

*He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms and  
carries them close to  
his heart.*  
*Isaiah 40:11*



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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace in raising Jesus from the dead. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may strengthen us to rise to newness of life, and to the glory our Lord in eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 436; 409; 783; 51

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (John 10:14,15; Psalm 95:1-3,6-7)

I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*,  
and am known by My own.

**I lay down My life for the sheep.**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

**Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

For the Lord *is* the great God,

**And the great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For He *is* our God,**

And we *are* the people of His pasture,

**And the sheep of His hand.**

*Glory be to the Father...*

THE 1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

The early Church was challenged by rapid growth and the care of those in need. Following the Savior's example the early church had compassion on the needy, and appointed deacons to help minister to them. Among them was a man named Stephen who was also very bold in testifying to the truth. He willingly followed Jesus' example, even when it brought him persecution. Ultimately, trusting Jesus to care for his soul, Stephen gave his life for the gospel's sake.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

“This is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief.” If in this world this is where our Good Shepherd may lead, are we ready to follow? He set a pure example for us as He secured our salvation, both in not returning curse for curse, and in bearing our sins so that we might for righteousness. How blessed we are that though we were like sheep who loved to wander we are now returned to the Shepherd of our souls.

THE SERMON: John 10:1-10

Theme: The Good Shepherd's Care

I. It's Personal

II. It's Protective

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow the service.

MONDAY: Pastor Barthels will be attending Minnesota Study Club meeting in Mankato.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class. *Sermon text: Acts 17:1-15*.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, May 20: Spring Cleanup day from 9:00-noon.

Sunday, June 4: Minnesota Delegate Conference Faith, New Ulm, MN.

June 13-15: CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball Joe Ubl Phil Egtvedt Leon Hellickson.

Cleaning: (Church cleaning month, no one family assigned)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: April 30 worship – 18, Bible Class – 9 Sunday school - 1

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$529.00	
Needed for Year:	\$21,726.00	
Received for Year:	\$17,070.00	

**CLC NEWS:** Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called Mr. Ross Kok, St. John’s Lutheran, Okabena MN, to teach at its school. He has since returned the call. <> Pastor-elect Samuel Rodebaugh has accepted the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL. <> Pastor-elect Stefan Sonnenfeld has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran, Manchester MO. <> Pastor-elect Thomas Naumann has accepted the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI. <> Mr. Karl Olmanson has returned the call to be teacher/principal at Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye MN, at its new school; the congregation has now called Teacher David Bernthal, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. <> Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, has called Teacher Lane Fischer, Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to its school.

**DEVOTIONAL BOOK** -- Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church (CLC), Cape Coral, Florida, has published an excellent new devotional book, *"One Thing Needful: For All the Distractions, Stresses and Worries of Life."* It is available for \$3.99 as an e-book on Amazon, and can be read on any computer, tablet or cell phone with the free Kindle Reader. If you go to Amazon.com and search "Weis" and "Needful," you will easily find the book.

**Hymn 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name**

Father of glory, to Thy name / Immortal praise we give  
 Who dost an act of grace proclaim / And bid us rebels live.

Immortal honor to the Son, / Who makes Thine anger cease;  
 Our lives He ransomed with His own / And died to make our peace

To Thine almighty Spirit be / Immortal glory giv’n,  
 Whose teachings bring us near to Thee / And train us up for heav’n.