

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (May 8) **WORSHIP (HC)** & Sun. School

Dale-20 minute Bible study .....7:30 am  
Dale .....8:00 am  
Larsen (Bible class follows) ..... 10:00 am

### **MON** (May 9)

**NO** Choir  
Zoom catechism class-St. Paul/St. Peter's.....6:30 pm

### **TUES** (May 10) St Paul Council Meeting.....6:30 pm

### **THURS** (May 12)

Bible Class (St. Paul)..... 10:00 am  
Worship (St. Paul) .....6:00 pm

### **NEXT SUN** (May 15) **WORSHIP** & Sun. School

Dale-20 minute Bible study .....7:30 am  
Dale (Food Pantry collection).....8:00 am  
Larsen (Bible class follows) ..... 10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** *If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **May 11** – Jeanne Ruppel **May 12** – Mike Guyette

**FOOD PANTRY** – (St. Paul)The next collection for the pantry is May 15, 2022. (one week later than usual due to Mothers Day on the 8<sup>th</sup>)

Here is the list of items currently in need of at the pantry:

Rice & pasta side dishes in pouches (Knorr®), 1 lb. bags or 14 oz. boxes of plain white or brown rice, canned mandarins, canned pineapple, canned pork & beans/baked beans (only these), canned mixed vegetables, Spam®, canned diced tomatoes and men's body washes. If you or if you know of someone who would benefit from pantry assistance, please contact your pastor.

**OFFERINGS** - The weekly offerings for April 21 & May 1 were 2,060.55. The Vanco online offerings for week ending April 23 were \$420.00 and for week ending April 30 were \$420.00.

**THANK YOU** – to Loren and Nancy Hauk for the donation of the new Easter banner.

**TIMBER RATTLERS GAME** - (St. Paul) Friday, June 3 - game time 6:40 pm

Ticket cost - \$13.00 per person - (box seats)

Parking lot opens at 4:00 - we do plan on tailgating - more details to follow

Need 20 people for a group rate - friends welcome

Sign up sheet in the Narthex - please pay Dave or Carol Magolski when you sign up.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Good Shepherd Sunday  
May 5 & 8, 2022

**TODAY'S WORSHIP** - In our first lesson today, Paul preaches an “encouraging” message of Biblical proportions and eternal consequences. The Good News is that the Messiah has come. He is the Savior sacrificed for sinners, the conqueror of death witnessed by his followers. Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, verified by the Father himself. He has the power and authority to shepherd his people Israel.

In the Gospel lesson, Christ's words to his enemies were as simple as they were stark: You do not believe that I am the Christ because you are not my sheep. As a shepherd dividing goats from the sheep, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between these unbelievers questioning him and the believers who followed him. They did not know him, would not follow him, and would be lost forever. But for his disciples, for us, Christ said they knew him, they hear him, they follow him, and they will live forever. All this can only be true because our Good Shepherd is God in the flesh.

### **Welcome to our Guests**—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS AND WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** *The Common Service with Holy Communion, pg 15 in the red hymnals.*

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** #471, 883, 560, and 552 verses 1 and 6  
For our hymns today, we will use the blue copy of "Christian Worship."  
All of our hymns today are with familiar melodies and words.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23**

**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.



+ **GOD'S WORD** +

**THE FIRST LESSON:** – Acts 13:15,16a, 26-33

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Today at St. Paul our choir will sing Psalm 23 from the blue hymnal (page 23) and at St. Peter's we will sing Psalm 23 in unison from our red hymnals. It is found on page 72.

**SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17** (sermon text)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)



St. Paul only - In place of the Alleluias on page 18 of the Common Service the Adult Choir will sing Hymn #554.

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30**

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**CHILDREN'S DEVOTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #883** "*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*"

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** BASED ON: REVELATION 7:9-17

**"When the Saints Go Marching In"**

1. Who are they?
2. How do we get there?

After the Sermon sing "Create in Me" printed on page 20 in the front of the red hymnal.

**OFFERINGS** - Offering baskets will be kept in the entry area and will not be passed during the service.

**THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN**

**DIST. HYMN: #560** "*Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ*"  
(as many verses as are needed for the distribution of Holy Communion)

*Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices "Close Communion." The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.*

**THE SONG OF SIMEON, on screen**

**PRAYER AND BLESSING, on screen**

**CLOSING HYMN: #552 verses 1 and 6** "*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*"

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Imagine if everyone on earth were a needle: there are well over six billion needles in a huge pile. How can God keep them all straight? How can God keep his eye on you in particular and hear your prayers? He has no trouble at all—and not only because he is Almighty. Jesus is your Good Shepherd. He knows you as well as he knows the Father, and as the Father knows you. That's why he laid down his life for you.

### First Lesson – Acts 13:15,16a,26-33

Just as with a good pastor's sermons today, how do the synagogue rulers describe what they hope Paul and Barnabas will share with them?

*"Brothers," they say, "if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."*

From what Psalm do Paul and Barnabas quote?

*They quote from Psalm 2, showing that God has eternally been Father and Son. Jesus is that Son, born in time to Mary, yet also having no beginning. He has always been.*

What do Paul and Barnabas say that God promised in the Old Testament?

*Paul and Barnabas say that God promised clearly that his Son would rise from the dead*

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

To whom do the people in heaven give the credit for the fact that they are there? *Heaven's residents give all credit to God the Father and God the Son, the Lamb who laid down his life in our place.*

Why, in John's vision, do the people in heaven who are coming out of the great tribulation wear white robes?

*The people in heaven had washed their robes and had miraculously made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

How many descriptions of life with Jesus before his throne does John give?

*John gives ten descriptions of life before Jesus' throne. Just as when we say, for example, "That was ten times better than I ever hoped," ten is Revelation's number for a large quantity. In other words, life before the throne couldn't be more beautiful for all who follow the Lamb*

### .Gospel – John 10:22-30

What two testimonies should have convinced Jews of Jesus' day that he really is the Son of God?

*a) Jesus' repeated statements about his relationship with the Father and b) his miracles both testify that Jesus is the Son of God.*

What great comfort does Jesus give to people who, like sheep, are prone to wander?

*Jesus assures us that no one can snatch us out of his hand. He will keep us trusting in him as we keep hearing his voice—the voice of our Shepherd*

### THE FIRST LESSON: – Acts 13:15,16a, 26-33

<sup>15</sup> After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Gentlemen, brothers, if you have a word of encouragement for the people, say it."

<sup>16</sup> Then Paul stood up, motioned with his hand, and said,

<sup>26</sup> "Gentlemen, brothers, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, this message of salvation has been sent to you. <sup>27</sup> The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the statements of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> When they carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he was seen by those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These same individuals are now his witnesses to the people.

<sup>32</sup> "We are preaching to you the good news about the promise that was made to our fathers. <sup>33</sup> God has fulfilled this promise for us, their children, by raising 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 (sermon text)

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D

<sup>13</sup> One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

<sup>14</sup> And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup> They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup> 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.

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>22</sup> Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**2022 ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEANUP** – (St. Paul) We need people who are willing to help cleanup our section of Hwy 96 and the date is Saturday, May 21, 2022, starting at 9 AM. Safety gear will be provided. There is a signup sheet in the entry and any questions please contact Chris Mihna. 920-779-4292.

### FVL News -

- The FVL and FVL Schools Bands will be performing their **Spring Band Concert** on Sunday, May 15 at 2 PM, and their **Jazz Concert** on Monday, May 16 at 7 PM.
- **Early-bird registration for FVL's Annual Golf Outing** is open. Sign up for \$100 per golfer from May 1-May 31. Beginning June 1, the price is \$125. The outing is Friday, June 17, at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood. Register early - last year's event sold out quickly! More details at [fvlhs.org/golf](http://fvlhs.org/golf).
- The FVL Choirs and Choraliers will be performing their **Spring Concert** on Sunday, May 22 at 2 PM.
- If you own a business or know someone who does and would like to be listed in our next **Sponsor Directory** (scheduled to be printed in the fall), please reach out to our Mission Advancement Director, Mr. Jay Wendland ([jwendland@fvlhs.org](mailto:jwendland@fvlhs.org)), by July 1.

**MEDITATIONS** – the new edition of Meditations is available in the basket on the counter for all our members and guests.