

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting One

**BELL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”*

**#466**

**INVOCATION**

**LSB pg 151**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**LSB pg 151**

**KYRIE**

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

**LSB pg 152**

**GLORIA**

*“Glory to God in the Highest”*

**LSB pg 154**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

*The Holy Spirit's impact on the first Christians is remarkable. They were a strong community of believers who devoted themselves to God's Word and cared for one another.*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE INTROIT**

**Psalm 95**

L: I am the good | shepherd,\*

I know my own and my own know me,  
and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**C: Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\***

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!**

L: Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

**C: For the LORD is a | great God,\***

**and a great King a- | bove all gods.**

L: Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

**C: For he | is our God,\***

**and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep | of his hand.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

L: I am the good | shepherd,\*

I know my own and my own know me,  
and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**EPISTLE READING****1 Peter 2:19-25** (ESV)*Christians should be willing to suffer gladly for the name of Jesus, just as he suffered in our place to redeem us from our sins.*

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****ALLELUIA VERSE****“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?”****pg 156****GOSPEL READING****John 10:1-10** (ESV)*Jesus contrasts himself as the Good Shepherd and True Door of the sheep pen with the corrupt religious leaders. They like to steal and destroy, but Jesus gave up his own life for his sheep.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St John the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.****APOSTLES' CREED****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****Pastor Jon Dunbar****SERMON HYMN****“Have No Fear, Little Flock”****#735****SERMON****OFFERTORY****“What Shall I Render”****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN****“I Am Jesus' Little Lamb”****#740****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Charles Ramsey & Peace Lutheran Church, Waco  
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

### For Our Congregation and Community:

**Nancy Anderson (wife of Jim Deremer's nephew) entered into God's Heavenly Kingdom this week**

#### Dealing with an illness:

Judy (Renee Gierhan's Mother), Sheila Franks (Daughter in law of Mike and Jo Franks),  
Dick Greenwood, LaVerne Miller (Latricia Gierhan's Father),  
Patty Bativelle (Teresa Gruber's Former Sister in Law), Norma Neemeyer (Sherri Hahn's mother),  
Janice Schmieding, Debbie Haleem (Ron & Velma Watson's daughter),  
Delores Nordmeyer, Marilyn Ziemke, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother),  
Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Glen Neujahr, Ron Nissen (Marcia Volzke's Husband),  
Marjorie Johansen, Donna Borchers, Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link),  
Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family, Aaron DeWaard

#### Declining Health:

Candi (relative of OJ Utter) going on hospice after battling cancer,  
Bill Berge (Billy Frye's cousin), Mary Jo (Amy Frye's stepmom)

#### Recovering from surgery:

Jenni Conell, Stan Erks, Gladys Luebbe,  
Heather Wellman

### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (05-03)	9:00 AM	Worship Service online
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online
	6:00 PM	5-8 Grades Youth Ministry online
MONDAY (05-04)	1:00 PM	Bible Study online
TUESDAY (05-05)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (05-06)	7:00 PM	Outdoor Communion Service
	7:30 PM	High School Youth Ministry online
THURSDAY (05-07)	-----	
FRIDAY (05-08)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (05-09)	-----	
SUNDAY (05-10)	9:00 AM	Worship Service online
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online
	6:00 PM	5-8 Grades Youth Ministry online

As of 04-27-20	Amount received 04-26-20	Needed each week	Received YTD 2020	YTD Amount needed to cover 2020 budget +2019 shortage	Difference
General Fund	\$8,045.00		\$169,860.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$6,608.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$18,790.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$8,045.00	\$16,395.00	\$195,259.00	\$251,435.00	-\$56,176.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$150.00	Bldg Fund**	\$4,282.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$150.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$0.00		\$7,412.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/19-8/20) 5k goal	\$10.00	\$76.00	\$3,548.00	\$3,173.00	\$375.00

Current Operating Note: \$69,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

On April 14, 2020 St Paul received funds from the SBA Paycheck Protection Loan Program of \$114,627.00.

*The support from the Pastors, Elders and our Christian family at St. Paul with Tim's death is greatly appreciated. In trying times, our Lord, prayers and Christian presence carry us forward.  
Woody and Christopher Ziegler families.*

### **Help Keep Our Church Property Beautiful**

**There's lots of work that goes into keeping our church building and grounds in good shape. We need volunteers to help with mowing, weeding, and other light maintenance. Please contact the church office to find out how you can serve.**

### **May Council and Voters Meetings**

***With the current health restrictions in place, May's Council meeting will be online using the ZOOM video-conference program. The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00PM. A link will be emailed out to the council prior to the date. With little or no business to conduct in May, voters will receive Council reports in the June Grapevine in lieu of a meeting.***

### **Outdoor Communion Service in May**

**Those in the congregation who desire to receive Holy Communion are invited to a short communion service in the church parking lot on Wednesday, May 6th from 7:00-7:30PM. Worshippers are requested to remain in their cars for the entire service and exit immediately after the service is over. A church offering box will also be made available.**

***There has been some interest in a trip to Mission Central near Mapleton, IA, where missionaries Gary Thies and Rev. Brent Smith work to support other missionaries. We are looking at the possibility of a bus trip there on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Three foreign missionaries are scheduled to be present there on that date, Deaconess Kim Buelmann who serves in Germany working among the Iranian refugees as well as the German people and Rev. Herb and Markie Burch, serving in Belize. For further information on Kim's ministry, you may pick up a sheet at the Church Office. If you are interested in making this trip if it becomes a reality, please sign the appropriate sheet, also at the Church Office.***