



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Good Shepard Sunday
May 11, 2025 † 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Confession & Forgiveness

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

All: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(hymn) 879 vs. 1-3

¹For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

²For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

³For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

First Reading—Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since 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." ³⁹ So 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. ⁴⁰ Peter 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading—Psalm 23 (Read Responsively)

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

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

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

All: ⁴ Though 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.

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel—John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So 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.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

¹Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

²We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

³You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

⁴Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ... Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord, in your mercy ...

All: Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

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.

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Leader: Let us pray ... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Benediction

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace! Share Christ’s love, with Joy!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Thank You To Those Involved in Worship Leading!

Pastors: Dale & Carrie Stiles
Worship Assistant: Kathie Marabella
Usher: Marc Marabella, Bruce Spangler
Greeter: Jon & Rosie Quale
Prayer Corner: Rosie Quale
Organist: Jeanne Richards
Accompanist: Kim Clark
Tech Team: Chris Timmons
Altar Guild: Brandy Timmons
Counters: Lisa Fashner, Arlie Post
Communion Bread: Bruce & Nancy Spangler



Welcome & Thank You!

**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,
where it is our mission *"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"***

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available in the prayer room in the rear corner of the sanctuary. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Flowers today are provided by Marc & Kathie Marabella in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary. The flower sign up form is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are provided by Jon & Rosie Quale. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Jeremy, Griff and all other women and men serving in the military, Shelby and all law enforcement, Jerome (brother-in-law of Doug & Pat Miska), Donald Morency (brother of Lisa Fashner), Marvin (Jen Rauner's Father), Jean Reed, Janice (friend of Darlene Petrey), Shirley (aunt of Elodee Hudon), Cynthia (Elodee Hudon's cousin), Jean Enrooth, Jim Rauner (father of Matt Rauner), Laurie (Pam Heaton's mom), Sharon Petit, Josie Peterson, Jodi (friend of Cindy Gruett).

Save the Date—Blood Drive at St. Paul Lutheran! We're hosting a blood drive again right here at **St. Paul Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 15**, from **8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** If you'd like to donate, please schedule an appointment by calling **1-800-733-2767** or visiting **RedCrossBlood.org** and entering: **St. Paul Lutheran**. Questions? Reach out to **Kathy Mills**.

Happy Mother's Day! Today we give thanks to God for all the mothers in our lives. Including those who gave us life, those who raised us, and for all those who show care with a mother's love. We also acknowledge those for whom this day is difficult: those who have lost mothers, those with complicated relationships, and those who long to be mothers. On this Mother's Day, we join in celebration, honor, and prayer.

Pastors Away for Continuing Education—Pastor Carrie and Pastor Dale will be away this week attending the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta for continuing education. They leave this afternoon and will return in time for the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly, which begins this Friday, May 16. During their time away, Pastor Sarah Kerkes from Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City will be available for any urgent pastoral care needs. She can be reached directly at 612-354-9180, or you may contact Melissa in the Church Office for assistance. Please keep Pastor Carrie and Pastor Dale in your prayers as they travel and learn.

Church Cleaning Volunteers Needed – Summer Months—We are looking for volunteers to help with church cleaning during the months of June, July, and August. Our rotation system continues to work well, with each volunteer or household taking just one week per month. If you're willing to help, whether for the first time or as a continuing volunteer, please contact Pastor Carrie. She can also answer any questions you may have. Thank you for helping keep our church building clean and welcoming!

St. Paul Area Synod Assembly – May 16–17—The St. Paul Area Synod Assembly will take place this coming weekend, May 16–17, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This year's theme is **"Called to Invite,"** focusing on how each of us is called to be a witness to life in Christ. In addition to our pastors, our congregation will be represented by elected delegates Arlie Post and Katie Fetterly. Carole England will also be attending as a Visitor. The Assembly will begin Friday evening with opening business, elections, and deliberation on resolutions and memorials. Please keep our delegates and all participants in your prayers as they gather for worship, learning, and discernment on the mission we share.

Thank You for a Wonderful Spring Festival & Plant Sale! Thank You to everyone who helped make our Annual Mother's Day Spring Festival and Plant Sale a great success yesterday! From the volunteers who organized and staffed the event, to all who donated, set up, cleaned up, and helped in countless ways, we are so grateful. Thanks also to everyone who came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, play games, support the plant sale, and join in the fun. It was a joy to see friends and members of all ages, along with our partners at the Discovery Center Preschool, coming together to celebrate the season and community. Proceeds from the event will support our youth as they prepare for their summer mission trip to Milwaukee, helping them grow in faith and service. Thank you!

Wild Faith for Littles! Next Sunday, May 18 after worship! Pre-K and younger! Engage Senses! Connect Through Play! Embrace Mystery! For families with young kids and the adults who love them! “Wild Faith” is our monthly gathering designed for parents of Littles (Pre-K and younger). This special time helps our little ones connect with God through nature and build meaningful spiritual practices together.

Don’t miss worship next Sunday! Two of our young people, Abigail Rauner and Sam Kroschel, will affirm their baptismal promises during the **Rite of Confirmation**. We are eager to celebrate this milestone of faith in their lives and surround them and their families with our love and prayers.

Pancake Breakfast! On Sunday, June 1, some of our youth and their families will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to support their mission trip to Milwaukee this August. Come hungry and enjoy a meal while helping our youth grow in faith and service.

Graduate Recognition Sunday! Join us on Sunday, June 8, as we celebrate and honor our graduates during worship! This year, we give thanks for two of our own: *Kristina Stoyke*, graduating from Forest Lake High School, and *Lucas Byl*, graduating from Luther Seminary. If you have a family member or friend who is graduating this spring, from any level or program, we’d be happy to include their name in our prayers that day. Please contact the church office to let us know. We are proud of all our graduates!

Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2025 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$74,793.21	\$88,868.56	\$(14,075.35)
2025 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$127,396.50	\$109,233.16	\$18,163.34

The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC .

General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact our Church Treasurer, Andy Buccanero or our Church Bookkeeper, Chris Timmons, with any questions.

Mortgage Payoff Gifts	Received/Committed	Goal	Percent of Goal
YTD Totals	\$69,705	\$100,000	69%



The Week Ahead

at St. Paul Lutheran

Sunday, May 11
Happy Mother's Day!
Worship , 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 12
Humble Bees, 12:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13
NO Adult Bible Study
Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15
Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

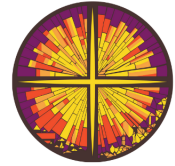
Sunday, May 18
Confirmation Sunday
Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Wild Faith for Littles (after worship)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 1—First Outdoor Worship!
June 10—Adult Bible Study and Potluck, 12:00 p.m.
June 12, 19, 26—Campfire & S'mores, 6:00 p.m.
June 15—Outdoor Worship w/Root Beer Floats!
June 23-27— "True North" Vacation Bible School



SPECIAL MORTGAGE PAYOFF APPEAL



Gift	#Needed	Total	Running Total
\$5000	3	\$15,000	\$15,000
\$2500	3	\$7,500	\$22,500
\$1000	2	\$2,000	\$24,500
\$500	4	\$2,000	\$26,500
\$100	24	\$2,400	\$28,900
\$50	22	\$1,100	\$30,000



Join in paying off our mortgage early! A one time gift of any amount will help.

- Refer to this giving chart to determine your gift. This chart is also available on our website and in the weekly *ReFresh & ReNews* e-newsletter.
- You can give now by check, online (above QR code), or by pledging a future gift. If you plan to pledge a gift for later in 2025, please inform one of the pastors so we can track our progress.

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