

# The Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordian Domini: The Sunday of the Good Shepherd



“I am the Good Shepherd.”

John 10:11

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**Welcome in Jesus' name** to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

**Worship at St. Paul's** is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

**The Lord's Supper is offered** every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

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***"He Is Risen to Be the Shepherd of the Church"***

***The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).

**Service Notes:** The Women's Kantorei is singing for the 8:00 service, with Sarah Ruth Johnson providing distribution music. The Hand Bell Choir under the direction of Pastor Tews will provide the Offering music at 8:00 a.m. Julie Moreno is Kantor for the 10:45 service.

**Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



# Divine Service

## Setting One

*Prelude: Chorale Prelude on LLANFAIR (LSB #463: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia").....Robert J. Powell*

### 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\***

**Praise befits the | upright.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***

**and keep them alive in | famine.**

Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*  
he is our help | and our shield.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

### This Is the Feast

*LSB 155*

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

<sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm (Saturday)

*Psalm 23 (antiphon: v.6)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\* I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

He leads me beside still | waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\*

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his | name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are | with me;\*

your rod and your staff,

they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my | enemies;\*

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup | overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days | of my life,\*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for- | ever.

8:00 a.m. Gradual: *(Kantorei)* "Jesus, Lead Thou On".....LSB #718

10:45 a.m. Gradual: *(Kantor)*

*O Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ, For evening comes, and day is past;*

*Thy Holy Word, the heavenly light May we keep ever burning bright.*

*Lord, in these hard and troubled days, Grant faithfulness in all our ways,*

*That we thy Word and Sacrament May keep unspotted till our end.*

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

LSB 458 st. 1

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
 es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
 And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.  
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

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**Sermon: "Shepherds stand up" ~ John 10:11-16**

8:00 a.m. Offering ~ "At the Lamb's High Feast".....arr. John Timm

"The Stife Is O'er".....arr. Kevin McChesney

10:45 a.m. Offering ~ Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense.....Johann Gottfried Walther

**Offering**

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, 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 161

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

#### The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

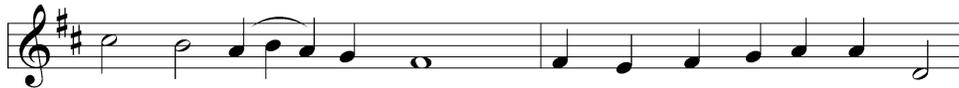
- ☐ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



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



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host 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.

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

LSB 710



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



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - 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.

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## 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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## Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benediction

LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in  
Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with  
share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,  
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your  
joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing,  
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Postlude: *Fugue in C-Major*.....*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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The family of David Meyer, who mourn his death;

Karen Brandenburg and all other St. Paul's Shut-Ins;

Rev. Daniel Steeb and the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Logan;

Those serving in the armed forces... Dustin Bathen, grandson of Virg & Jan Steenbock, David Letcher, Charles Bowerman, Nathan Moeller -members of St. Paul's, Justin Carlton, husband of Kathryn Charlton, granddaughter of Bill Johannes, Matthew Bandomer, grandson of Art Bandomer, Joey Greiner, nephew of Joni Doiron, Matthew James Harris, nephew of Mark & Erika Harris, Joseph Finch, (son of Bob & Dianna Finch), Jared Naja (nephew of Laura Goodwin), Cory Bartles (friend of Shaylie Gardner);

Celebrating a wedding anniversary this week: Gene &amp; Jan Goodin, Joel &amp; Paulette Maurice.



News and Notes

CHRIST  ACADEMY.

Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m.  
The last Christ Academy will be held this Wednesday.  
A special meal will be served.

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> during the second service.  
The congregation is invited to a reception/meal honoring our confirmands  
after the service.

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A Special Voters' Meeting will be held on May 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Undercroft.  
Agenda Item: Remodeling restrooms at SPLECC

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*“Hang on to Jesus, my dear friend. In Him and Him alone is true life—both now and forever. Though God’s work in the world may be hard to understand sometimes, we rejoice and celebrate as we look forward to all that He has in store for us.” Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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Glennay Jundt, Financial Associate, Midwest Heartland Region for Thrivent  
will be in the lounge on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
to help with all your Thrivent needs.

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If you would like to order flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please contact the church office (712-322-4729) Cost: \$48.00

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**Reminder!! If you haven't turned in your gift/pledge for our Capital Campaign  
“Honoring God's House” It's not too late! You may mail it.  
Place in the offering plate, or bring it to the church office.  
Your help is greatly appreciated!**

Opportunities for Growth: April 18 – 25, 2021

**Sunday: 4/18/21**  
9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC

**Monday: 4/19/21**  
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Glennay Jundt, Thrivent  
6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells

**Tuesday: 4/20/21**  
8:50 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC  
11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting

**Wednesday: 4/21/21**  
8:50 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC  
5:00 p.m. – Kantor/Kantorei Practice  
5:00 p.m. – **Last Christ Academy**  
7:15 p.m. – Kantor/Kantorei Practice

**Saturday: 4/24/21**  
2:00-4:00 p.m. – Bridal Shower hosted by Coreen Trost  
5:30 p.m. – Worship – C (masked)

**Sunday: 4/25/21**  
8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C  
9:30a.m. ~SS/ABC  
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C (Rite of Confirmation)  
12:00 p.m.- Confirmation Reception/Meal

March 18, 2021 and April 8, 2021

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Regular Council Meetings

### Combined Meeting Minutes

Due to the amount of business which occurred at and between regular Council meetings, the following report is a summary of actions taken. Congregation members should contact Randy Milbrath for more detailed information as desired.

March 18:

1. Pastors report

- a. Timothy Lutheran Vacancy – St. Paul's pastors will assist through May 2<sup>nd</sup> as approved by Elders at which time Rev. Bill Clark will be installed as new pastor. Special thanks extended to Rev. Tews for assistance in worship at St. Paul's during this commitment.
- b. Music Festival is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers to assist are in good shape.
- c. Holy Week Services have been set and published by Pastors and Elders.
- d. In conjunction with Education (Becca Heinicke) and Elders (Martin Cannon) Confirmation Sunday will be April 25<sup>th</sup> this year.
- e. Education (Becca Heinicke) - Easter Breakfast will be served this year. St. Paul's Council decided to maintain all of our current Covid-19 procedures with the exception of the section titled "Food Offered at Church." The Council amended the action for this item to read as follows: "The Council and Elder's believed that this should be an area of compromise and that food should be allowed in the kitchen, and service of food to the congregation using reasonable practices.
- f. Wade Stephenson will be working with Pastors and establish a special door offering to assist a family in need.

2. Financial Report (Bill Wege)

- a. The Treasurer reported that we will return to the fiscal report that is exported from Shepherd's Staff and confirmed with the Council that accounting entries match and are accurate. Council approved financial statements from December and January and will receive February and March following the meeting.
- b. Ongoing concerns will be to file meeting minutes in church office and to reimplement a process for offering money counting. No decision made.
- c. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Peter to establish a committee to review the computer programs that St. Paul's uses for financial accounting and payroll. Bill Wege to chair, members to include Rosemary Paul, Lisa Preston, Amy Termuende, and Penny Rollins. The group will meet and report back after 90 days.

3. Church Property (Dan Wych)

- a. Dan and Nate Heinicke have been updating wifi at the SPLECC building site.
- b. Computer replacement and new software is needed for church staff. Motion made by Martin and seconded by Wade to allow Dan to order computers based on specifications provided by pastors. The amounts will be within allowances for Church Property and Council to approve.
- c. Architect contract for Masonry Restoration bid documents was reviewed by Dan Wych and Randy Milbrath. Minor revisions will be requested from architect and Bill Wege will sign the final contract.
- d. A Church and Preschool Clean-up week was set for April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 1.
  - i. A list of tasks will be created by Council members and made available to the congregation. Members are encouraged to select a task and schedule the clean-up as their personal schedule permits.

4. SPLECC Board (Alicia Burns)

- a. Report submitted to Council from initial meeting by new SPLECC Board.
- b. List of clean up and safety issues was submitted to the Council.
- c. Critical Need: Condition of the restrooms at the SPLECC building location need immediate attention for safety of the children. Dan Wych was charged to work with fellow members to report back to the Council the extent and cost of the repairs. Council will take action at April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. Meeting Adjourned and closed with prayer.

Between Meetings:

1. Capital Campaign

- a. Pastor Sherrill with Capital Campaign Committee reported the need to purchase software to track pledges and gifts. A proposal was made to the Council via email to approve purchase of “Bloomerang” at initial cost of \$1,700 with ongoing subscription fees.
  - i. Additional information was requested by Council members and following that the Council voted to approve this expenditure. Donor information will be restricted to individuals charged with tracking contributions at St. Paul’s.
- 2. SPLECC building restroom repairs
  - a. Dan Wych with assistance from Andy Raymond provided a detailed list of needed repairs with two cost options which the Council will review at regular meeting.
    - i. Option 1 cost: \$24,270
    - ii. Option 2 cost: \$32,250
  - b. Due to amount of expenditure, this will ultimately need to be approved by the Voters at a specially called meeting.

April 8:

- 1. SPLECC building restrooms
  - a. Dan Wych described scope of work to four bathrooms
  - b. Bill Wege/Pastor Sherrill discussed available funds and funding options
    - 1. Summary of funds Council determined to utilize:
      - a. Church Special Door Offering: \$5,753; This is likely a merger of past undirected or unused offerings. Use would close this dedicated account if used.
      - b. Lincoln Dell Outreach: \$550; This group dissolved and gave the money to St. Paul’s. Use would close this dedicated account if used.
      - c. Church “money market” Emergency Fund: \$6,056; Not a dedicated account but renamed “SPLECC Emergency” This is the account St. Paul’s has traditional used to support SPLECC
      - d. School Grants: \$22,118; This account is made up of grants from the state for keeping our preschool open during Covid. These funds are completely at the discretion of the SPLECC Board.  
Council asks SPLECC to consider \$10,000 of that fund for this project.
      - e. Special Donations already received for this work: \$1,500
      - f. Potential for Thrivent Action Funds with member volunteer opportunities as well as church member volunteers to perform demolition to save costs.
  - c. Martin Cannon made motion to recommend approval of funding the base bid as summarized. Motion was seconded by Alicia Burns
    - 1. SPLECC Board and Pastor Sherrill to discuss project approval, spending and needs of additional scope prior to Voters meeting. Council will consider final request prior to Voter’s Assembly
  - d. Voter Assembly meeting set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> with final recommendation from Council recommendation
- b. Church/SPLECC Spring Cleaning
  - a. Confirmed for Week of April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Summarize items and compile list
    - 2. Member volunteer opportunities
- c. Contract for Masonry Restoration
  - a. Bill Wege to execute final contract
- d. Meeting Adjourned and closed with prayer.



# St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Early Childhood Center

St. Paul's Music Conservatory

Two Locations

One Word

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod/[www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org](http://www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org)

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