



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

TODAY (Apr 22) FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY	
Sunday School	8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible study follows)	9:00 am
MON (Apr 23) Choir	6:00 pm
TUES (Apr 24) Quarterly Voters' Meeting	6:30 pm
WED (Apr 25) Gr.7 Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
THURS (Apr 26) Gr. 6 Bible History	4:45 pm
Teen Bible class	7:00 pm
SAT (Apr 28) Highway Clean-up	8:30 am
SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 pm
NEXT SUN (Apr 29) Sunday School	8:00 am
WORSHIP w/HC (Adult Bible Study follows)	9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Apr 22–Parker & Kylie Heise, Rebecca Finn (21); Apr 25–Debbie Guyette, Caleb Herbst.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next quarterly meeting of the congregation will be this Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm.

DALE UNION CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING: The next date and place for the next cemetery meeting is: Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 pm at Zion UCC, Dale.

SPRING DRIVE--APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY: Sunday May 20 & Sunday June 10. Special bags provided in entryway.

OUR GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S WORK:

Apr 8 Plate Offerings: \$1,750.00 (NO Service on Apr 15)
 Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$443.00; Electronic Offerings: \$259.00;
 Easter Breakfast Proceeds: \$34.00; Organ Repair: \$250.00
 Technology Fund Donation: \$500.00
 Total Offerings last 2 weeks: \$3236.56
 OFFERINGS YTD (15 wks) \$34,810.96
 WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS: \$2294.00
 YTD NEEDED: \$34,410.00; YTD SURPLUS: \$400.96

WORSHIP
Apr 8 Sun = 73



“Good Shepherd Sunday”
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 22, 2018



ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)
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TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day that focuses on the great shepherding love of our Lord Jesus.

ORDER OF SERVICE

BELLS & WELCOME

LITURGY: *After the opening hymn the service continues on page 15 with the Common Service.*

HYMNS: #432 *“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb”*

Psalm of the Day: Ps. 23 *(Unison)*

#436 *“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”*

#375 *“The King of Love, My Shepherd Is”*

#374 *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken by Pastor)* 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. **(Sing: “Amen.”)**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(Printed on next page)*

SERMON TODAY: *Based on Acts 12:1-19 (Text printed on insert)*

Our Risen and Ruling Christ

- 1.) Risen and remaining with you through his Word
- 2.) Ruling over all things that you may be with him where he is.

*After the sermon please rise to sing "Create In Me,"
page 20 in the front of the hymnal.*

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 20:28-32--Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

PSALM 23, page 72 (Sing in Unison)

SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 5:1-4--To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia! *“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me.”* (John 10:14) Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:11-18--“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own 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. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, Shepherd of our souls, we come before You as those who have been called into Your one flock.

People: We give you humble and hearty thanks that in your mercy you have fed us in the green pastures of your Word.

Pastor: When the rough waters of life frighten us, when the burning sun of toil and affliction make our lives feel dry and barren...

People: Come to us. Comfort our hearts and nourish our souls even as You have promised to do.

Pastor: As members of Your flock, help us to be willing to reach out to welcome and befriend those who are not a part of Your church.

People: Even as You have loved us, help us to love all people, especially our enemies.

Pastor: Take care of all those whose special needs require the assurance of Your presence; the sick, the poor, the lonely, the forsaken, the forgotten, the hungry and the bereaved...

(Special intercessions here)

Pastor: Bring peace to our troubled world.

People: Bring hope to our dying world.

Pastor: Bring joy to Your people everywhere.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer follows...(Traditional version)



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⁵So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

⁶The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

⁸Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. ⁹Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

¹²When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. ¹³Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

¹⁵"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

¹⁶But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. ¹⁷Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

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