



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
*He Lives to be My Good Shepherd*  
*Examination Sunday*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*April 26, 2026*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## **TODAY'S THEME**

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have to choose my own direction in life. I would be terrible at it, because, like a sheep, I can generally see only what's in front of me at the moment, and I get myself into trouble. It is especially difficult for me to look far into my future as planned by Jesus. If he had not risen from the dead, I would be on my own. But he lives, and it makes a difference. I have the reliable direction of the Good Shepherd. He feeds us with his Word. He protects us from the roaring lion, Satan. He is leading us into the green pastures of eternal life. For centuries, the Church has observed this Fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate that Jesus lives to be our Good Shepherd.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki

**Accompanist**.....Noah Helke

## 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

CW 172

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

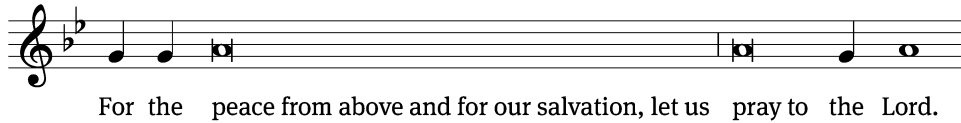
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

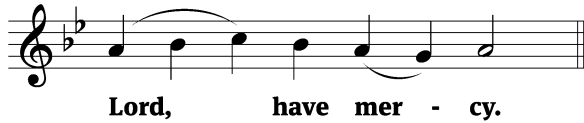
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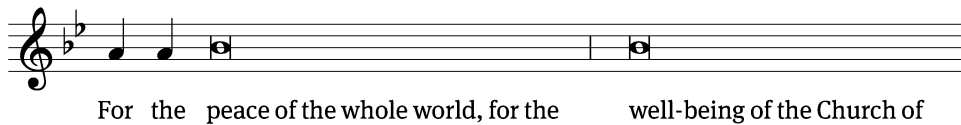
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



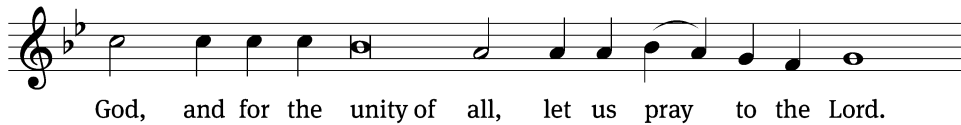
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



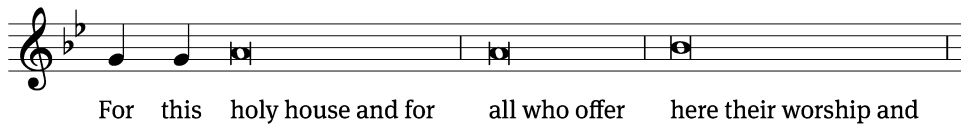
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



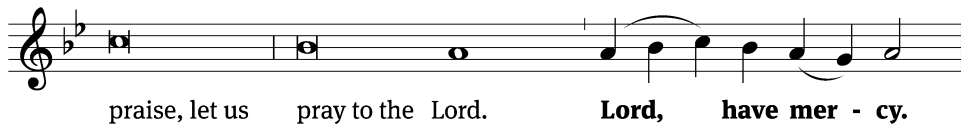
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A** - **men.**

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### 938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

*The Good Shepherd's flock grew as people devoted themselves to the apostolic teaching.*

They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed. Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

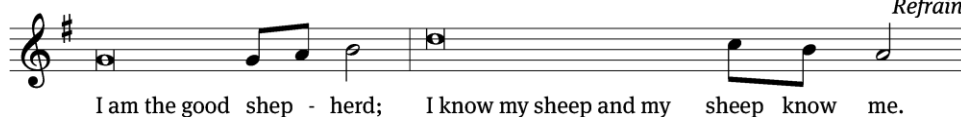
## Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

John 10:1–10

*Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the gate through which we enter the green pastures of salvation.*

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them. So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**632 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear**

CW 632

**Examination**

*Part 1: The Bible & Ten Commandments*

# 480 Sing Praise to Our Creator

CW 480



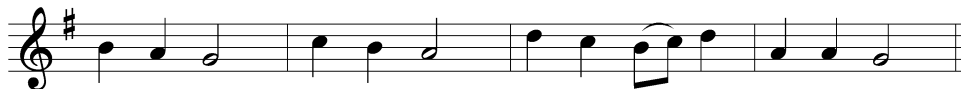
1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, re - deemed of Ad-am's race;  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 Now praise the Ho - ly Spir - it poured forth up - on the earth,



God's chil-dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in liv - ing grace.  
as mem-bers of his bod - y we are in Christ made one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, con - firmed in our re - birth.



O most ho - ly Trin - i - ty, un - di - vid - ed u - ni - ty;



ho - ly God, might - y God, God im - mor - tal, be a - dored!

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## Examination

Part 2: The Creed & Sacraments

## 719 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.  
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.  
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.  
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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## Examination

*Part 3: Keys, Confession & Lord's Prayer*

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.**

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

**Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb and as we prepare them for Confirmation. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

**Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

**Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.**

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.  
**We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.**

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.  
**Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.**

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.  
**Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.**

## **Offering**

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## 757 Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

CW 757

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## *News & Notes*

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### **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Allen and Phyllis Erickson in memory of Ken and Fern Crane. Thank you!

### **Examined Today**

We give thanks to God for these young people: Karly Radick, Audrey Doverspike, Jaxson Lee, and Brentley Thuening, examined today. Next Sunday they will participate in the Rite of Confirmation.

### **Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities**

Join us for fellowship, fun, and time together in God's creation! We are planning several opportunities to get together in fellowship this Summer. The first outing will be to a St. Paul Saints game on June 7. First pitch is at 2:00 pm, and tickets are \$25 each. The sign up for tickets is in the binder near the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are first-come first-serve. More information to come regarding possible transportation. Check out the flyers posted on the bulletin board for more information on the other outings!

### **Thank-You**

The ladies of Woven would like to thank all who donated or bid on our silent auction. We raised \$1500.00 dollars toward our kitchen tile cleaning and church carpet cleaning projects. We are currently getting bids for both and plan for them to be completed by late summer. The next Woven meeting will be on Monday, May 4th at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Joint Ascension**

Celebrate the Festival of the Ascension on May 14th at the Joint Ascension service. This year's service is at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. The celebration begins with a joint potluck beginning at 5:30 pm. Choir and instruments rehearse at 6:15pm with the service at 7 pm. We are looking for choir members and musicians to join in the service. If you play an instrument and would like to participate, please let your pastor know or contact Pastor Glowicki at 763-244-9926. Joint rehearsals for choir and musicians are May 3rd and 10th at 4:30 pm. Practices are at Trinity.

### **Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting night is May 5 at 6:30 pm.

# MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Confirmation Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am <b>4:30 Ascension Practice</b>	<b>4</b> 6:45 pm Woven 7 pm Worship	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Committee Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Senior Fellowship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship 9 am <b>Fellowship Sunday</b> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am <b>4:30 Ascension Practice</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	<b>12</b> 10 am Circuit meeting Council Meeting 6:30 pm Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 pm Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	<b>18</b> 7 pm Worship 7:45 Choir	<b>19</b> Oak Terrace 9:45 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Theology on Tap 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	<b>25</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am WELS Connection						

## SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
4/26	9 am	Carson Kalal	1	Cooper Kalal	Noah Helke
5/3	9 am	Leah Bertrang	2	Ryan Bertrang	Lois Zander
5/10	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

May Altar Guild	May Cleaners
Jodi Bertrang/Amy Radick	-
May Counters	Service Group 2 Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	Craig and Melanie Sparby
June Altar Guild	
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	

### Attendance

Sunday	82
Monday	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>

### Gifts To Our Lord

	Received	Needed
Current	\$2218	\$3834
Online Giving	\$879	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3097</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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