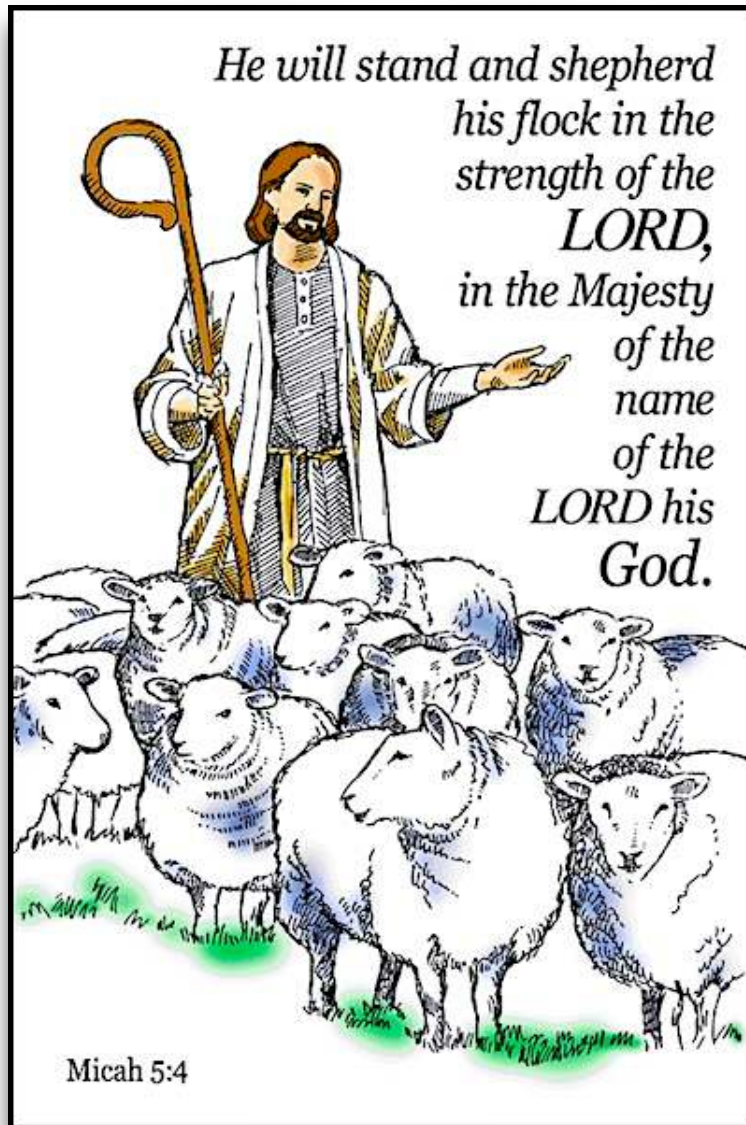


ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



*He will stand and shepherd
his flock in the
strength of the
LORD,
in the Majesty
of the
name
of the
LORD his
God.*

Micah 5:4

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(GOOD SHEPHERD)
MAY 12, 2019**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 23 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 940, 524, 710, 740
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:15-16,26-39; Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon Text – John 10:22-30

SAFE IN THE ARMS OF YOUR SHEPHERD

1. Safe because He knows you *personally*.
2. Safe because He cares for you *individually*.
3. Safe because He and the Father
are one in caring for you.



- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayers & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (740)

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A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

*Large print bulletins are available in the tract rack
or by request from an usher.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Acts 13:15-16,26-39

After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak." Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: | "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' So it is stated elsewhere: "'You will not let your Holy One see decay.' "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses."

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P "My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me.

C I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C You were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

C And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

C The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

P And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

C The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of the waters of life.

P And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

C The Lord is risen indeed!

Second Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and

worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Sermon Text – John 10:22-30

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 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. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (5/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Pharisee & the Tax Collector, NT 23)
Fri	10:30 am	Trish Hartmeister Funeral Service
Sun (5/19)	8:30 am	Elders' Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Unforgiving Servant, NT 22)

EXTENDED CALENDAR

- West-Central Delegate Conference: May 21-23, hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD
- CLC General Pastoral Conference, Eau Claire, WI: June 18-20
- Worship service in observance of Pastor John Klatt's retirement: Sunday, June 30, 4:00 pm, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MAY

- Ushers: Wayne Ruegge, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

CALLED HOME: Our Christian sister, Trish Hartmeister, was summoned in the spirit into the heavenly presence of our Savior on Wednesday, May 8. The homecoming celebration, thanking Jesus for His gift of eternal life, will be at St. Paul this Friday at 10:30 am. We thank Him for His wonderful reminder: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."* John 11:25-26.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Carrol Rankin who is recovering from a surgical procedure performed last Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital to correct an irregular heartbeat. The procedure went well and she was able to return from the hospital last Thursday ++ Ed Chiappetti who is recovering from bruised rib injuries he sustained recently in a fall at home. ++ May the Good Shepherd keep their souls in His safekeeping and grant them healing according to His gracious will.

TWO LAY DELEGATES ARE STILL NEEDED to represent our congregation at the West-Central Delegate Conference, to be hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City SD, Tuesday through Thursday, May 21-23. Please let the pastor know if you are able to serve as a representative for St. Paul.

SYNOD NEWS

- ◆ Retired CLC pastor, Arthur Schulz, was called home on Wednesday, May 8. A Christian burial service is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, WI (where Art served as pastor for a number of years).
- ◆ "This coming Friday (May 17) will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the Lord God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 3 pm in the Fieldhouse. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir, held at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday (May 18) there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am in the Immanuel Fieldhouse during which Professor Paul Schaller's retirement will be recognized. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the Lord Immanuel in their daily walk with Him" (Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary).
- ◆ Call News: Prince of Peace Lutheran of Loveland has called Pastor Paul Krause, Watertown SD, to serve as their pastor. ++ Pastor Caleb Schaller and Mrs. Jennifer Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, have received a call from the board of Regents to serve part-time in the new "Immanuel On-Campus Counseling/Mentoring Program." ++ Immanuel Seminary Graduate Samuel Naumann accepted the call assigned by the Call Committee on Graduates to serve as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi TX. ++ ILC Teacher Graduate Nathan Buck accepted the call to Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston WA. ++ Christy Moen (member of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN) accepted the call to serve as Pre-School and Kindergarten teacher at Berea Lutheran School for the 2019-2020 school year.

MARATHON REMINDER

Colfax Marathon Sunday is *next Sunday, May 19*. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to this event.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: for all who do not know the Good Shepherd, that they be brought to faith in Him and come to know, as we do, the joy of living under His watchful eye, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the renewal of the Church, that the heavenly Father would make all the baptized joyful witnesses of the Savior's resurrection victory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those enduring physical trials, especially, Carrol Rankin and Ed Chiappetti, that the Holy Spirit may grant them strength and healing in the physical afflictions they are experiencing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those injured in the Highlands Ranch school shooting and those who mourn their dead, for those who were traumatized, that they may experience the comfort of God's unfailing love in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the vocation of motherhood, that mothers, as undershepherds of Jesus, would love and care for their children, His lambs, and that children would cherish and honor their mothers, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, so that the Gospel may have free course and be preached without hindrance, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For an end to abortion in our land and that our nation might again come to value every life from conception to natural death as a priceless gift of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the family of Trish Hartmeister, that the Lord may comfort them in their loss, and for all who pass through the valley of the shadow of death, that in the companionship of their Good Shepherd and in the confidence of His victory over death and the grave, they may fear no evil, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the faithful who have gone before us and who dwell in the house of the Lord forever, let us give thanks, that we may together with them look forward to the joy of our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Into Your hands, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we also join to pray: **"Our Father who art in heaven ..."**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

MAY 13-18

Mon 1 Timothy Ch. 1 Pastoral guidance: It is a fatal mistake for people to give God's law priority over His grace. **Ch. 2** Since God wants all humans to be saved via the truth about Jesus, we pray that they will come to Jesus. The way men and women conduct themselves (especially in worship) is also important. **Ch. 3** Who qualifies for leadership in the congregation? Answer: A candidate who is married must be capable as husband and father, for the way ministers conduct themselves will reflect on the Father and on Jesus.

Tues Ch. 4 Errant clergy will mislead others, so nourish yourself in the words of faith and of the God-given doctrine, and reject shabby theology as you grow more mature in godliness. Your sermons and instruction courses will validate these values, so keep up the good work, devoting yourself to God's Word. **Ch. 5** Adjust your pastoral approach as each occasion warrants; at times you may have to do some investigating, for things are not always what they seem. Who are the *elders*? They are pastors, teachers, and men who deserve respect because God has given them a long life of experience.

Wed Ch. 6 As to people who enjoy arguing—don't let them get away with it. You will hear, "God wants you to be affluent" – but you know better, for those who want to be rich are falling into a trap; lusting for money has ruined many a person's life; they seldom recover. You have the higher goal of following God's directives. Remind wealthy people to help others and remind yourself of my God-pleasing directives. God bless you.

Thurs 2 Timothy Ch. 1 In spite of being incarcerated, Paul was not suffering from a spirit of fear, for God had empowered him with love and stabilized his mind to be concerned for those he was leaving behind. He was confident that God had called him according to His own purpose, appointed him to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. Praise God!

Fri Ch. 2 You, therefore, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, for God sends you into battle in order to strengthen you. It is absolutely primary to remember that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead; we are privileged to serve Him by applying His Word as each situation requires; be thoughtful and loving in handling difficult cases, for the salvation of souls is at stake.

Sat Ch. 3 Warning! Tough times are coming! People will degenerate more and more; stay away from their influence and continue in the Scriptures which you learned in childhood. **Ch. 4** Above all, preach God's Word and apply it to help others. Stay aware of what is going on in the world around you so that you minister appropriately. As for me, I am biding time until I meet Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you!

CLC MISSION OPPORTUNITIES PRAYER LIST — MAY 2019

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you. 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

- 1. Myanmar** – Pastor Thang has been discharged from the hospital. He will need several more weeks of rest at home before he begins rehab to regain his strength. Thank the Lord for blessing Thang with successful surgery and healing. Continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless his recovery and to provide for all his and his family's needs.
- 2. Nepal** – Recently three Nepali Christian pastors along with one American and one Australian missionary were arrested for proselytizing in a district where the HCLCN has also been working. The Nepali pastors have been imprisoned and the foreign missionaries were arrested and then deported. Pray that Satan's efforts to stop the spread of the Gospel in this area of Nepal will be thwarted and that many more may hear the Gospel, repent of their sins, and join us in rejoicing in the forgiveness and eternal life we have through faith in Jesus.
- 3. New Missionary to begin work in Togo and West Africa** – Missionary Peter Evensen is flying to Togo on May 3rd. Missionary Ohlmann will accompany him to introduce him to the leaders, pastors, and work in Togo. Missionary Evensen take up residence in Lomé, Togo where he will be working with Pastor Kossi Blewu and the Mission Evangélique Luthérienne Church of Togo (MELC). Since Missionary Evensen is conversant in French, this will be a great blessing in working with the seven men who are currently studying to be evangelists and ordained pastors at the MELC Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute. He will also have opportunities to preach and teach at the French speaking congregations and preaching stations of the MELC in Togo and Benin. Offer prayers of thanks to the Lord for the language gifts that He has given to our missionary and pray for all that is necessary for such a transition. Pray also for the Lord's blessings on all the opportunities Missionary Evensen will have to proclaim the truth of God's saving word.
- 4. CLC Mission Visit to Kenya** – Pastor Michael Gurath, who serves as our CLC part-time visiting missionary to Kenya and Uganda, is in Kenya for the first two weeks of May to visit to the two schools that are being supported through Project Kinship. He will also be on hand for a pastoral conference for pastors and contacts from Kenya and Uganda. Pray for Pastor Gurath, his wife and family, and for those he goes to work with, train, and encourage.
- 5. India** – National Elections are taking place in India over the next several weeks. For the past four years the Hindu nationalist political party (BJP) has held the majority in their government and has appointed a BJP Prime Minister. This has led to an increase in persecution of Christians in India. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-India and the BELC as they carry on with the great privilege of making disciples of all nations as they baptize and teach all that God has commanded in His Word. Pray that the Lord will keep them strong in the faith and filled with confidence in His love and the privilege of suffering for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

<https://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/2019/05/mission-opportunities-prayer-list03-may.html>

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For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?” Romans 10:13-15.

