



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CALIFORNIA, MO.

4th Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019

Mother's Day

BROADCAST: The broadcast of this morning's service is underwritten with memorials from the families and friends of members of St. Paul's now in heaven.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by David and Janis Bleich to honor all mothers, stepmothers and grandmothers here and in heaven.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Processional: Please rise and face the center aisle as the processional cross passes by.

Opening Hymn: 709 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Easter Acclamation:

Pastor: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** *Psalm 118:15-20 (ESV)*

Pastor: My Sheep listen to My voice; I know them; and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand. *John 10:28, 29*

Today's Psalm: Psalm 23

P: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.**

P: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: **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.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Confession of Sins and Absolution:

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. *Revelation 7:10*

People: Those in white robes have come out of the great tribulation; they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. *Revelation 7:14*

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

(silence for reflection)

People: Almighty God, we confess to you that we are sinful by nature. We have sinned by our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words and our unloving actions. We have been like sheep who have gone astray. We have sought refreshment outside of the living waters. We have followed our own paths, not the paths of righteousness. For the sake of Jesus, make us clean. Forgive us our sins. Give us eternal life. Amen.

Pastor: We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; salvation is ours by God's gracious gift. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, You have wakened from death our Lord Jesus, the Shepherd of Your sheep. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd, so that following Him, sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading: [Acts 13:15-16, 26-33](#)

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Youth Choir: "I Am A Sheep"

Epistle Reading: [Revelation 7:9-17](#)

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Response before Gospel: “**Glory be to Thee, Oh Lord.**”

Holy Gospel: [John 10:22-30](#)

Response after Gospel: “**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**”

Sermon Hymn: 740 – “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Sermon: “Follow the Leader” John 10:27

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed – Page 191

(also located inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Offertory: Pages 192-193

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, our Good Shepherd, we praise You for Your great love for us. As the people of Your pasture, the sheep of Your hand, we are dependent upon Your grace for all things needful to support our bodies and lives. We laud and honor Your name, knowing that You are our Shepherd...

C: ...and we shall not be in want.

P: Lord, our Good Shepherd, we long to be fed on Your Word, to be refreshed in body and soul, and to be still before You as our God. For those who suffer, especially [Kenny Ashley, Ashley Baker, Bill Bess, Helen Borghardt, Joe Green, Sherry Hampton, Karen Hagemeyer, Milda Hagemeyer, Iris Heck, Caitlin Howell, Alma Jungmeyer, Lizette Skidmore, and Debra VanDieren](#), grant wholeness and restoration that they may lie down in green pastures. Lead us, Lord, throughout life’s journey beside the still waters where You shall...

C: ...restore our souls.

P: Lord, our Good Shepherd, our world entices us away from You. There are many voices that call to us that they might lead us astray – voices of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. For the sake of Your name...

C: ...lead us in the paths of righteousness.

P: The shadow of death forever follows us, for we are mortal. We name before You now those who grieve the loss of loved ones, especially [the family and friends of Darrell Schnack](#). Lord, You promise that we will walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and that You will be there beside us, to comfort us. How wonderful it is to know that even at such times we will fear no evil...

C: ...for You are with us. You prepare a table before us. You anoint our heads with oil. Our cup overflows.

P: Lord, our Good Shepherd, we know that as You lead and feed us, goodness, mercy, and love will follow us all the days of our lives...

C: ...and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: AMEN

Service of the Sacrament:

Preface – Page 194

Sanctus – Page 195

The Lord’s Prayer – Page 196

The Words of Our Lord – Page 197

The “*Pax Domini*” & the “*Agnus Dei*” – Page 197-198

Communion Hymns:

570 – “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

477 – “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

Closing Liturgy:

The “*Nunc Dimittis*” – Pages 199-200

P: Lord, our Good Shepherd, You have fed us with Your body and blood this day. May this holy food serve to bring refreshment to our souls, that we may follow You all the days of our lives, until that day when we dwell in Your heavenly house forever. We praise You now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction:

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 725 – “Children of the Heavenly Father”

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastor

Head Elders

Head Usher

Cross Bearer

Acolyte

Organist

Radio Announcer

Evandro Kopper

Rick Percival/David Ott

Justin Martin

Rebekah English

Ella Percival

Twillia Duvall

Jack Lake

This Week

Tue	May 14	11:30 a.m.	Senior Saints Meal
Thur	May 16	10:00 a.m.	Ladies to Heit's Point
Fri.	May 17	10:00 a.m.	Child Care Chapel
Sun.	May 19	9:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:15 a.m.	Jr. Youth Bake Sale
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School

LADIES ARE INVITED! The Evening Guild is inviting members of St. Paul's Ladies Aid and all ladies of the congregation to join us for a visit to Heits' Point this Thursday, May 16, 2019. We will leave at 10:00 a.m. and stop for lunch along the way. At Heit's Point, we will enjoy a tour and will present the proceeds from the Cinco de Mayo lunch for their use. Please let Diane Weicken know if you are able to attend by phoning (573) 690-6647. *(Evening Guild and Ladies Aid will not meet at their regular time on Thursday, May 16).*

DIAPER SHOWER! Our local chapter of Lutherans for Life is sponsoring a Diaper Shower that will run between Mother's Day and Father's Day (May 12-June 16). A collection box will be located in the Narthex for clothing up to 2T (new or gently used), diapers, wipes, diaper ointment, bibs, burp cloth, blankets and quilts. Please direct any questions to Elaine Ott.

ST. PAUL'S JUNIOR YOUTH BAKE SALE: Will be held immediately following worship service on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Proceeds will be used for camp registration fees for children attending Heit's Point camps this summer. Free-will donations will be accepted with many thanks.

CAN YOU HELP? St. Paul's Child Care Center is looking for a used CD player that can be used to play music for children in the classroom. Would you have one that is rarely used at home that you could donate? Also, we would love to have more of the Thrivent music CDs if you have any to donate. The children respond well to the calming music. Please speak with Marie Wickham or Sara Turner if you can help.

RADIO ANNOUNCERS NEEDED: Anyone interested in being a Radio Announcer for the Sunday morning church service, please contact the church office.

LANDSCAPING: The Board of Trustees is looking for someone to take care of the landscaping around the church building including flowers and shrubbery for the spring through fall season. This could be an individual or group project. Please see Wayne Hagemeyer if you are interested or for more information.

**2019 Vacation Bible School:
July 22, 2019 – July 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Church Office Hours : Monday – Friday
9 am to 2 pm
Attendance last week: 156

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