

St. Paul's Plymouth

May 12th, 2019 - Good Shepherd Sunday

Divine Service II

Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

Broadcast Sponsor

Our broadcast this morning is sponsored by St. Paul's Ladies Aid of Plymouth, Nebraska, out of thankfulness for the blessings provided through our broadcast ministry.

Focus for Our Worship

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Bible time and time again uses this beautiful imagery that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. In the weeks before Easter, we saw what He did for His sheep who love to wander. He endured pain and punishment, suffering and ridicule, even death on the cross. He made the ultimate sacrifice for us, His precious sheep.

As we continue in this Easter season to focus on our Risen Lord, we see clearly that He is risen to be the Good Shepherd of His Church.

Divine Service II
(Christian Worship Supplement)

OPENING HYMN “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (CW 374)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from Your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In His great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from You all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the spread of Your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in You, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await Your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD (Gloria in Excelsis) (Tune CW 152)

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: DUKE STREET



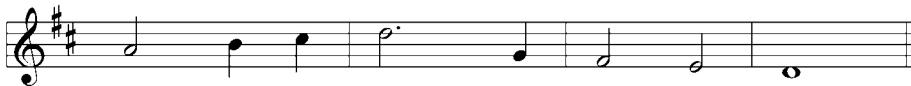
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who laid down Your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of Your life-giving Word that we may abide in Your Father's house forevermore; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 34:11-15

Here the Messiah promises to be the Good Shepherd of the church, bringing all His sheep into the fold of His church where He feeds and protects them with eternal devotion.

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will

bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

SECOND LESSON – I Peter 2:21-25

The Apostle Peter describes the self-sacrificing love of the Risen Lord who is the Divine Shepherd of the church.

²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

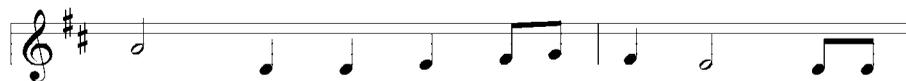
M Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ Alleluia! (Luke 15:4-6)



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



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

HOLY GOSPEL

M The Gospel according to St. John chapter 10

C **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

M Our Good Shepherd shares these comforting words with us...

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want" (CW 360)

SERMON – Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (CW 436)

M O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we give You thanks that You tend Your flock like a Shepherd...that You gather Your lambs in Your arms and carry us close to Your heart. (Isaiah 40:11)

C **♪ Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who Your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by You.**

M Send Your Holy Spirit to us through Your Word and Sacraments, that we live as sheep who are confident in Your promise of life eternal and certain of the wisdom of following wherever You lead. (John 10:27-29)

C **♪ In Your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from Your hand.
Speak – we hear – at Your command,
We will follow You.**

M We ask that the Good Shepherd of the sheep who laid down His life and took it up again equip us with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C **♪ By Your blood our souls were bought;
By Your life salvation wrought;
By Your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow You.**

M We ask You to give us the spirit of Your selfless love, which searches for more sheep and gathers the scattered, rescuing them and bringing them out from the grasp of Satan. Allow us to know the joy known in heaven as You use us as Your instruments to bring even one sinner to repentance. (Ezekiel 34:11,12; Luke 15:7)

C **♪ Father, draw us to Your Son;
We with joy will follow on
Till the work of grace is done,
There to live with You.**

M Lead us to hold less closely the treasures of this world, and to anticipate more eagerly the glories of heaven, where we will behold and adore the Lamb at the center of the throne as our Shepherd as He wipes away every tear from our eyes. (Revelation 7:17)

C **♪ We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest
In the fold with You.**

Other prayers may follow

LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

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

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Tune CW 166)

Sanctus

Tune: LANCASHIRE



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Close Communion We ask that only those who have previously spoken to our pastor or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.

If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's in the future, please talk to Pastor after worship this morning. He would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at Your holy table. But You are a friend of sinners, and You will not cast me out. This bread is Your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is Your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At Your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- “Have No Fear, Little Flock (CW 442)
- “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness” (CW 376)
- “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (CW 375)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with Your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in You as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON (Tune CW 388)

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the

sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
 Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
 ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
 gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
 name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M We give You thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (CW 432)



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St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Elaine Schroeder, M/M Forrest Freese **Monday** – Dallas Christ, Lylah Krueger
Tuesday – Cole Weichel **Friday** – Dean Milius
Saturday – Randy Schmidt, M/M Ron Collins **Sunday** – Tom Person, Dale Weichel

Pastor Fred Berger (serving the vacancy at Christ Lutheran (WELS) in Beatrice)

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Today – Macy Oltman **Monday** – Dale Pieper

Organist: Janice Pieper – Beatrice

Elder: Gordon Crome

Usher: Robert Orth, Braden Dwerlkotte

This Week, By God's Grace (May 12th – May 19th)

Today	Sunday School, Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	Sunday School Teachers' Wrap-up Meeting	11:15am
	Worship at Christ Lutheran - Beatrice	4:00pm
	Sunday School, Bible Class - Beatrice	5:00pm
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
	Gardenside Devotion	10:00am
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
Wednesday	Pastor Mentor Meeting	Noon
Thursday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
	Beatrice Council Meeting	7:30pm
	School Chapel	8:30am
Friday	4 th Quarter Ends at School	
	School Dismisses for Summer Break	1:00pm
Saturday	PTO Urban Air Trampoline Park Trip	10:00am-Noon
Sunday	NO Sunday School, Bible Class	
	Worship at Christ Lutheran - Beatrice	8:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	St. Paul's Graduation (Greeters: Brian & Elaine Burger)	11:00am
	Endowment Committee Meeting	11:15am

In Our Prayers

✝ Mary Zanto – Mary is the sister-in-law of Sharon Schroeder. She was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Prayer Updates

- ✝ Gayle Bekemeyer – she was hospitalized following surgery in Kansas City last week.
- ✝ Bill Jurgens – he remains hospitalized at Beatrice Community and is tentatively planning to return home this week.

Call News—Mrs. Briney has returned the Call to Crystal Lake, Illinois. Please join in asking the Lord to grant her peace in this decision and to continue to bless His ministry through her here at St. Paul's.

Graduations – We offer our congratulations to the following 2019 graduates:

- ◆ Eighth Grade – **Carter Holtmeier, Trevor Hueske, Jaelynn Kosmos, Andrew Sasse, Megan Schmidt**
- ◆ High School – **Madison Freese, Savannah Gerlach, Bailey Green**
(Their pictures are posted on the church bulletin board.)
- ◆ College – **Grant Freese** – he will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, and will be continuing his preparations for the public ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.
 - **Megann Freese** – she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education and Human Sciences Degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She is majoring in Fashion Merchandising.



May the Lord bless them as they use their gifts and talents to serve Him and those around them.

Upcoming Camps

NELHS Summer Camp—Nebraska Lutheran High School is hosting a summer activities camp for boys and girls entering grades 5-9. The camp will take place June 9th-11th. The registration deadline date is May 24th. Brochures with additional details are available on the back table.

WELS Youth Camp Jefferson 2019—The 2019 WELS Youth Camp will be held at Camp Jefferson Friday, July 26th – Sunday, July 28th. This is for 3rd – 8th graders (and Teen and Adult Helpers). The cost is \$55 for youth, \$25 for Teen Helpers, and \$15 for Adult Helpers. For additional information or to register, go to www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to welscampjefferson@gmail.com.

WELS Teen Camp 2019—The 2019 WELS Teen Camp will be held at Camp Jefferson from Sunday, July 28th (immediately following Youth Camp Jefferson) – Tuesday, July 30th (closing service Tuesday evening). This is for 9th grade through age 19. The cost is \$60 for the full 2-day camp. Online registration is now open, and the T-shirt order deadline date is July 6th. For additional information or to register, call (402)310-8538 or go to www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to welscampjefferson@gmail.com.

Teen Super Summer Smash—Area WELS Pre-teens/Teens (7TH grade – 12TH grade) are invited to an all-nighter of swimming, bowling, mini golf, basketball, battle ball, pizza, pop, snacks, and more at the Hastings YMCA beginning at 9:00pm on Friday evening, August 9th and ending at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 10th. Look for additional information coming soon.

A Piece of St. Paul's History—At the quarterly voters' meeting on Sunday, April 14th, it was decided to take sealed bids for the old church safe (outside dimensions are 28" wide, 24" deep, 40" high). The money will go towards a bigger safe with electronic keypad in which historical items and pictures from St. Paul's will be stored. Today is the last day to drop your sealed bid for the old safe off at the church office. The new owner will be responsible for moving the safe out of the basement of the church. If you would like to take a look at the old safe, it is located in the furnace room by Pastor Frank's office. There is a working combination for this safe.



Summer Music – Anyone interested in sharing his/her musical gifts during our worship services this summer is asked to contact Pastor Berger. He would be happy to discuss options with you.

Vacation Bible School

- VBS will be held June 3rd – 7th from 9:00-11:30am each day (Doors open for students at 8:45am.) Registration is available online by clicking on the VBS icon at www.stpaulsplymouth.org or by completing a blue registration form available on the back table in the front entrance. Completed forms should be returned to the church or school office.
- We are in need of volunteers to assist with VBS in the following areas: classroom teachers, craft helpers, kitchen helpers, and classroom aides. If you are able to help out, please sign the sheet on the table in the front entrance, contact Mr. Danner at 402-433-5349, or email him at danner@stpaulsplymouth.org.
- There is a sign-up sheet for the cookies, fruit, and veggies on the back table. "Set Sail" is this year's theme, for those who would like to incorporate this theme into their snacks.

Save the Date

- ❖ Apache Mission Trip – May 29th – June 5th
- ❖ Vacation Bible School – June 3rd – 7th
- ❖ Truth in Love Ministry Mission Trip – June 15th – 22nd
- ❖ Annual NELHS Golf Classic – July 20th

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger after the service or anytime during the week! (call/text 402-239-4509; email pastorberger@gmail.com) If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, Pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org) He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.



Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

In an ever-changing world, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to build Christ's kingdom in people's hearts with the un-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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