

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠
Kenesaw, NE

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Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Divine Service 10:00am

"With the afflicted, the weak, the unlearned, the ungrateful, no one desires to associate. But God loved all, even His enemies, without making any difference. Therefore, we, too, should love as brothers even those who are not lovable."
- Martin Luther -

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015

Service of Prayer and Preaching (Adapted from LSB, p. 260)

Hymn p. 504 "Father Most Holy"

Opening Versicles

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil.

For You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

First Reading Acts 4:1-12

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Epistle I John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

(Stand)

Gospel John 10:11-18

(Jesus said) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

Responsory

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where
Your glory dwells.

Catechism - Ten Commandments

All: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or
maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to
your neighbor.**

Hymn of the Day p. 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Sermon

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the
world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all
to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common
welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us
pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or
dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and the homeless, for the
widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to
the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us
pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Finally, for these, for all our needs of body and soul, and for those people and things we name in our hearts...let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P: ...one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Collect for the Word

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Morning Prayer

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Cantic

P: Christ has been raised from the dead!
C: Alleluia. Alleluia.
P: Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
C: Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
P: Death has no more dominion over Him.
C: Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
P: Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
C: Living, He lives to God.
P: Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
C: Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn p. 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
†	10:00 AM	Divine Worship
Tues.	6:30 PM	LWML Salad Supper
Mon.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
Thurs.	7:00 PM	Preschool Closing Program
Tues. - Thurs.	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool
	12:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Preschool

Class of 2015 graduates will be honored as part of our worship service, May 3rd. Join with the congregation to commit their future to God in prayer.



2015 Graduates
Courtney Kuehn Brenna Schneider
Miranda Stade Bailey Streff
Wyatt Woodman

Birthday Celebration: Bob Mack will be celebrating his 94th birthday on Tuesday, April 28th. Cards can be sent to him c/o Rita Paddock, 218 N Merten St., Ainsworth, NE 69210.

Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 29th, 7:30 PM.

"When we faithfully proclaim God's grace and truth and apply it to matters of the heart, we give Satan a bad day. People are 'struck by the heart' and realize their sin. People experience 'evil of the heart' because of their sin. Then the comforting Good News of 'warfare ended,' 'iniquity pardoned,' and boundless grace can restore the heart to 'leaping' once again. The Gospel is tailor made to speak to matters of the heart!"

Rev. Dr. James I Lamb, exec. Director of Lutherans for Life - A Life Quote

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Apr. 26 Sean Duffy
- 27 Ashley Augustin; DeWayne Boesen; Elizabeth Duffy; Kathy Marble; Jamey Schutte; Cade Uden
- 28 Bob Mack
- May 2 Bentley Olson; Rosie Schroeder

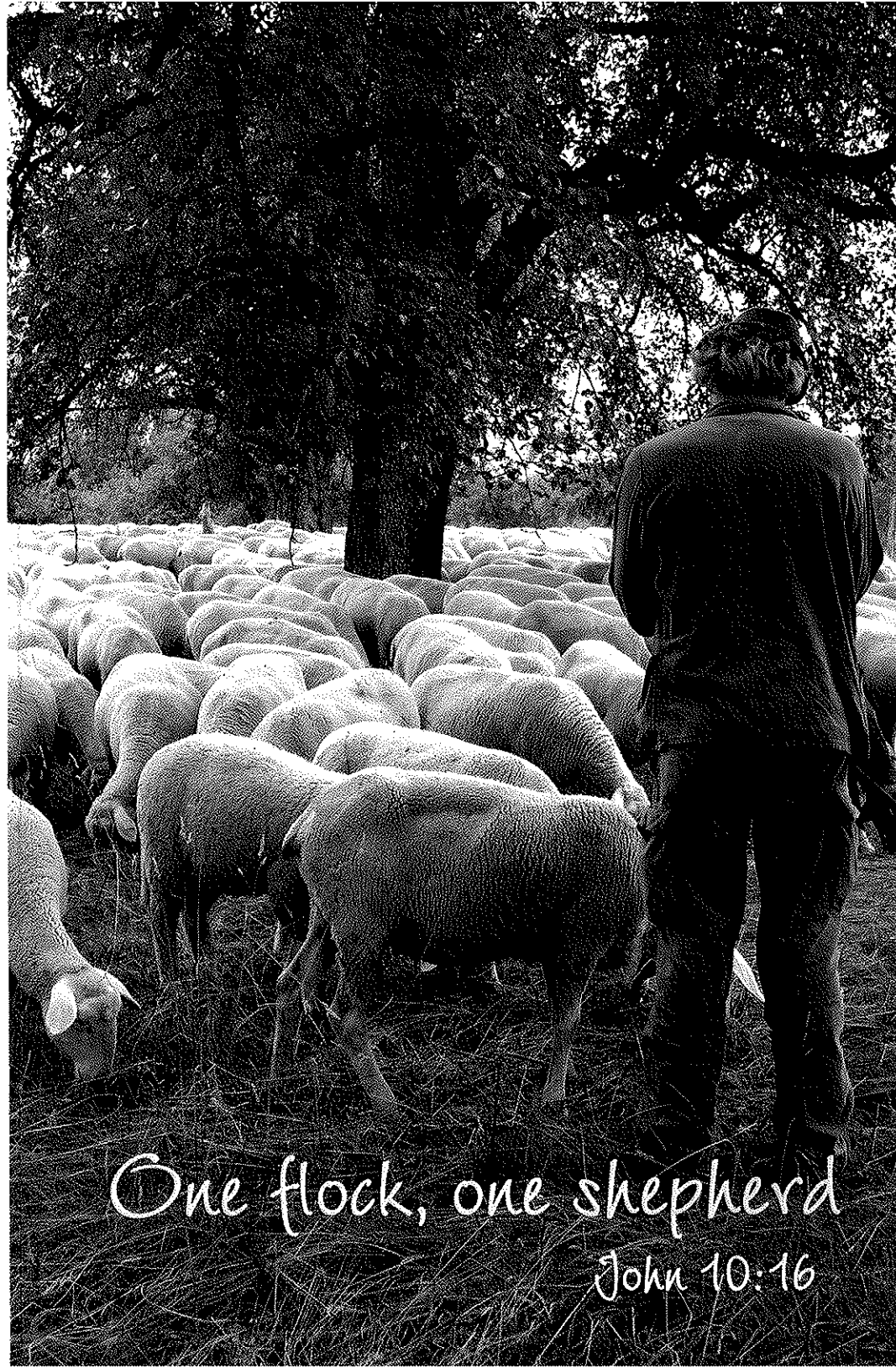
In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside (brother of Chelsey Jacobitz)

Missionaries: Sharon Owens, Macau, China
Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

Our Expression of Love

April 12, 2015	Attendance 93	
Current Envelope		\$ 885.00
Current Plate		131.75
Mission Envelope		241.00
Russian Orphanage		20.00
Total		\$1,277.75

About the Cover: "So there will be one flock, one shepherd." It is easy to be discouraged when we look at the outward divisions of Christian people. Yet the Word of God teaches us that, contrary to what we see, there is only one Church, one flock, for there is only one Shepherd, our Lord Jesus, who by the one Gospel and one Baptism gathers Himself a people from age to age.



One flock, one shepherd
John 10:16