



**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**

# Good Shepherd Sunday

**January 21, 2024**

**Pastor:** David Reim - 549-5250

**Pianist:** Julie Reim

**Ushers:** Guy and Ken

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 23 Hymnal pg.128

**Opening Prayer** Oh Saviour, gentle Shepherd, we come into your presence to worship and praise you for all your loving care. May you come to us by your Spirit in your Word to comfort us, to lead and guide us, to strengthen and

preserve us and to care for us in every need, both physical and spiritual. It is by your Sacrifice alone that we are able to count on your presence and protection. May we see your glory and taste your goodness that our worship may be genuine and that our lives may give glory to Your holy name. In your most holy name we ask it. Amen.

**Opening 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.

**Invocation:**

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



**Confession of Sins:** P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**C:** We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

**C & P:** Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake.



**Response of Praise:**

**Hymn 244**

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16**

11 ‘For thus says the Lord God: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places

of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord God. 16 “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

### **1 Peter 2:21-25**

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

#### **Response of Praise:**

P: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:

**C: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.**

P: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous:

**C: For praise from the upright is beautiful.**

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Then was the Lord Jesus known to the disciples:

**C: In the breaking of bread. Hallelujah!**

P: I am the Good Shepherd:

**C: And know My sheep, and am known of Mine. Hallelujah!**

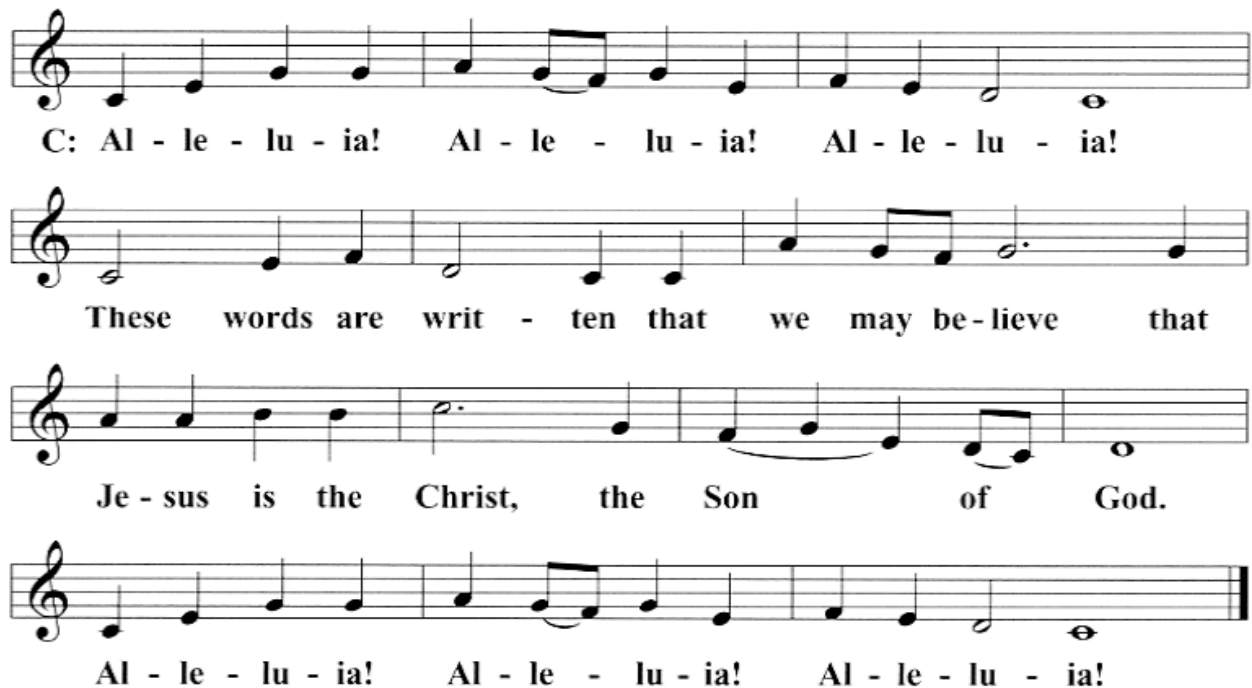


#### **Gospel Reading: John 10:11-16**

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 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. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 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. 16 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.

**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:** The 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.

### **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 Text: Psalm 34:8**

*“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”*

Theme:

*Taste and See that the LORD is Our  
Good Shepherd!*

**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.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts:**

**Sing** - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

**Prayers of the Church:**

**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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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



**Closing Hymn: 784 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect and feed me From day to day.  
Without your grace and favour I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;  
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.



**Scripture Treasure to Remember:**

**Isaiah 40:11**

*“He will feed His flock like a shepherd;  
He will gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently lead those who are with young.”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Week** - Your Pastor will be away at the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in Spokane, WA. Then he and Julie will be traveling to Seattle for her aunt’s funeral on Saturday, returning home that night.

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

## **Sunday May 5th**

Remember the People Place is not available on May 5th. We will be meeting at the Schubert Centre instead. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class that day due to the Voter's meeting being held after church.

## **2nd Quarter Voter's Meeting**

Our voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, after the service. Some of the items for discussion will be the treasurer's report, outreach ideas, our Summer plans (Family night, Youth Camp etc.). If you have any thoughts on these matters or if you have anything else you would like the voters to discuss, please speak to one of the voters or to the pastor.

## **CLC Call News**

Seminary graduate **Paul Agenten** has received and accepted the calls from St. Peter's of Iron River, MI and Calvary of Marquette, MI.

**Ms. Ann Sprengeler** has accepted the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August to December 2024.

**Pastor David Ude** of Living Hope in Appleton, WI, has been called to Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN.

**Teacher Mathew Kranz** of Immanuel Lutheran School in Mankato, MN, has been called to Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

**Teacher Neil Bernthal** of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven FL, has been called to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

**Teacher Katie Naumann** of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.

**Blair Sydow** has received a one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity.

## **CLC Mission Prayer List**

**India (South Asia) – The BELC** continues to grow with more than 750 pastors serving congregations, teaching on-going monthly pastoral training seminars in twenty-seven districts, and training 25 men at the Martin Luther Bible School. The CLCI is still active in outreach despite the real and constant threat of persecution.

**The CLCI** also continues its work with the orphanage and the seminary, with seventeen men graduating and being ordained as pastors each year. It has been a few years since the CLC has been to visit our brothers and sisters in India. With Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann no longer able to enter India because their visas were revoked, the Bd of Missions is looking at different options for future CLC visitations. Pray that the Lord continues to bless the efforts of the BELC and CLCI as they boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Ask for our Savior's guidance as the Bd of Missions looks for ways to visit India again.