

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



*My sheep hear my
voice, and I know them,
and they follow me.*



John 10:27, ESV

Fulfilled Works March Victorious
Over Empty Words
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022



Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



The world is full of talkers. There are plenty of people who say they care about you. But we are aware of what many of those people will do when it comes time to put those words into action. Jesus tells you in his Word that he cares for you dearly... that he would do anything for you. How do you know you can trust him? Jesus followed up his words with works. Jesus said he would suffer and die for you, so that you might enter Paradise. He fulfilled that promise. Jesus words are followed by works. He once illustrated that point in a striking metaphor, that of the Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by his works, including his willingness to lay down his life. Every word our Good Shepherd speaks to us is trustworthy!

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The Service: Setting Three

Welcome

Hymn

888 Here from All Nations

Please join beginning with the second verse.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men. A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the'.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39

Jesus' death and resurrection prove that every promise of God will ultimately be fulfilled.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

23B Shepherd Me, O God
Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain



Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. **Refrain**

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. **Refrain**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. **Refrain**

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Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

God's promise of rescue is not empty words; it is fulfilled through the work of the Lamb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

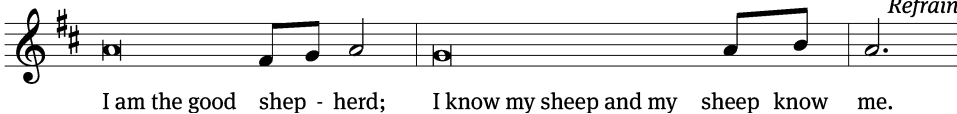
Please join to sing the refrain.



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 10:22–30

The words and works of Jesus are identical to those of the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

552 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Sermon

I am Jesus' Little Lamb

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

**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.**

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18

Lk. 1:35

Lk. 1:34; 2:7

Lk. 23:16

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk. 15:21-47; Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

He descended into hell.

1 Pet. 3:19

The third day he rose again from the dead.

1 Cor. 15:4b

He ascended into heaven

Ac. 2:33-34

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

Heb. 1:13

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1

**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.**

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

Ecc. 12:7

1 Th. 4:17

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card

Prayer of the Church

Loving Shepherd, fill us with contentment and confidence during this Easter season as we celebrate your victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pasture.
Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.
Good Shepherd, guide us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.
Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in you the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.
Good Shepherd, console us.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.
Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. 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.



WELS Connection

Christian Aid & Relief

Hymn

804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Stand

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.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



Take Home Questions

1. In Acts 13, we get a glimpse into an actual sermon from the apostle Paul.
 - a. In verse 27, what connection does Paul make to Jesus' words in John 10:25-26?
 - b. Even though Paul spends a decent portion of his preaching here on the sad reality of Jesus' death and burial, what beautiful conclusion does he reach in verse 38?
 - c. The theme of the day is "Fulfilled Works March Triumphant Over Empty Words." In Paul's sermon, how does he show that God's Word has been fulfilled in Christ? What comfort does that give us?
2. In the reading from Revelation 7, the Lamb is mentioned a number of times. According to these verses, make a list of what makes the Lamb so important to us.
3. It's obvious that listening to the voice of our Shepherd is important. What are some ways you currently do so? What are some ways you could listen to his voice even more?
4. It would be difficult to talk about the Good Shepherd without pondering Psalm 23. Read through those words and ponder/discuss which blessing of the Shepherd stands out to you the most in your current stage of life.



News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study:

Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?
The Social Justice Warrior

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Planning for VBS

May 12 | 6:30 PM

We are once again taking our vacation bible school (VBS) out to the community. We will be visiting four different parks in four days with a different lesson each day. Do you want to be a part of this local outreach? Come to the meeting this Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm or contact Kent Schroder at knks@wctc.net to learn more.

Making Summer Plans

May 17 | 2:00 PM

Willing Workers will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 2:00 pm to plan projects for June & July. All women are invited to join them. They will also be electing their officers for 2022-2023.

MLC Presents *Elijah*

May 13 | 7:00 PM

Martin Luther College's (MLC) annual Commencement Concert will be presented in the Chapel of the Christ on Friday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. This year the single concert will be a special production of *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn. *Elijah* is an oratorio depicting events in the life of the Prophet Elijah as told in the books 1 Kings and 2 Kings of the Old Testament. MLC will livestream the concert on their streams page, livestream.com/mlc-streams.

Concerts at St. Paul's & NLHS

Concerts for St. Paul's Lutheran School and Northland Lutheran High School will be held next week. St. Paul's concert is on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. This is a piano recital and mini-band concert. The concert at NLHS is on Friday, May 20 at 7:00 pm and will feature their band and choir. Come support our students.

Special Ascension Day Service

May 26 | 6:30 PM

We often celebrate Jesus' ascension on the Sunday after Ascension Day. This year we are holding a special worship service on the actual day ~ Thursday, May 26. This is a joint service with other area WELS congregations. We hope you will set aside this evening to worship our ascended Lord.

Report to twelve districts

The 2022 WELS *Report to the Twelve Districts* is now available online. It contains current information from areas of synodical ministry and committees to help guide district convention delegates, but others might find it interesting as well. (St. Paul's falls into the Western Wisconsin District, and our district convention will be held June 6-7.) If you would like to look through the report, visit wels.net/report-to-the-twelve-districts-available-online/.

Learn more about Missions

June 11

The whole family is invited to Taste of Missions on Saturday, June 11, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. You can attend in-person or virtually. Help send off new missionaries. Get to know missionaries through mission field updates, Q&A sessions, and fellowship. Sample tasty ethnic food. Kids can enjoy activities like a passport challenge, a bounce house, face painting, and more. Registration is \$15 per person, with children 13 and under attending for free. You can also attend virtually for free! Learn more at tasteofmissions.com.

MLC is hiring

Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN is accepting applications for fulltime positions as Early Childhood Assistant Teacher, Custodian, and Resource Development Manager, plus part-time positions as Receptionist, Baseball Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, and Men's Basketball Assistant. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

Luther Prep Summer Camps

LPS Summer Camps are in full planning mode and hope to see your children join them! They offer Day Camps & Overnight Camps for a variety of sports, and for the 2nd year in a row their Phoenix Adventure Camp. Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details and sign up info.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Bianca, Boston & Bravery Thuecks will be baptized today.
- Jan Peronto is having kidney stone removal surgery on Monday, May 9th. Pray that her infection is cleared and her bronchitis is healed prior to surgery.
- For Rick Nash and Barb Matthews who are both fighting cancer
- For Eileen who is going through a difficult season in life.
- Mother's Day
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- Sunday** 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Catechism Class in the West Wing
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship
- Monday** 6:30 AM Worship
- 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
 5:30 PM Confirmation Banquet
- Wednesday** 8:55 AM School Chapel Service
 6:30 PM Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
- Thursday** 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 6:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting
- Sunday** 8:00 AM Worship
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 10:30 AM **Worship ~ Confirmation**

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 218

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 664,400

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 651,540

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 121,529

Upcoming Events

May 17 ~ Willing Workers

May 19 ~ St. Paul's Piano Recital & Band Concert

May 20 ~ Spring Concert at NLHS

May 26 ~ Ascension Day Service

May 28 ~ Graduation at NLHS





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