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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2025**  
**(Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests!** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again!

**Today's Order of Worship** is "Divine Worship Setting 2" as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. This service is based on pages 5-14 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*. Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes, or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today  
Organist Carly Mess  
Ushers Wayne Ruegge, Mike Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 28 (pew bible, page 493)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 895, 710, 783 (tan hymnal), 51 (printed on page 7)
- ◆ Responsive Reading: Psalm 23
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Acts 13:13-16, 26-33; Revelation 7:9-17

## **Sermon**



**Text – John 10:11-16**

**Theme – *"Thank God for Good Shepherds"***

1. For THE Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep.
2. For under-shepherds who faithfully tend His flock.
3. For mothers who lovingly nurture His lambs.

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and  
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

## Today's Scriptures

### Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

*The Lord the Shepherd of His People*

*(read responsively after the Confession of Sins and Words of Absolution)*

P The LORD is my shepherd:

**C I shall not want.**

P He makes me to lie down in green pastures:

**C He leads me beside the still waters.**

P He restores my soul:

**C He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**C 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:

**C You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**C And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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### First Lesson – Acts 13:13-16, 26-33

*Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia*

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. 14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.” 16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: | 26 “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. 27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in

condemning Him. 28 And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. 29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. 30 But God raised Him from the dead. 31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. 32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: *'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'*”

## **Second Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17**

### *A Multitude from the Great Tribulation*

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” 14 And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and 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 dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## **Sermon Text – John 10:11-16**

### *Jesus the Good Shepherd*

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.

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### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (5/11)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (5/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**Travel Alert:** Next Sunday, May 18 (two weeks from today), is the date for the 2025 Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures. Directions for avoiding the closures will be shared via email later this week.

**The West-Central Delegate Conference** will take place Tuesday through Thursday, May 20-22, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND. Derek Barthels, Ed Chiappetti, and Pastor Schuetze are planning to represent St. Paul at this conference.

**Installation Service at Loveland:** The members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, invite you to join them in giving thanks to the Lord of the Church for supplying them with a pastor. Samuel Naumann will be installed as Prince of Peace's new pastor in a special service on Sunday, May 25, at 3:00 pm. A meal will be provided following the service. If you are planning to attend, for planning purposes please inform Pastor Schuetze by next Sunday, May 18. Thank you.



## Closing Hymn


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### Now May He Who from the Dead



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Heb. 13:20, 21  
*John Newton, 1779*


**Buckland**  
*Leighton G. Hayne, 1863*



1 Now may He who from the dead Bro't the Shep-herd of the sheep,  
2 May He teach us to ful - fil What is pleas-ing in His sight,  
3 To that dear Re-deem-er's praise, Who the cov-'nant sealed with blood.



Je - sus Christ, our King and Head, All our souls in safe - ty keep!  
Per - fect us in all His will, And pre-serve us day and night!  
Let our hearts and voic-es raise Loud thanksgivings to our God. A-men.



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### May 12-17

**Mon John 17:1-5** We remember how Jesus prayed on the night before His crucifixion. He asked His Father to glorify Him, not for His own benefit, but “so that He may give eternal life” (v2) to His own.

**Tues John 17:6-8** As He faces suffering and death, Jesus is praying for the disciples whom His Father has given Him. While they might not understand many things, they know that He has been sent to them by God.

**Wed 1 John 2:12-14** With poetic repetition, the apostle John reminds his hearers of the forgiveness of sins which they have in the name of their living Lord. His word continues to triumph over the Evil One.

**Thurs 1 John 2:15-17** If the world and its things become our greatest treasure – our love – then we will be poor indeed! For the world and its desires pass away, but our heavenly Father wants us to remain forever.

**Fri Exodus 16:1-15** When food begins to run out, the people begin to act as though their daily bread comes from Egypt. But through quail and manna they will learn to know and thank the Lord their God (v12).

**Sat Hosea 2:18-23** To be God’s own child is to have all things work together for our good, whether wild animals, or any other enemy. “I will” do everything for “my people,” for I am their God (v23).