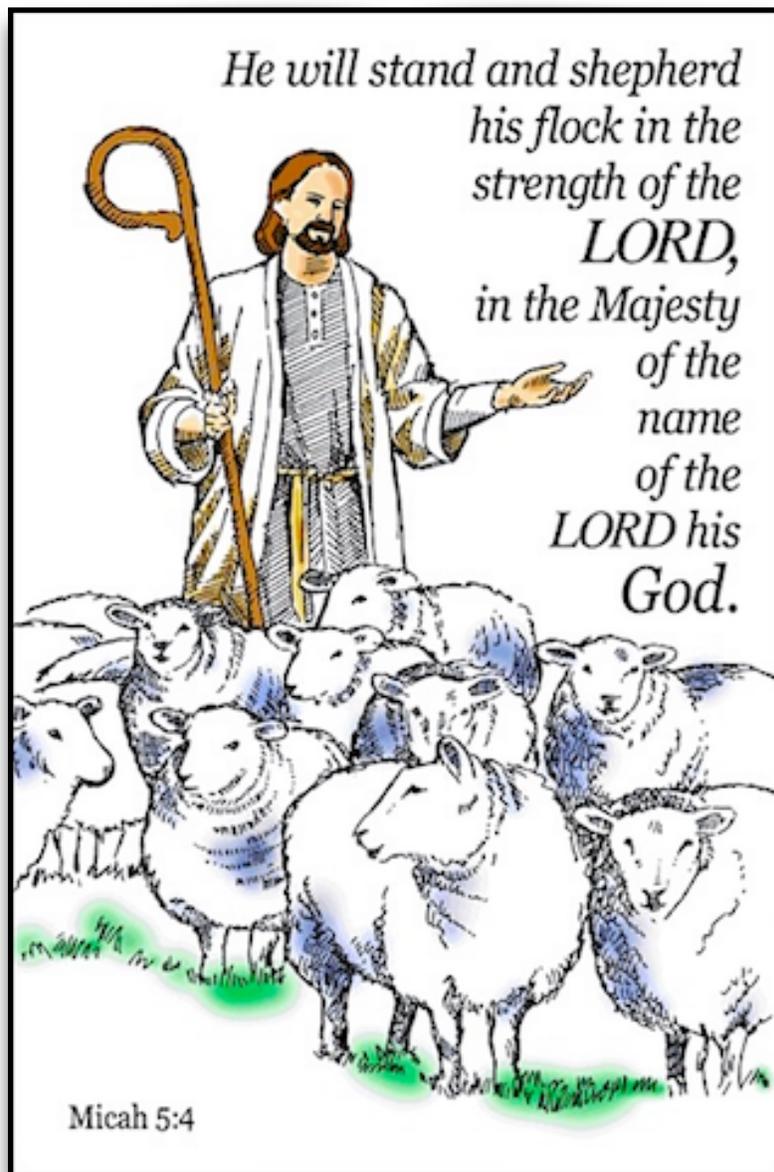


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD)
APRIL 25, 2021**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 23 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 475, 466, 710, 740
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 4:23-33, 1 John 3:1-2

Sermon Text – John 10:27-28

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

1. The Good Shepherd's description of His sheep.
2. The comforting promise He gives His sheep.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (740)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 4:23-33

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. 25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.’ 27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. 29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. 32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P “My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me.

C I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.”

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

C And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

C The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

P And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

C The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the waters of life.

P And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C The Lord is risen indeed!

Second Lesson – 1 John 3:1-2

1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Sermon Text – John 10:27-28

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Suzannah Millier; Usher: Ed Chiappetti

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (4/25) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School (The Ascension, NT 44)
10:45 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Tue 9:30 am Pastoral Study Conference at Lakewood (rescheduled from last week)
Sun (5/2) 8:30 am Elders' Meeting
9:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 am Sunday School (Pentecost, NT 45)
10:45 am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

West Central Delegate Conf, Valentine NE, Tue-Thu, May 25-27
CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI, Thu-Sun, June 24-27

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: We are still looking for someone to fill the position of Sunday School Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. Mike Sprengeler, who has served faithfully in this capacity for many years, is stepping down. If you are interested in serving the Lord in this way please inform the pastor or President Ed Chiappetti. If you would like more information speak with Mike or the pastor. (Note: All adult members of St. Paul are eligible to serve as the Sunday School superintendent.)

NEEDED: Two volunteers to serve our congregation as lay delegates to the upcoming CLC Convention in June. Also, one additional lay delegate to represent St. Paul at the May 25-27 West Central Delegate Conference in Valentine. Please inform pastor if you are able to serve. (All voting members are eligible to serve as a lay delegate.)

MAY BIRTHDAY (ANNIVERSARY) BLESSINGS TO . . .

Eliana Moosburger, May 11 Suzannah Miller, May 24
Willa Mae Janssen, May 19 (Lance & Diana Clark, May 23)
Lisa Chiappetti, May 22

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SYNOD NEWS & NOTES

- **Copies of the CLC Foreign Missions Prayer List for April** (provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann) may be found on the shelf under the tract rack. Help yourself. *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).*
- **Calls:** Soon-to-be Immanuel Lutheran Seminary graduate Drew Naumann has accepted the call assigned to him by the Call Committee to be pastor of Trinity, Spokane, WA. <> Soon-to-be Immanuel Lutheran College teacher graduate Kathleen Naumann has accepted the call assigned to her to be the lower grade school teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- **Colloquy News:** Pastors Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN and Luke Willitz, Fairfax, MN have successfully passed the second stage of their colloquy. The Board of Doctrine has recommended to President Eichstadt that they be declared eligible for a call into the public ministry of the CLC.
- **Youth Camp Registration Info:** “CLC Youth Camp (scheduled for June 13-19, 2021, on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire) will begin accepting registrations for 7th graders starting at 4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 25. Along with this, we have made the difficult decision that we will not be accepting 6th graders this year. This will be the last leg of registration for 2021. The registration form will continue to be open for grades 8-12 between now and then. If we receive any 7th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, they will be voided. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year due to the added difficulties of the waning pandemic. We hope to have an update on exactly what health information we will need from you by next week. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register> Lord’s Blessings! -Jonathan Gamble”
- **ILC Play:** “The public is invited to attend the Immanuel Lutheran College play production of *Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch* on Friday (May 21) at 1:30 pm and Saturday (May 22) at 7:30 pm. Both play performances will be live-streamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. The public is also invited to attend an outdoor band concert on Friday at 3:30 pm and student music performances on Saturday night at 7:00 pm in the gym. Seating in the gym will be limited and attendees will be required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.” (from ILC theatrics advisor, Professor Joel Gullerud)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS
MAY 3-8

Mon Acts 4:23-33 These Christians were troubled on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed (2 Cor. 4:8-9), for trials constituted proof they were on God's side, and they trusted God's good judgment about such things (24-28). They prayed not for a way of escape, but for the courage to use their voices and hands in God's service; everybody was on board (29-33).

Tues John 10:11-18 Good Shepherd Sunday comes around like clockwork, and Jesus still thrills us with this picture language about Himself and us. We also shiver at His warning about the fellow whose fears outweigh the needs of the sheep (11-13). We thank You, Jesus, for knowing and loving each of us, no matter what our background (16), and for serving us all the way to Your cross, into Your grave, and out the other side of the cemetery (17-18).

Wed 1 John 3:1-2 God showered His love on lost sinners, was moved to have compassion on us, adopted us as His children, and at some future moment will allow us to see Him face-to-face – all in contrast to the world (everything anti-God and Satan-serving). What's our reaction? We want to live as His dear children—devoted, developing, and maturing (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Thurs Psalm 23 This psalm has been typecast as the last words ever heard by a convict – which is too bad, for it is a vibrant confession of faith sung by a child of God who lives every day in the sunshine of His love and anticipates more life (6) to enjoy God's beneficence. It suits us because we have been pardoned of our offenses by the head Justice of the Supreme Court.

Fri Matthew 18:10-14 Jesus was generous with His time and energy, for He wants to save every wandering sheep, and because lambs are inexperienced, they need attention every minute (10,14). He's just as intent to rescue an adolescent or mature member of His flock; if one of them goes astray, does the shepherd not seek the one that is straying? And if He should find it, does He not rejoice? What do you think?

Sat Acts 24:1-13 An accusation is not the same as evidence, and sensible folks know the difference. After the prosecuting attorney buttered up the judge (1-4), he laid his cards on the table—alleging that Paul was guilty of instigating civil unrest and was an anarchist (5). Besides, since Paul had insulted the Jewish religion, his case should have been left in the hands of Jews in their own church court. “However, you be the judge” (7-9). In pleading his own case, Paul clarified the time-line and his reason for being in the Temple—which was NOT to irritate anyone in any way whatsoever. Stay tuned.