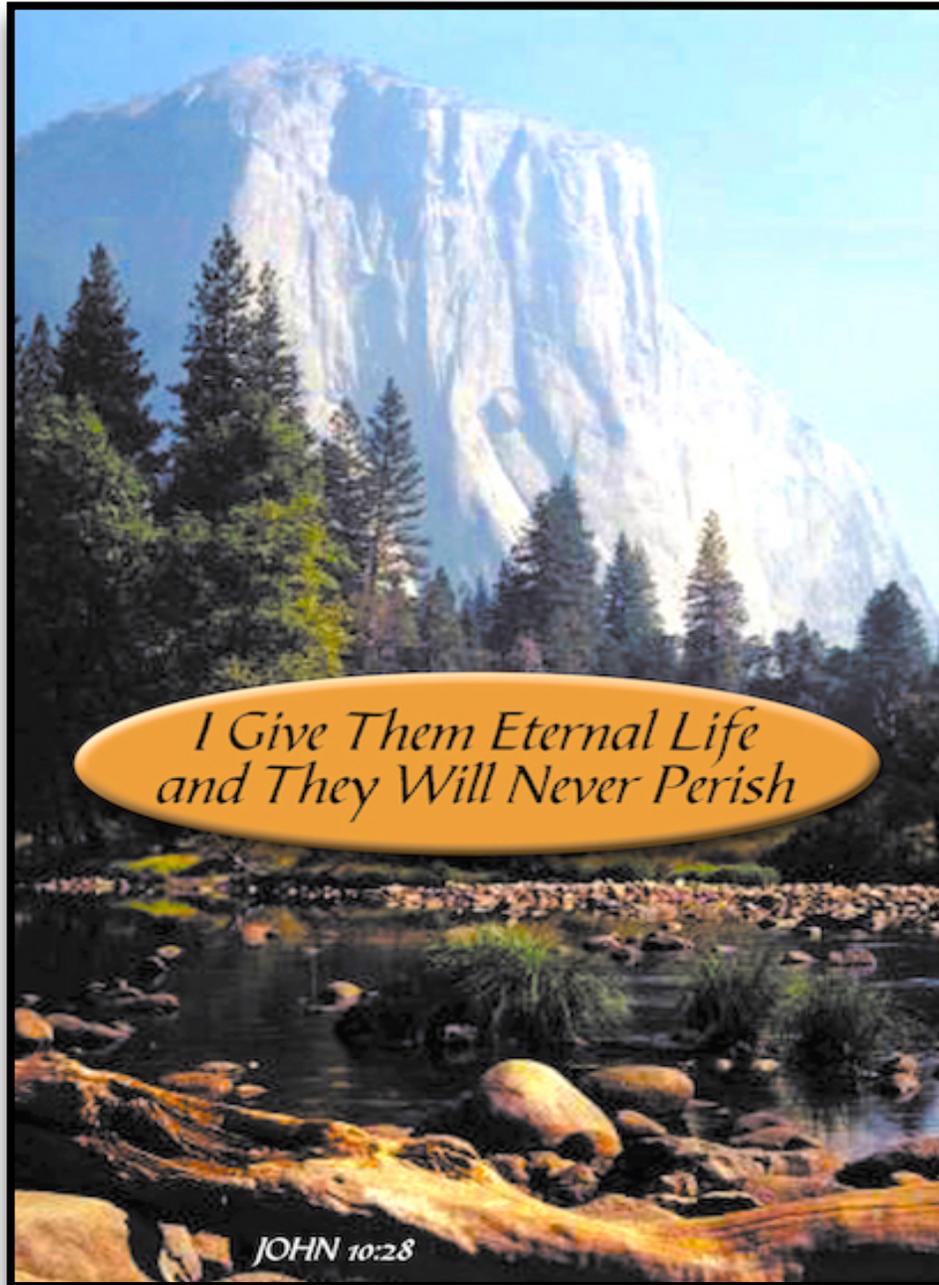


St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

– Church of the Lutheran Confession –
Lakewood, Colorado



**4th Sunday of Easter – May 8, 2022
(Good Shepherd Sunday)**

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word

(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist: Carly Meyer – Ushers: Wayne & Zachary Ruegge

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 23 (pew bible, p.491)
- ◆ The Hymns: 940, 710, 524, “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep” (page 8)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:13-16,26-33; John 10:22-30
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

Sermon Text – Revelation 7:9-17

The Lamb Is Our Shepherd

1. He washed our robes with His blood.
2. He will lead and tend us *always* with His loving shepherd-care.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Mother's Day Prayer, Altar Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (on page 8)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Acts 13:13-16,26-33

13 From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem. 14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. 15 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.” 16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: | 26 “Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. 27 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. 28 Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. 30 But God raised him from the dead, 31 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. 32 We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers 33 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.’”

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 – John 10:22-30

22 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. 24 The Jews gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name

speak for me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

Sermon Text – Revelation 7:9-17

9 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. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 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, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 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. 15 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. 16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. 17 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."

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A warm welcome to our Worship Guests. It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, with affiliated churches in Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All of our churches confess the Bible to be the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come worship with us again.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Tue	9:00 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Loveland
Sun (5/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class & Sunday School

Upcoming Events

West-Central Delegate Conference at St. Paul: Tue-Thu, May 24-26

Conference Worship Service: Wed evening, May 25 (time TBA)

CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI: Thu-Sun, June 23-26

Our Current Adult Bible Study Topic is Lesson 16 “*Prayer*” from the study course “*LEARN FROM ME.*” Currently we are in the midst of a study of the Lord’s Prayer. Today’s lesson will be on Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer: “*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*” <> “*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path*” (Psalm 119:103-104).

Spring Clean-Up Thank You – Thanks, in the name of the congregation, to those who gave of their time, energy, and talents in last Saturday’s clean-up day here at the church. Your labors of love for the Lord and His people are much appreciated. Projects tackled include: carpet vacuuming, floor and pew dusting, flower bed preparation, lawn mowing, leaf raking/bagging (over 20 bags!), and general sprucing up of the church building and grounds. Well done!

Travel Alert – Next Sunday, May 15, is the date for the 2022 Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures.

Meal Sign-Up – A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for donations of food needed and volunteers for each meal during the up-coming delegate conference. Please add your name, if you can help. Questions may be directed to ladies’ chairman, Lisa Sprengeler, or meal-organizer, Carrol Rankin.

New in Our Tract Rack – “*CLC World Missions Prayer List*” for May, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann. “*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints*” (Ephesians 6:18).

Synod News & Notes

Retired ILC professor, Paul Koch, who has been supplying commentaries for the “Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions” which appear each week in our Sunday bulletin, announced that he is retiring from this labor of love which he has provided for twenty years. In an email to subscribers last week he wrote that *“Although Jesus has kept me interested and devoted to this enterprise, He has put other pressing duties (rather, privileged responsibilities) on my plate, for my dear Anne is going through many tribulations during this stage of her inoperable cancer. Mayo Clinic Hospice Care is doing a good job of serving us in our own home (not in hospital or nursing home) until Anne's earthly pilgrimage comes to a close. Whether it's a matter of weeks or months, only God knows. We depend on His good judgment. God bless us with His Word in our hearts and lives.”*

Concluding Activities at Immanuel – “Friday, May 20, 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. 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 at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC Fieldhouse. 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” (Prof. Daniel Schierenbeck, ILC President).

Call News – ILC teacher graduate, Kendra Rodebaugh, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. < Immanuel seminary graduate, Zachary Sippert, has accepted the call to the dual parish of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, and Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich SD. < Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan WI, has accepted the call to teach pre-school part-time in their Christian Day School.

CLC History Video – “Brothers, There’s an excellent but little-known video about the origin of the CLC called *“By the Grace of God.”* It was produced by Jamie Arndt in connection with the 50th anniversary of the CLC, but I don't think it ever got the distribution it deserves. I shared the video with Prof. Mark Weis for his high school church history class at Immanuel and several others have since asked for the link. Here it is.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nvego1OmAzT7WfLlanyr2uyMKKngItMi/view>

“It’s well worth watching if you have some spare time. It bears a particular poignancy because many of the people who were interviewed for it are now asleep in the Lord. It's good to see and hear them again. I would certainly consider this video recommended viewing for every convention delegate. In our Risen Lord” (ILC Prof. Paul Naumann).

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 9-14, '22

Mon Acts 13:26-33 *In the synagogue of Pisidian Antioch* Paul is invited to speak. This, his first recorded sermon, is addressed to Israelites and others who fear God. He begins with a history of God's chosen people, leading to the promised Savior, Jesus. Then he shows how God Word was fulfilled, even through those in Jerusalem who were not trying to fulfill God's promises. What sinful man tries to do is overruled by God's raising Jesus from the dead, and the Psalm is fulfilled anew!

Tues John 10:22-26 The Jews come asking for a statement from Jesus, implying that He has given them nothing to believe. In fact, Jesus has spoken clearly and His deeds, done in the name of God the Father, also testify that He is the Christ of God. It is not words or deeds that the Jews lack, but faith. Lord, open our ears to the voice of the Shepherd who laid down His life for us and took it up again.

Wed Revelation 7:9-12 After sealing the exact number of the servants of God so that no one can pluck them from His hand, another vision shows these servants to be a great multitude from every nation. They are dressed in white and say: "Salvation belongs to our God!" Let us seek it from no one but Him. *"O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day, Extol the Lord, Who with His Word Sustained you on the way"* (LSB 676:3).

Thurs Acts 13:34-39 Paul applies the promise of "no corruption" (Ps. 16:10) to Jesus, for David's body was buried and decayed. Our forgiveness is enduring because it comes from one who was buried but saw no decay. Now He lives forever, as does our forgiveness and peace with God. What the Law of Moses could not do, God has done in Christ! Hallelujah!

Fri John 10:27-30 Jesus' sheep do two things: hear His voice and follow Him, but those things do not make them His sheep. It is the Father who has given those sheep to Him, and who holds them in the palm of His hand. It is the Good Shepherd who gives life, preserves life forever, and protects that life from any who would snatch them away from the Triune God.

Sat Revelation 7:13-17 John's vision would not downplay what these happy ones in white robes have come through. It was tribulation, great tribulation. But the Good Shepherd has brought them safely home! Through His own cleansing blood He has made them clean, acceptable to God. Now they serve Him, and there is no more tribulation! He will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Rev. Henry Cook

F. Filitz
Arr. A. W. Stellhorn

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2. In Thy prom-ise firm we stand, None can pluck us from Thy hand,
3. By Thy blood our souls were bought, By Thy life sal - va - tion wrought,
4. Fa - ther, draw us to Thy Son: We with joy will fol - low on,
5. We in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as-sem-bly of the blest,

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature. The middle staff is the piano accompaniment in G major, 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The bottom staff is the bass line in G major, 4/4 time, starting with a bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff.

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2. Speak, we hear, at Thy com - mand, We will fol - - low Thee.
3. By Thy light our feet are taught, Lord, to fol - - low Thee.
4. Till the work of grace is done, And from sin set free,
5. Gath - - ered to e - - ter - - nal rest, In the fold with Thee.

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