



He restores my soul.
He leads me in the
paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

Psalm 23:3

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For this Sunday in the season of Easter, the Church confesses the triumphal procession unto life: He is the Shepherd and we are the flock. Hearing His voice, being fed by His Word, and being led on His path of righteousness through death into His house, we shall dwell there forever. We welcome all to God’s House today!

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

Opening Hymn 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

John 10:14,15b; Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13

P I am the good shepherd.

C **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

P He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C **from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.**

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C **and guided them with his skillful hand.**

P But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;

C **from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I am the good shepherd.

C **I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.**

Kyrie

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

First Reading

Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus Paul sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C He leads me beside still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul.
- C He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
- C 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 overflows.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Epistle

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming 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 shelter them with His presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 745 In God, My Faithful God

Sermon Text

Psalm 23

Sermon "His Path Through the Valley to the House"

Jesus Is the Shepherd Who Leads His Sheep through the Valley into His House.

I. Jesus has traveled the path through the valley

_____.

II. The Lord was David's shepherd, _____

through the valley into His house.

III. Jesus is our Shepherd, leading us on the path through the valley

Hymn 468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Hymn 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Hymn 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Hymn 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A-men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir-it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

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Altar flowers are given today by Wayne & Robin Spicher for Todd and Lexi's birthdays and for Mother's Day.

Tara Andrews would like to thank everyone who sent cards, delivered food and all who have been praying. It has been greatly appreciated.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, April 25 Regular Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

Euchre Party is on May 20th from 7 to 9(ish) pm. Join us in the Bethany Room and bring a friend and a snack to share! Be prepared to have FUN!!!!

Calendar of Events

TODAY: Mother's Day May 8, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

8th Grade Confirmation after Church

6th Grade Confirmation 12:00 pm

TUES:

Prayer Circle 7:00 pm

WED:

Day School Chapel 11:00 am

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am

PTL Meeting 3:30 pm

FRI:

Hope Ministries..... 4:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Confirmation Sunday May 15, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Confirmation Sunday is May 15th. We have 6 confirmands who have been examined and will be confirmed in the service. The elders and Pastor Wonnacott ask that you pray for them to see that this Sunday is just the beginning of their spiritual walk with Jesus. Also, please pray that their families continue to grow together in Jesus. The 6 confirmands are Hunter Cannon, Keegan Guse, Gio Meijia-Quesenberry, Autumn Napper, Sara Sahlhoff, and Jack Wildauer. May the Lord continue to bless our confirmands.

Pew Bibles-The Board of Christian Education is raising money for Pew Bibles. These Bibles will be placed with the hymnals for the use of our worshipers. The cost per Bible is approximately \$8.50 per Bible. We will need approximately 120 Bibles, if you would like to donate to this project please place your donation in the offering box and label it "Pew Bibles" or give it to a member of the Board of Christian Education. Thank you for your help.

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of May 5, 2022 - \$102,200. This amount represents just under 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Special Concerns:

That the hearer, by the Word, is assured of Christ's presence today and is assured of dwelling in His glorious presence forever.

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For the family and friends of Helen Olson who was called to her eternal rest in Jesus last week.

For the family and friends of Vera Miller (sister of Dorothy Walter) who was called to her eternal rest in Jesus this past week.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

That the Lord would be with the people of Ukraine and that they would know His salvation, seek His guidance, see His love, and feel His comfort during this time of war in their country.

We need your help! The Board of Public Relations is sponsoring the next dinner at Hope Ministries on May 13th. On the menu for our sack lunches (250 bags): two meat sandwiches, chips, fruit, and a cookie. A Thrivent action team card will cover the meat and cheese cost for the sandwiches. The board needs 250 small bags of chips; 250 fruit cups, and 250 individually wrapped cookies, A sign-up list is on the back table in the narthex.

Also, your help is needed to assemble the lunches- if you are willing to help, please sign up. Many hands make the task easier. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our neighbors.

LWML: Indiana District Convention, June 17-19, Ft. Wayne Concordia Lutheran High School. Registration now open online. If you'd like a paper copy, please ask Elaine Young. Three-day fee is \$50 (meals not included). An Ingathering will be collected throughout May. A list will be in the May Epistle, and a box in the entryway. Thank you in advance.

If you have a change of address, please let the church office know right away so that we have your correct address on file for mailing. Or, if you spend part of the year at another address, please let us know the dates you will be at each location. The post office currently charges 67 cents for each piece of mail that is forwarded or returned so we are trying to keep that extra cost to a minimum. Thank you for helping with this. It is much appreciated. God's blessings to you always.

Please note the deadline to add announcements to an upcoming Sunday bulletin is on Thursday by 9:30. That allows time to run and fold the bulletins for Sunday service. Also, if you have a half sheet insert and get it to the church office by Tuesday then it is possible there could be room to put it on a bulletin page and not need an insert. (I know, we all hate inserts because they are ALWAYS falling out at the most inconvenient time or worse, fling themselves under the pew into the next row). You can put it in the Church Secretary's box at the church or email it to me at janmiller@stpaulsbremen.org I realize that sometimes this is not possible but I will try to accommodate as much as I can. Thank you for helping with this. In His service, Janet Miller, Church Secretary.

Make plans to be a part of **God's Wonder Lab**. The key theme is **Jesus Does the Impossible!** This creative VBS program features the miracles of Jesus and ties in fun science activities. VBS will be held June 20th-24th from 9-11:30 AM. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Pre-register your children today! Ask your grandchildren and neighbors about joining us and pick up a registration form(s) for them to complete and return. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for adult and youth volunteers. If you have already been asked to help, it is not necessary to add your name to the list. We need people to help with registration, decorating, crafts, snacks and serve as group leaders.

Evangelism-In March volunteers delivered 24 welcome bags to new households in Bremen. These bags included information about St. Paul's Church and School, snacks, and small gifts. We will do this again in June. With that in mind we are asking for your help! First, please pray that we touch lives for Jesus. Second, we are seeking donations of 100% cotton yarn and/or knit or crocheted dish clothes to use as a gift in these bags. A basket will be in the Narthex by the mail slots for your donations. You may also call Deb Burcham (574-220-5745) to pick up. Third, if you would like to help deliver said bags let Deb know! Thank you for your help!!

Youth News

Calling All Plant Lovers!

The Youth Board will be sponsoring a plant table in the narthex during the month of May to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July. Those interested in giving a plant a home may give

a free-will offering to the Youth. If you would like to contribute a plant or plants please leave them on the table marked “Plants” in the narthex. Thank you for helping our Youth achieve their goal!

School Corner

It doesn't feel like it, but we are on the edge of summer vacation! That means we have lots of end-of-the-year activities! We just finished the spring musical. (A BIG thank-you to all who helped with that!) Confirmation is May 15th. Track and Field Day will be at Jane's Park on May 20th, and Kindergarten/8th Grade Graduation is May 25th, during the Ascension Eve service. We also have field trips to Six Flags (6-8th grades) on the 13th, Potato Creek State Park (K-5th grades) on the 13th, and Potawatomi Zoo for Kindergarten through 3rd grade on the 23rd. Please note these dates as we finish the school year on May 26th!

We will also be having “Pizza with the Grandparents” on May 19th. PTL is looking for volunteers to help with that event, as well as the graduation service reception.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with events during Track and Field Day. Please contact Mark Wildauer for more details.

Enrollment is open for preschool through 8th grade, for the 2022-23 school year! Please “advertise” the Preschool and Elementary Schools to your friends and family and ask them to investigate what we have to offer! We offer an affordable, Christ-centered education with a dedicated and caring staff. **Preschool enrollment fills up fast!** More information is available at www.stpaulsbremen.church.

Thank you always for your support!

To God be all the glory!