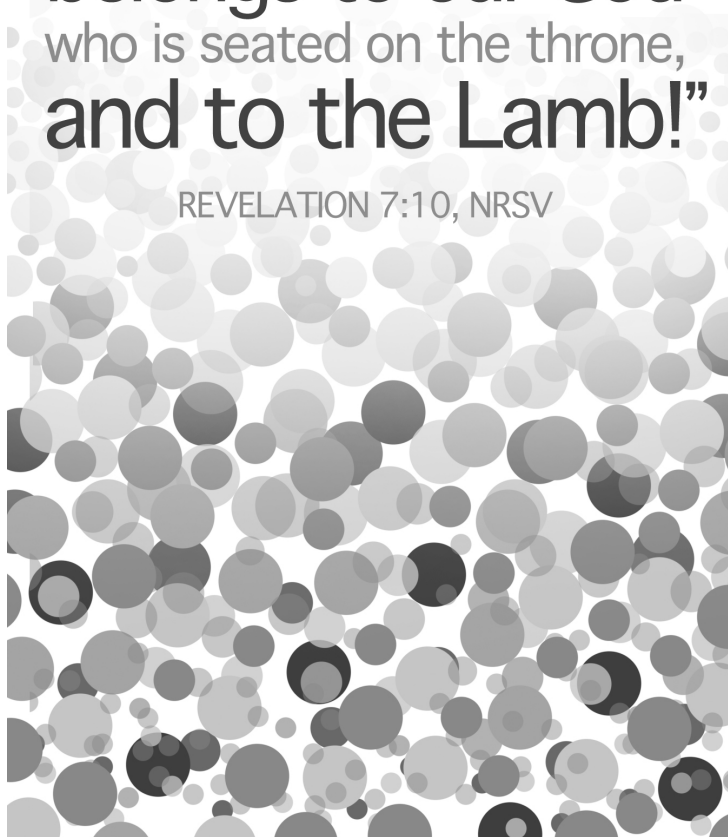


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

“SALVATION
belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”

REVELATION 7:10, NRSV



THE RISEN CHRIST
IS BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Christ is risen! Because Jesus died, he is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Because Jesus now protects us and leads his flock to the perfect pastures of heaven, which he won by his sacrifice, he is our Good Shepherd. Let us give thanks today that Jesus perfectly fulfills both roles for our eternal good. We also thank God today for mothers, who, while we live on this earth, protect and guide us with love and compassion which reflect the love and compassion of Christ, our Shepherd-Lamb.

The liturgical color¹ for the Easter season is white, because it calls to mind the perfect white robes we will wear in heaven as we praise our Good Shepherd.

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¹ The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Service of the Word draws the believer's attention to the proclamation of the Gospel in the Word of God.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection | 166

with the Handbells

All - **The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

Women - **Our hearts be pure from evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light**

Men - **And, list'ning to his accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

Musical interlude

All - **Now let the heav'ns be joyful;
Let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy shall have no end.**



Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Congregation (C): And also with you.

By confessing our sins, we are following God's command to admit to breaking his law, thus preparing our hearts to receive forgiveness for the sake of Jesus' life and death.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

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 the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

You Are My King

I'm for-giv - en _____ bc-cause You were for sak-en. _____

I'm ac-cept-ed, _____ You were con - demned. I'm a-live and well, Your

6

Spir - it is ___ with-in___ me be - cause You died and rose a - gain. ___

9

A - maz - ing love, ___ how ___ can it be ___

11

that You, my King would die for me ___ A - maz - ing love, I

14

___ know it's true. It's my joy to hon - or You. ___ In all I

17

do ___ to hon - or You. ___ In all I do ___ to hon - or You. ___

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down his 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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

The Word

God's Word has been at the center of Christian worship since the time of the apostles (Acts 2:42).

FIRST LESSON - Acts 13:15, 16a, 26-39

The Good Shepherd's sacrifice sets his sheep free from sin.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

The congregation joins on the refrain.

Refrain

The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not
want. The Lord's my Shep - herd.

Choir – The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Refrain

Choir – My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Refrain

Choir – Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; Thine own rod
And staff me comfort still.

Refrain

Choir – My table thou hast furnished well
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
My cup overflows.

Refrain

Choir – Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
In God's own house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Refrain



SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

As both Lamb and Shepherd, Jesus sits on his heavenly throne.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: I am the good shepherd;

C: I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (*John 10:14 NIV84*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

The Good Shepherd protects his sheep forever.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

Notice how this hymn expands on the beautiful words of Psalm 23.

HYMN

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is | CW 375
Contemporary setting*

SERMON - ETERNALLY SAFE IN THE ARMS OF THE SHEPHERD-LAMB

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

THANK OFFERING

St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. We ask that everyone, guests and members, sign the Friendship Register which will be passed out during the offering.

If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

The Good Shepherd

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In this prayer, we join our hearts and voices to solidify the blessings which come from Jesus as our Good Shepherd. We also take time to pray for other in varying circumstances.

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.

C: Use its message to nourish and sustain us as we journey through this life to the next. 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 pleasure beckons us to follow the wide road to hell, 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.

C: Carry them through life's troubling times. 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 aboard.

C: Give us all the zeal and courage to share with our friends and neighbors the good news of sins forgiven. Use our witness to gather the elect into one fold under your care.

Special Prayers and intercession 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated.

HYMN

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | CW 376

Jesus's blood is what makes our robes of righteousness clean. (Isaiah 1:18; Isaiah 61:10; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 7:14)

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Let us pray together.

C: **Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep | CW 436

VIDEO – BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. Look at the beautiful description of heaven in Revelation 7:15-17. Obviously, God couldn't drill down on the exact details of what each person will be most happy to be protected from. What three specific things will you be glad to be rid of in heaven? Try to be more specific than "sin, death, and the devil."

2. It seems to be a paradox that Jesus is both Lamb and Shepherd. What are some other things in God's Word that seem to be paradoxes? What brings us comfort when there are things in God's Word that don't seem to make sense?

3. We read selected verses of Acts 13 for the first reading. Read the whole story starting at verse 13 and going to verse 52 sometime this week. Answer these questions as/after you read:
 - a. For what reasons does Paul give a mini history lesson in verses 17-25?

 - b. Notice how often Paul quotes the Old Testament, also keeping in mind to whom and where he was speaking. What is he showing his audience (and us) by quoting the Old Testament?

 - c. Look at the variety of reactions Paul and Barnabas received throughout verses 42 to 52. What does that tell you about sharing God's Word? How does that show itself in the world today?

4. A few verses after the end of the Gospel reading, some people are ready to stone Jesus for blasphemy (verse 33). Looking at John 10:24, why is it so ridiculous that the people would react this way?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

How to Study the Bible
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

TAKE A BABY BOTTLE

Mother's Day marks the first day of our Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for our local pregnancy resource center, First Choice. Take a baby bottle home and fill it with your spare change (cash and checks are also welcome). The school is also doing a baby bottle campaign. In the first two weeks, they gave \$871.21.

IT IS STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 13-17

We at St. Paul's have been blessed with a wonderful pastor, teachers, daycare workers, and staff. This week, take time to let them know how much you appreciate the work they do in service to the Lord. (Maybe even add them to our Blessing Tree.)

PICK UP A SUMMER READ

May 12-17

All congregation members are welcome to shop the school book fair this week. All books are buy one, get one free. The book fair is located in the Resource Center and is open this Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Monday-Friday at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Profits from the fair will be used to purchase new books for the library.

FIND OUT WHETHER WE WILL RECEIVE A GRADUATE

May 18 | 2:00 p.m.

St. Paul's has requested a graduate from Martin Luther College to serve as our new 7th-8th grade teacher. On Saturday, May 18, we will find out whether a graduate has been assigned to us. We are not guaranteed a graduate simply because we requested one. The committee making these decisions takes into account each graduates gifts as well as where the greatest needs are. So please keep this matter in your prayers this week. If you would like to be one of the first to know whether we get a graduate, you can watch the call service live at livestream.com/mlc-streams. The service begins at 2:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION ESSAYS READ

May 15 | 6:30 p.m.

The congregation is invited to hear our teen confirmands express their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ when they read their essays this Wednesday. The essays are based on their confirmation verse. There will be refreshments following the reading, and the children will prepare for the confirmation rite, which will take place during the 10:30 service next Sunday, May 19 at the 10:30 service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 15 | 1:00-4:00 p.m.

We have added a new outreach event to our summer calendar. Taking into account the large number of families visiting the splash pad across the street, we will have a Splash Party with food and games. The events will create awareness of our ministries and hopefully give families a reason to return to St. Paul's to hear the gospel message. We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event. Please contact Laurie Meister to volunteer: 715-570-9560 or meisters.kclm@gmail.com.

ANOTHER LEAF

This week, you will receive a "thanks leaf" to place on the Blessing Tree in the Welcome Center. If you haven't placed any "blessing leaves" on our tree yet, there are extra on the table near the tree. Let's fill the tree with thanks and blessings.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ANSWER?

It is becoming more common for people to be uninformed or misinformed about the Christian faith. You can be better prepared to respond to their questions by reading the books, *Prepared to Answer* and *More Prepared to Answer*. We are placing a bulk order. If a few more people order, we can get the books at 30% off. The sign-up sheet is on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center along with a sample copy of *Prepared to Answer*.

SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION

We still have lots of appointments available for church directory photos. These will be taken by professional photographers, and you will receive a free no-obligation 8X10 portrait. The photographers will be here on June 5-8 & 12-15. You can schedule your appointment by calling the church office (715-421-3634) or by visiting our website (www.stpaulswr.org) and tapping on the Schedule Your Photo Session link. We would like everyone in our church family to participate.

VISIT OBERAMMERGAU

Retired WELS pastor, James Humann invites you to join him in June 2020 for the passion play in Oberammergau, Germany. This famous play depicting the life of Christ from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday is presented only every ten years. This eleven day tour also includes the beautiful Rhine Valley of Germany; the medieval and picturesque cities of Heidelberg, Rothenberg and Munich; Lucerne, Switzerland; and Paris, France. For more information contact Pastor Humann at jhumann383@aol.com.

DO YOU SCRIP?

Both St. Paul's Lutheran School and Northland Lutheran High School offer scrip as an easy way for you to support Christian education. Scrip is gift cards that the schools purchase at a discounted rate and sell to you at face value. The difference is kept by the school either to apply to your tuition or to otherwise support the ministry of the school. In April, people using St. Paul's School scrip earned a total of \$97.69 toward tuition and directed another \$33.56 to the operation of the school. What a blessing! You can use scrip on your everyday purchases - groceries, gas, hardware, clothes, hotel rooms, and more. To learn more, visit www.stpaulswr.org/scrip, call the office, or talk to someone at the scrip table on Sunday morning.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 241

Year-to-date average attendance: 246

From July 1, 2018 to May 3, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 847,822

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 861,363

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,522,990

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15 Confirmation Essays Read

May 18 MLC Call Service

May 19 Confirmation Sunday

June 5-15 Church Directory Photos

June 15 Summer Splash Party



SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship
MONDAY	8:15 AM	Board of Elders in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Board of Mission Outreach in the Resource Center
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Board of Lutheran Education
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Reading of Confirmation Essays & Confirmation Rehearsal
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
SATURDAY	2:00 PM	Call Service at Martin Luther College
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship/Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room





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