



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

John 10:27-30

Fourth Sunday of Easter


May 11 / 12, 2019

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Prayer before worship: Lord Jesus, my Good Shepherd, when I have you, there is nothing else I want. You have led me to green pastures and quiet waters. My soul finds its rest in you. In my walk through life, guide me safely on paths of righteousness, even through the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort me when I feel like evil will overwhelm me, and remind me of the blessings of my baptism. Thank you for your promise that I will dwell in your house forever. I ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen. (From www.WELS.net website)

Order of Service: Saturday: *Evening Prayer* page 52
Sunday: *Morning Praise* page 45

Sunday School children will be asked to come forward to sing.
Children in Pre-School and Kindergarten will be led in by their teachers.
Following the PreK-K anthem, the children will be asked to sit with their families.

ANTHEMS

Jesus Loves Me

11 am

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.
Refrain

REFRAIN

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

11 am

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| <i>1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.</i> | <i>3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.</i> |
| <i>2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.</i> | |

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CW 436

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 23

6:30 pm and 11 am CW p. 72: Lectern side sings even verses; Pulpit side sings odd verses
8 and 9:30 am Sung by choir: *The Lord Is My Shepherd* by Joshua Severeid

1. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.*
2. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want
My soul he restores again He guides me in paths of righteousness Even for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill; For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want
My table thou hast furnished My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy, all my life Shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.
The Lord is my shepherd. Amen.*

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LESSON

Ezekiel 34:25-31

"I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be

secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and

they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD."

LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell

down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the

Lamb. 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 spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. 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."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

HYMN of the DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW375

8 and 9:30 am Congregation sings stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 6; Choir sings stanzas 3 and 5

SERMON

John 10:22-30

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."	Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life,	and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."
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KNOW THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. THE GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS HIS SHEEP

2. THE FLOCK KNOWS THE VOICE OF THE SHEPHERD

MAGNIFICAT TE DEUM

Saturday
Sunday

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OFFERING

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' RECOGNITION

11 am

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock

CW442

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PREACHER

Pastor Jeffrey Bovee

ORGANIST

Darrell Berg

MIXED CHOIR

Bethel Boeder

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN DIRECTORS

Denise Karstens and Peggy Pekrul

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACCOMPANIST

Mary Thom

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9:30 am	Last Sunday School and Bible Class
	11 am	Sunday School Children sing
	5 pm	Marriage Tune-Up
Mon	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
	7 pm	Evangelism Meeting
	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Tue	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
Thu	10:30 am	Last Bible Class
	7 pm	Last Bible Class
Fri	6:30 am	Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class
	4 & 7 pm	MLC Commencement Concerts
Sat	10 am	MLC Commencement Service
	2 pm	MLC Call Service

† Upcoming Services †

Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20	6:30 pm	Joint Council Meeting
May 21	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
May 23	6:30 pm	St. Paul's School Closing Service / Graduation
May 24	6:30 am	Last Breakfast Bible Study at Perkins
	9:30 am	Last Women's Bible Class
	10 am	Sunset Apt. Service
May 25	10 am	Basement Reserved
May 26		Summer Schedule Begins: No 11 am service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	2 pm	MVL Graduation
May 27		Memorial Day: Church office closed
May 28	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
May 30	6:30 pm	Ascension Service
May 31	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Riverside Park
	4 pm	Youth Group: Kato Escape Room
Jun 4		Pastors' Conference in Redwood Falls
	6 pm	Women of St. John's Picnic at Lincoln Park
Jun 7	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: North Market Park
Jun 9	10:45 am	Bible Class
Jun 10	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting at St. Paul's Church
	7 pm	MVL Delegate Meeting
Jun 14	10 am	Women's Summer Devotions in the Park: Washington Park
Jun 16	10:45 am	Bible Class

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 575 with 457 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$14,854	Home Operations ~ \$14,806 is our weekly need		
\$1,276	MVL ~ \$1,140 is our weekly need	\$75	Christian Family Solutions
\$1,713	Missions ~ \$1,681 is our weekly need	\$14	Food & Fellowship
\$1,401	Building Fund ~ \$1,603 is our weekly need	\$10	K-12 Education Assistance

Hospitalized ~ Please remember in your prayers Tyler Hansen, the four-year-old son of Ben and Erin Hansen, who underwent surgery this week for the removal of a cyst. May God grant him speedy healing and deliver him from discomfort.

New Arrival ~ We rejoice with Daniel and Tingting Schwartz as they celebrate the birth of their newborn son, Jason Ezra. May God bless this child with the gift of Christian faith, and give to his parents and all others who have a part in shaping his spiritual life the wisdom to guide him by God's Word so he will serve God throughout his earthly life and forever in heaven.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ Help is needed tabbing and labeling the newsletter one morning each month. The process usually takes about 90 minutes. If you are able to help please contact Lisa Goeglein at stjohnsnewulm@gmail.com.

Youth Group ~ Our next event will be **Friday, May 31**. We're going to the **Kato Escape Room**. Please sign up in the narthex or online at: bit.ly/KatoEscapeRoom by this *Friday, May 17*. Depending on how many people are able to come the cost could be as low as \$12.50 per person. **Parents:** Please let me know if you are able to drive to Mankato by signing up in the narthex or online at bit.ly/Drive2KER. Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 507-217-7117 with questions. Thank you!

Women's Summer Devotions ~ The Friday morning women's Bible study group invites all women and moms to join them during the summer months for devotions in the park. We meet at 10 am at the park listed below and read a devotion followed by free play and a picnic lunch (optional). Feel free to bring a friend! If you have any questions please contact Sarah Strackbein at 612-361-0425.

May 31 **Riverside Park:** 101 S. Front St.

June 7 **North Market Park:** 1414 N. German St.

14 **Washington Park:** 715 N. State St.

21 **North Park:** 1801 N. State St.

28 **Nehl's Park:** 1100 Summit Ave.

July 12 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

19 **South Park:** 1800 S. State St.

26 **German Park:** 200 N. German St.

August 2 **Hermann Heights Park:** 14 Monument St.

9 **Lincoln Park:** 718 S. State St.

16 **Harman Park:** 101 N. Garden St.

23 **Highland Park:** 1627 5th North St.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's School *Time to Build* ~ Soon a live camera connected to St. Paul's website will display daily progress on the school project. So far, a new sprinkler system has been installed in the gym as well as the sewer pipes for the new sections of the school. When the steel products needed for foundation work arrive, hopefully next week, construction crews will install footings for the new additions. Please keep the project and workers in your prayers. Please make donations out to St. Paul's Lutheran School Building Project and put "St. John's Member" on the memo line. Thank you.

LWMS ~ It is time once again to vote for LWMS Board of Directors and Home and World mission projects. The ballots and the basket for return ballots are on the table in the new narthex. Please take the time to vote and return ballots by May 12th. All confirmed women of St. John's are eligible to vote.

OWLS May Meeting ~ The May meeting of OWLS will be held at **St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, on Monday, May 13.** All our church's seniors (age 55 and up) are welcome and cordially invited to the noon pot luck as well as a presentation at 1:15 pm. Fellowship will begin at 11:30 am. We will be able to meet our new community pastor from St. John's in a small group setting. He will conduct the devotion at 1:00 followed by a presentation on the WELS presence in Alaska. He formerly served in the congregation at Kenai AK. Seniors of the congregation may wish to join our local OWLS members who are members of WELS National OWLS. For this we pay yearly dues of \$15. Our national convention this year with its senior-related topics will be held in October in the Mississippi River town of Galena, Illinois.

MVL Announcements ~ *Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar* Come to the complimentary "Faithful Financial Fulfillment" seminar sponsored by the MVL Foundation on Sunday, May 19 to learn some of the simple steps you can take to be a faithful steward of the gifts the Lord has provided. The seminar will be held in the lower level of Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ, beginning at 3:30 pm and followed by MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert in the chapel if you wish to attend. Dinner will be provided to seminar registrants. Contact Val Holzhueter for info and to register: valh@mvlhs.org or 507-233-8692. *Host Parents Needed* MVL is looking for families who would be willing to host international students for the 2019-20 school year. Students typically arrive in mid-August and stay with the host family until the end of May. Compensation for host families is provided. Contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or MVL's Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information.

Mission Trip Bake Sale ~ will be held on May 18/19th at St. Paul's Church. All proceeds go to support our five Mission Trips this summer. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact Kris Kuschel at kkuschel@splnewulm.org or call the St. Paul's church office at 354-3641.

Camp Shetek ~ Camp Shetek will be held June 16 - 22, 2019 this summer in the Lake Shetek State Park Zuya Group Center. Campers who will be entering Grade 4 through 9 in the 2019 / 2020 school year are eligible to come to camp this summer. The 2019 Registration and Health Forms are now available at our web site: www.campshetek.org. If you wish, you may print off these forms and mail them with your deposit or camp fees paid in full to Pastor Renz at 715 7th Ave. N, St. James, MN 56081. Or, if you prefer, you may register online. The ability to register online is open. If you have any questions, please email at jrenzner@yahoo.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ~ will be at the Civic Center on the Brown County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 19 from 1-7 pm, Thursday, June 20 from 12-6 pm and Friday, June 21 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: New Ulm to schedule an appointment.

Job Opening ~ The St. Paul's Summer Care Program is hiring for the summer. This is a job for those of you who love to care for children. Day shifts and afternoon shifts are available. The positions are open to juniors in high school and older. Please contact the school office by phone 354-2329 or email our director, Tim Plocher: ascsummer@splnewulm.org for more information or an application.

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About the Cover ~ Throughout the Bible the theme of the Good Shepherd is used to depict the relationship between Jesus and his Church. Tenderly he guides, guards, and feeds his flock. As we rest in Christ, we rest secure, knowing that no one can pluck us from his gracious protecting hand. He gave his life for us to prove it.