

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." John 10:14

> St. Paul's Lutheran Church 239 Frank Street Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed 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 LCMS** to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

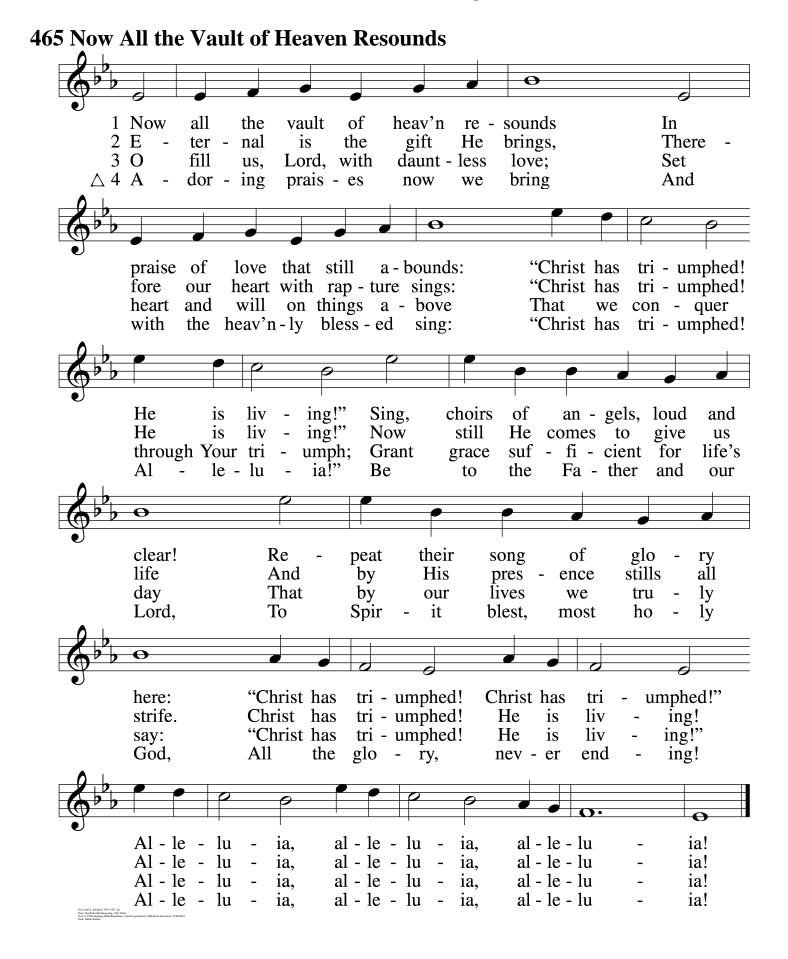
Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill Organist: Rev. Timothy Frank Pianists: Miles Wurdeman (8:00am), Hector Raymond (10:45am) Special Music: Cantate Domino Choir (10:45am) Kantors: Ivy Farrell (8:00am); Samuel Frank (10:45am)

The Word In Music

Prelude: Partita on Lasst uns erfreuen – Charles Callahan Offering: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche Distribution: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" – Setting by Elizabeth Grimpo (8:00am); "Christ, the Life of All the Living – Setting by Hector Raymond (10:45am) Postlude: "Built on the Rock" – Setting by Jacob B. Weber

Kantor Notes: On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we will focus on Jesus' words in John 10, "I know my own and my own know me." We will hear this theme in Felix Mendelssohn's "But the Lord Is Mindful of *His Own*" (gradual) as well as in our hymnody. Many of us love to sing traditional Good Shepherd hymns such as "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740) and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709). We also love to sing, "God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ" (LSB 594), and "From God's joy can nothing sever, For *I am His dear lamb*, He, my Shepherd ever" (LSB 756). Summing it up, we will declare Christ's promise in our closing hymn, "*I know My own; My own know Me*. You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen." (LSB 645:5)

Hymn of the Season: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

- LSB 151
- **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.

Confession of Sins

- **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.

Absolution

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- 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
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 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

- **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

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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual "But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own" - Felix Mendelssohn But the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, for the Lord is near us.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21–25

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



This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Procession:

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands For our offenses given; But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven. Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter. **P**

Glory to You, O Lord. C

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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.

С Praise to You, O Christ. John 10:11–16

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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 1 The Whose good - ness King of love my shep herd is, 2 Where streams of liv ing flow, wa _ ter My ran - somed fool ish But 3 Per _ verse and oft Ι strayed, vet in 4 In dark vale Ι fear ill With death's no Thee, dear ing fail Ι lack if _ eth noth _ nev er; He lead And, dant soul _ eth where the ver He love sought And His shoul me der on be side Lord, _ Thy rod and staff me, my His And He for Ι is mine am _ ev er. ce - les -With food tial feed eth. pas - tures grow, ing brought And gent - ly laid home re - joic me. com - fort be - fore still, Thy guide cross to me. 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

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

Sermon"I Know My Own"John 10:11-16

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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Offering

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome communicant members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface

- **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.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

 G 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

- **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

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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

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 + 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 + 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 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.

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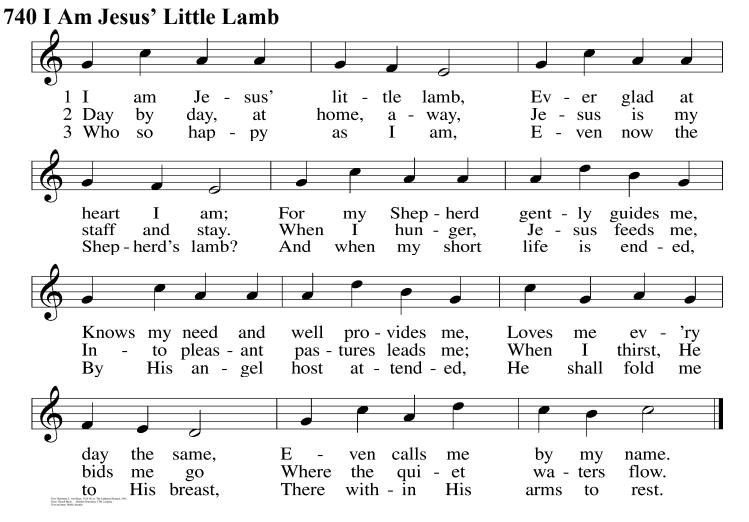
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Thank the Lord

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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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

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.

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C Amen.
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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
	12:15 p.m.	Special Voters meeting
Tuesday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Dottie Jacox, Chris Circo, Mary Johannes, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Gertrud Rossbund, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Tina Lamason (sister of Brad White), Cole (cousin of Kelli Salin), Lu Schwery (mother of Denise Krohn), Randy Falknor (cousin of Kent Seetin), Sarah and Raymond McCubbin and Jill(family members of Jeff Thomas), Randy Falknor, Gene Leutz (friend of Kent Seetin), Galand Seetin (cousin of Kent Seetin)

Carol Brockman, and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

News and Notes

There is a **Special Voters' Meeting today** after late service. The purpose of the meeting is to call Pastor Tew s as an assistant pastor to St. Paul's.

The Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN) Concert Choir, Mary Martha Choir, and Handbell Choir will be presenting a concert at St. Paul's on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Over 60 students among the three groups will present a program of varied repertoire. We are honored to have these choirs visit us and encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. We especially encourage our choir and conservatory students to consider attending. A free will offering will be collected. More information about Bethany Lutheran College is available at www.blc.edu.

The **SPLECC Graduation Program** will be held Wednesday, May 14th at 11:00am at the Early Learning Center. Join us in celebrating our five-year-olds as they finish preschool and get ready to begin kindergarten in the fall.

St. Paul's Music Conservatory invites you to a **recital** featuring the studios of Pastor Frank and Glennda Hedlund on **Wednesday May 14, at 6:30 p.m**. Come hear the hard work of our students!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Join us in singing Easter hymns at the next Sing-A-Long on Thursday, May 15, at 3:00pm. Meet upstairs at FoxRun Assisted Living, 3121 Macineery Dr.

Come help us celebrate **Paige Wurdeman's Graduation Celebration** on May 17, 2025 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Wurdeman's home at 32803 York Rd, Shelby, IA. All are invited.

SPLECC has **openings for Summer care** starting June 2nd for children just finishing kindergarten through fourth grade. Tell your friends and neighbors and have them contact the center. Contact info for the center is below.

Camp Creation is Coming! Mark your calendars – Camp Creation II, for children just finishing 3rd-8th grades, will be held June 2-6. Camp Creation I, for three years olds through children just finishing 2nd grade, will be held Monday-Thursday June 9-12. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Catechism

Baptism

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

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