



# Good Shepherd Sunday

**April 26, 2026**

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church  
Church of the Lutheran Confession**

## **Welcome:**

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, our precious Savior and Shepherd, You have said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” (John 10:27-28). We have gathered here today to listen to Your voice in Your Word and to follow Your leading. May You lead us and guide us with Your Word that we may be strengthened in our faith and love for You. Give us the comfort of knowing that with You as our Good Shepherd, we have nothing to fear, for you truly work everything in our lives according to your plan, and for our good. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

**Invocation:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong:**



**Hymn: 783** Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

1 Jesus, shepherd of the sheep, who your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, guarded still by you.

2 In your promise firm we stand, none can take us from your hand;  
Speak— we hear— at your command, we will follow you.

3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your life salvation  
wrought; By your light our feet are taught, Lord, to follow you.

4 Father, draw us to your Son; we with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done, there to live with you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed, join th' assembly of the blest,  
Gathered to eternal rest in the fold with you.

**Responsive Reading and Song:**

From John 10 & Hymn 200

P: “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” (John 10:1-5)

**C: The Lord is my Shepherd, by God's Grace I know  
His voice and follow Him.**

**Sing:**

Hymn 200

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.

P: “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except

to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:7-10)

**C: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not lack any good thing but have abundant life in Him.**

**Sing:**

Hymn 200

He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above,  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

P: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.” (John 10:11-15)

**C: The Lord is my Shepherd, when I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for My Shepherd has gone ahead of me and taken the sting and the fear out of death.**

**Sing:**

Hymn 200

He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my prophet, Priest and King.

P: And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life

that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”(John 10:16-18)

**C: The Lord is my Shepherd, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Sing:**

Hymn 200

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
“I know that My Redeemer lives!”

**Confession of Sins: Psalms 80:1-3**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

**C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Stir up your might and come to save us!

**C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**C: Heavenly Father, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.” (Isaiah 53:6) We confess that by our thoughts, our words, and our actions we have strayed from Your commands. We have turned from Your love and gone our own way. Because of our wayward sin, we deserve to be sheep that are forever lost. But we pray that for the sake of Your Lamb, Jesus Christ, that You would have mercy on us. With the psalmist we confess and pray: “I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your**

**servant, for I do not forget your commandments.” (Psalm 119:76)**

P: Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. The LORD has laid on His Lamb the iniquity of us all. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep and took it up again, rising from the dead for our justification. Through Jesus Christ, you are redeemed, restored, and forgiven. “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:25)

**Psalms 28:8-9**

P: The LORD is the strength of his people;

**C: He is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

P: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

**C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

P: Praise be to the Lamb that was slain for us, but who is alive forevermore!

**Sing:** O Sacred Head

Mel. 352

My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.

Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.

Thy lips have often fed me with words of truth and love;

Thy Spirit oft hath led me to heavenly joys above.

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 139:1-18

139:1 O Lord, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in

hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand  
shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, “Surely  
the darkness shall fall on me,” Even the night shall be light about me;  
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as  
the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.  
13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s  
womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My  
frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and  
skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my  
substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written,  
the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.  
17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is  
the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they would be more in  
number than the sand;  
When I awake, I am still with You.

### **Response of Praise:**

**P:** He will feed His flock like a shepherd;

**C: He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry  
them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are  
with young. Alleluia! (Is. 40:11)**

### **Gospel Reading: Hebrews 13:20-21**

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the  
dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the  
everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do  
His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through  
Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Confession of Faith: Apostle's 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.

### **Hymn: 431 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,

My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight,  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh! the transport of delight  
With which my cup o'erfloweth.
6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

**Sermon:** John 10:14-15

*“14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”*

Theme:

Your Shepherd Knows You!

**Hymn: 521** What God Ordains Is Always Good

1. What God ordains is always good;  
His will abideth holy.  
As He directs my life for me,  
I follow meek and lowly.  
God indeed in every need  
Doth well know how to shield me;  
To Him, then, I will yield me.

2. What God ordains is always good.  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me in His own right way,  
And never will He leave me.  
I take content What He hath sent;  
His hand that sends me sadness  
Will turn my tears to gladness.
3. What God ordains is always good.  
His loving thought attends me;  
No poison can be in the cup  
That my Physician sends me.  
My God is true; Each morn anew  
I'll trust His grace unending,  
My life to Him commending.
4. What God ordains is always good.  
He is my Friend and Father;  
He suffers naught to do me harm,  
Though many storms may gather.  
Now I may know Both joy and woe,  
Some day I shall see clearly  
That He hath loved me dearly.
5. What God ordains is always good.  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief God grants relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.
6. What God ordains is always good.  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

**Offerings:**

**Sing** while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**Prayers:**

**The Lord's Prayer:** 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.

L: Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart Lord, and make my  
 Re - store to me the joy and peace of Thy sal -

spir - it right with - in. Cast me not from Thy  
 va - tion and Thy love, Up - hold me with Thy

pres - en - ce Lord Take not Thy Spir - it nor Thy Word.  
 Spir - it free A clean heart Lord cre - ate in me.

**The Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: 436 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy, all my life,  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## **This Week**

**Monday** - Your pastor will be traveling to Lynnwood, WA for the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference. He plans to return home Thursday night.

**Friday** - Catechism Class at 5:00

**Next Sunday** Worship Service 10:00  
Bible Class at 11:25

### **Praying for our Family**

We pray for Karrie Wurmman who has been having many physical problems. We thank the Lord that the tests for MS have come back negative. We pray that the doctors may discover the cause of her troubles. She misses you all dearly.

Pastor Wheaton continues to do well on a long term chemo pill. However, now he requires surgery for a compression in his neck which requires him to be off of his chemo for 2 weeks before the surgery is feasible. We trust in the Lord, our Good Shepherd, to be with Tim and care for him in the best way possible.

### **Pentecost Dinner**

Pentecost Sunday is coming up on May 24. We celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit with His Creating and Sustaining power. We are also planning a dinner for that occasion. George has offered to purchase a ham and beef roast for our dinner. We need someone to put it in the oven on Sunday morning. There is a sign up sheet for side dishes to go with the meat.

### **Spokesman**

The May Spokesman is available. Pick up a copy today. The subscription for the Spokesman is due in June. The cost will be about \$21 Canadian. You can add that to your offering and mark it for Spokesman.

### **Daily Rest**

The subscription for our Daily Rest devotion book is also due in June. If you would like to receive the Daily Rest for the coming year please sign up for it on the table by the entry. The Cost will also likely be around \$21.

### **CLC Convention**

The CLC Convention will be held June 23 - 26. The Prospectus should be coming out in the next few weeks.

### **CLC Call News**

**Pastor Jonah Albrecht** of Redemption in Lynnwood, and Ascension in Tacoma, WA, has **returned** the call to Appleton, WI.

**Pastor Johnathan Schnose** of Bethel in Morris, MN, has **received** and **accepted** the vacancy call to St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN.

**Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld** of Redeemer in Sister Lakes, MI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.

**Pastor Ben Libby** of Redeemer in Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights, MI.

**Pastor Michael Wilke** of Gethsemane in Saginaw, MI, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.