

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 8, 2022



**“My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me.”**

- John 10:27

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

#385

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

"This is the Feast"

Let us pray.....**O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 9:36 - 43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Children's Sermon

Bishop Susan Candea

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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

John 10:22 - 30

The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews

gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated
Sermon

Bishop Susan Candea

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Hymn of the Day

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

#778

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

#204

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"	#764
"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"	#789
"The King of Love my Shepherd Is"	#502

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"God Be With Us Till We Meet Again"

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Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

"CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!"



Welcome: Welcome to worship! A special greeting today to moms, grandmas and mother-figures. The relationships that bless our lives are gifts of God's love. Alleluia!

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Glen Webb, Elroy VonHolten, Taylor Prince, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Helena Marriott (grandmother of Tiffinay Nash), Lowell (Tiny) Viebrock, Cindy Strahm (friend of Debbie Eckhoff), Phil Wellington, Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Lora Harms.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Welcome: For the worship service **today**, we are pleased to welcome Bishop Susan Candea, Bishop of the Central States Synod as our guest pastor. Bishop Candea will preside at worship and deliver the message. Following worship, we will host a "meet and greet" reception for the Bishop in the Gathering Space. All are invited to attend!

Retreats: As we've been discussing sabbath, rest, and emptying, Communities of Calling would like to host some retreats for our community. However, we would like to gauge how much interest there might be in each kind of retreat before starting to plan. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Link and an online survey has been emailed out. Please let us know if any of the listed retreats would be of interest to you, or if you have another idea for something!



Children's Program: As a way to celebrate the end of another year of Sunday School, the children and youth of St. Paul's will offer a Children's Program as part of the worship service on Sunday, May 15th. All kids are invited to take part in this! We look forward to a program that shares the love of Jesus with us!

Sewing: "One Stitch At A Time" will be sewing on Monday, **May 9th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **May 10th** and Wednesday, **May 11th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, **May 10th** at 7:00pm.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **May 12th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Worship SERVICE

Worship Service: Pastor Chad McMullin will preside at worship at the Saturday Night Worship on Saturday, **May 14th**. Pastor McMullin is the senior pastor of the First Christian Church in Sedalia, MO.

On Sunday, **May 15th**, our Sunday School and Preschool children will be presenting a program in celebration of the culmination of this year's Sunday School. Pastor Sandy will serve as presiding minister. Come and enjoy their message!

Graduates: Halleluiah! Let us rejoice with our members who are graduating. We are very proud of all of you and pray that God will continue to guide your way. We will be honoring our graduates during worship on Sunday, **May 15th**. "One Stitch At A Time" will have quilts displayed to be given to our St. Paul's high school graduates. Our graduates for this year are.....Sam Cash, Scott Cash, Mason Harms, Olivia Heimsoth, Matthew Luetjen and Alisa Schlesselman.



Fifth Weekend Offerings: A reminder that the weekend offering on the 5th Saturday, **May 28th** /Sunday, **May 29th** of the month will be split 50/50 between debt reduction and the building fund.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Taco's: The American Legion Post 305 will have Taco Tuesday on **May 10th** in the basement of the Legion Hall. Hard or soft tacos are 3 for \$5.00 and donations are welcome. You can dine-in, drive thru or carry-out. For in-town delivery call 1-573-378-0450. It will be from 11:00am until 1:00pm. Some of the things they support are Missouri Girls' and Boys' State, scholarship for R-1 graduating senior, Americanism Essay Program, Cole Camp Food Pantry, Benton County Cancer Fund, Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Cole Camp Fair, VA Hospital in Columbia, Children's Mercy Hospital, Camp Hope for Wounded Warriors..... Your support is appreciated.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 8:	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	9:00am	Children's Program Practice
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Mother's Day
Monday, May 9:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, May 10:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday, May 11:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, May 12:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, May 14:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, May 15:	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	9:00am	Children's Program Practice
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Mother's Day



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

May 15	Children's Program
May 22	Pastor Dave Whetter and "The Potters Wheel"
May 22	Little Blessing Pre-School Moving Up Ceremony
May 29	Pastor Bryant Kaden
June 5	World Hunger Fish Fry

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Kelly Viebrock



Fourth Sunday of Sunday ~ May 8, 2022

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Debbie Eckhoff & Sharel Wienberg
Children's Sermon Bishop Susan Candea
Reader Ethan, Ben & Freddie Goosen
Acolytes Lucas Eckhoff & Shelby Nash
Flowers Luther League (Mother's Day)
Fellowship Hour



Fifth Sunday of Sunday ~ May 15, 2022

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Luther League
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Reader Logan Jackson
Acolytes Grady Elliott & Kaelyn Keith
Flowers Norma Schlesselman
Fellowship Hour