

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

5:30PM — April 21, 2018

8:00AM — April 22, 2018



THOSE WHO SERVE US

Each Member of St. John's	A Minister
Rev. Ted Gall	Senior Pastor
Mrs. Sandy Esker.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Jerry Starner	Organist
Mrs. Andrea Wendling.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band.....	10:30AM
Mr. Jerry Pruemer	5:30PM Elder on Duty
Sophia Jansen	5:30PM Acolyte
Mr. Jeff Stremming.....	8AM Elder on Duty
Makenna Duckwitz.....	8AM Acolyte
Mr. Jake Wendling	10:30AM Elder on Duty
Evan Pryor & Aiden Hanks.....	10:30AM Acolytes
Mr. Chris Niebrugge 868-9879	Elder on Duty for April 22 – April 27, 2018
Missionaries from Pakistan	Younis Darshan and Raja Shaleem
Missionaries from India	Ajay Paul & Sonne
Sister Congregation	in Blidene, Latvia
Mrs. Julie Scott	(343-3047) Prayer Chain Coordinator

WELCOME To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the stranger, we extend our sincere greeting. If you are a visitor, please understand that you are our guest and we want you to feel welcome and comfortable. We are happy you chose to be with us in this service, and pray you have been blessed by our Lord today as He has blessed us by your presence.

CHRIST is important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

YOU are important to us

- in our worship
- in our study
- in our fellowship
- in our lives.

HOLY COMMUNION – When the members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we confess the Real Presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ’s Body and Blood are present “in, with and under” the elements of the Holy Supper. (*Luther’s Small Catechism*) Members should register their intent to commune on the pew card. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to one of the Pastors or the elder on duty before the service.

HIS VISION FOR US:

St. John’s will be known for being involved in our changing community, for providing leadership in our changing world, and for serving others in Christian love.

We will welcome our diverse guests with open arms. Our friendly, loving and accepting people will engage our guests, mentor them in the faith, and inspire many to become members.

Our members will be motivated by the cross to be actively engaged in ministry, showing love and care to others. We will encourage one another, nurture one another, and enthusiastically serve our God together!

HIS GOAL FOR US:

We will pray and work with singleness of purpose to expand the impact of our ministry to God’s children of all ages, with special emphasis on young families, by developing new ways to strengthen the relationship between St. John’s, our members and our community, providing the facilities and resources to involve more people in ministry and outreach.

WELCOME CENTER Greeters are present at the Welcome Center in the atrium adjacent to our sanctuary before and after the service to answer any questions you may have, provide directions to restrooms, classrooms, etc. If you are a first time guest, we also have a gift for you. If you live in our community or surrounding area and you do not have a church home, we welcome your consideration. We offer true fellowship with a living Savior and membership in His Church.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER Kindly fill out a registration card (welcome side) located in the pew rack. Our guests are also asked to complete the address and phone number portion. Please pass your card to the center aisle to be gathered during the offering.

CELL PHONES Please turn your cell phones off before the service begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which grace our altar are in memory of Russ Wieneke and are given by Sandy.

AS WE GATHER This Sunday in the Church Year is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The appointed Psalm for the day is Psalm 23, which is among the most well-known psalms. The Gospel from John 10 records Jesus revealing Himself as the Good Shepherd. While fewer and fewer people are familiar with what it is like to take care of sheep, this metaphor of God’s protection and provision has become a great source of comfort and hope. God grant that you find such blessed comfort as you dwell securely here in the house of the Lord.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN..... “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” [LSB 710]

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: He is our Good Shepherd.

People: He leads us to green pastures and still waters.

Pastor: He is our Good Shepherd.

People: We listen to His voice.

Pastor: He is our Good Shepherd.
People: **He lays down His life for the sheep.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

People: **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.**

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT – Psalm 23

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: **² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: **³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

People: **⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... “All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”.... [stz 1,5,7 LSB 549]

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, You sent Your Son to be our Good Shepherd. Protect us from the dangers of this world and lead us to what is good, right, and beneficial, so that we would not be a stumbling block to our neighbors, but reflect the merciful care You have shown us in Your risen Son; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING..... Acts 4:1–12
(Peter proclaims Jesus as the stone that was rejected and has become the cornerstone.)

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by

you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE..... 1 John 3:16–24
(Love one another as Christ has loved us.)

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC..... “Speak, O Lord”by Crosstones

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 10:11–18
(Jesus is our Good Shepherd.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there

will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may 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 I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” [LSB 711]

SERMON.....“The Lord Is My Shepherd”.....Psalm 23 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” [LSB 781]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, You are our Shepherd and You provide us with all we need to support this body and life. We lack for nothing. Help us to appreciate all the good gifts You have given us of clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, when we are lost and weary, You restore our souls. Make us to lie down in the green pastures of Your Word and Sacraments, basking in the abundance we find in those good gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world we often walk through the valley of the shadow of death. War, terror, disease, and chaos threaten to steal our peace of mind. Remind us daily that we need not fear any evil since You are with us, since Your rod and staff comfort us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially*]. Restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again, and many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*]. Comfort them with the knowledge that those who trust in You will dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your goodness and mercy follow us all our days. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. 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 singing:

***SANCTUS*(p. 195 in hymnal)**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI..... (p. 198 in hymnal)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS **“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart” [LSB 641]**
“There Is A Balm In Gilead” [LSB 749]
“Lamb Of God” [LSB 550]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN..... **“O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe”****[LSB 666]**

SILENT PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

POSTLUDE

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