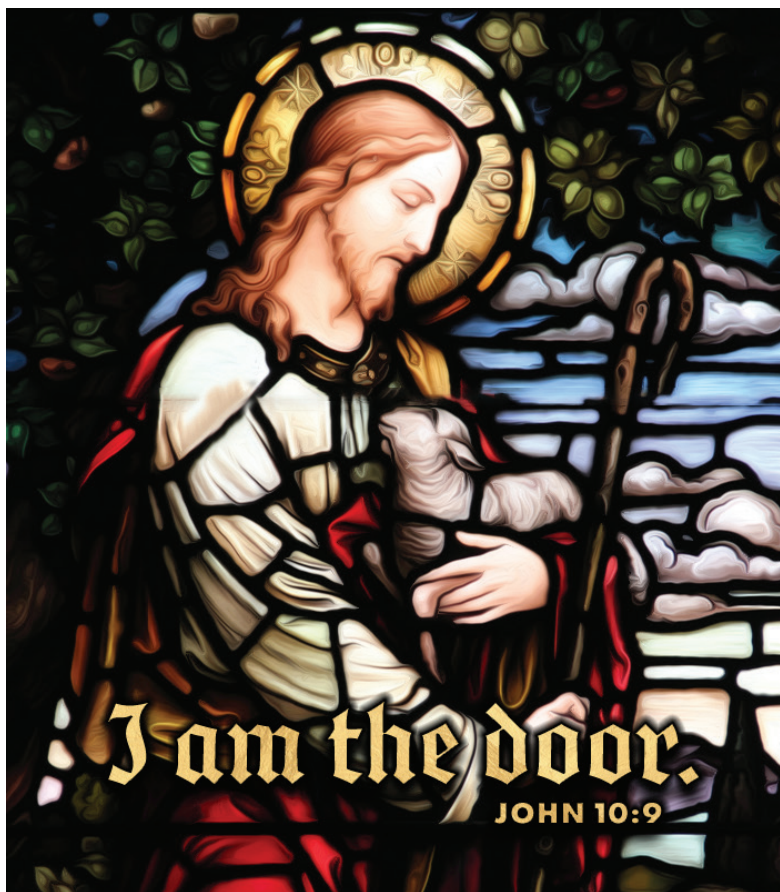




Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023 • 10:30AM

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Risen Today, Alleluia!”

St. Paul’s Bell Choir

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹**You shall have no other gods before me.**

²**You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

³**Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

⁴**Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵**You shall not kill.**

⁶**You shall not commit adultery.**

⁷**You shall not steal.**

⁸**You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

⁹**You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

¹⁰**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

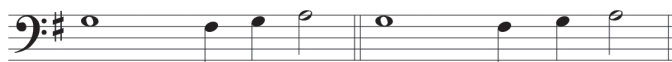


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

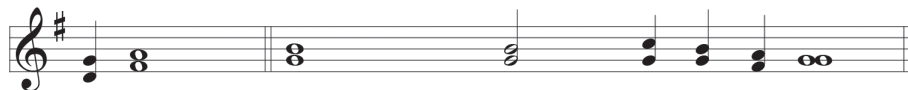


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Acts 2:42–47

⁴²[The believers] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 23

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

²**He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

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.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who | trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup
is | running over.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

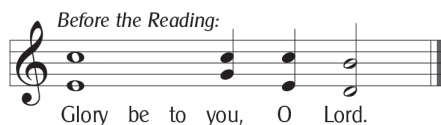
Offertory: “Now the Green Blade Rises” Michael Burkhardt

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Gospel is written in the tenth chapter of John.

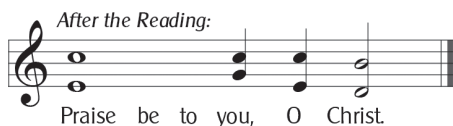


Gospel: John 10:1-10

¹[Jesus said to the Jews,] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Chat

Sermon: “A Singular Title”

Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and prais.e.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. For he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Up from the Grave He Arose”

Robert Powell

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Church Email Address Change

The new address is **secretary@stpaulslutheran.church**. The former email address, **splchurch@att.net**, is going away. Emails sent to that address may not be seen.

Youth Choir

Parents, please bring your child to **music practice today at 2pm**. We only have 2 more rehearsals before Youth Sunday. We want the youth to be successful and have a good time singing that morning. Thanks for your support.

Sunday, April 30

- All youth music practice, 2pm
- Men's choir 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, May 1

• Scholarship application deadline

- Faith Academy afterschool program, 1-3pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm at Gina Barringer's home

Tuesday, May 2

- No Adult Confirmation class this week
- Photo sessions, 2-8pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, in the counting room, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, May 3

- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, in the parlor, 10am
- Photo sessions, 2-8pm
- Choir practice, 6:30
- No Youth Confirmation this week

Thursday, May 4

- No morning or evening Bible Study this week
- Photo sessions, 2-8pm

Friday, May 5

- Photo sessions, 2-8pm

Saturday, May 6

- Youth classroom remodel beginning at 8am
- Photo sessions, 10:30am-4pm

Sunday, May 7

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- All youth music practice, 2pm
- Christian Education Committee, 2pm
- Men's choir, 3pm
- Handbell Choir, 4pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm will also be live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Photos for the pictorial directory will be taken May 2–6.

If you have not signed up for your photo session, please do so today.

Youth Classroom Make-over Day

We have a fun opportunity for the middle school and high school youth to put their own stamp on their Sunday school room. We're updating the wall color, changing out the furniture, and adding comfortable seating. We will need help with painting, decorating, and putting together furniture.

When, Where, & How:

- May 6th, starting at 8:00 am
- Upstairs in the High School room
- Come for the whole day or drop in and give a hand when you have time.
- Snacks, lunch and treats will be provided!

Please contact Heather Canup (hcanup25@gmail.com or call 336-408-0500) if you have any questions.

Blood Drive—May 8th, 2023

Thanks to all who supported the February blood drive at our church. The second of our four yearly blood drives is Monday, **May 8th, in the fellowship hall from 1:30pm – 6:00pm.** Everyone knows someone who has received a transfusion, whether it is a family member or just an acquaintance.

The goal at our church for each drive is 35 units which our church has averaged over the past five years. To achieve that goal, 40+ donors need to be available since a deferred rate of 15-20% occurs because of low hemoglobin, medications, and/or certain health issues.

If you have donated in the past two years, you will receive a scheduled appointment (that can easily be changed) in the near future. If you would like to be a new donor, please contact Alice Davis (704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com).

Recent prayer needs:

- Linda Beaver – In-home care
- Grady Earnhardt – Health concerns; upcoming surgery
- Della Jenkins – Health concerns
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- George Reese – Health concerns; upcoming surgery

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (4/23)	\$8,951
Other Offering (4/23)	\$1,103
Children’s Mission Offering 2nd quarter to date	\$520.50
Worship Attendance (4/23).....	186
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (4/23)..	\$142,105
General Fund YTD Budget as of (4/23)	\$163,309

A reminder to those who uses the church kitchen, fellowship hall, or picnic shelter—Be sure to take all of your items when your event is over. There are many groups that use our gathering areas. During the spring and summer months the picnic shelter is used as well. Unfortunately, we do not have space for items to be left in the refrigerators, or on the countertops. Your consideration for others is appreciated.



YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

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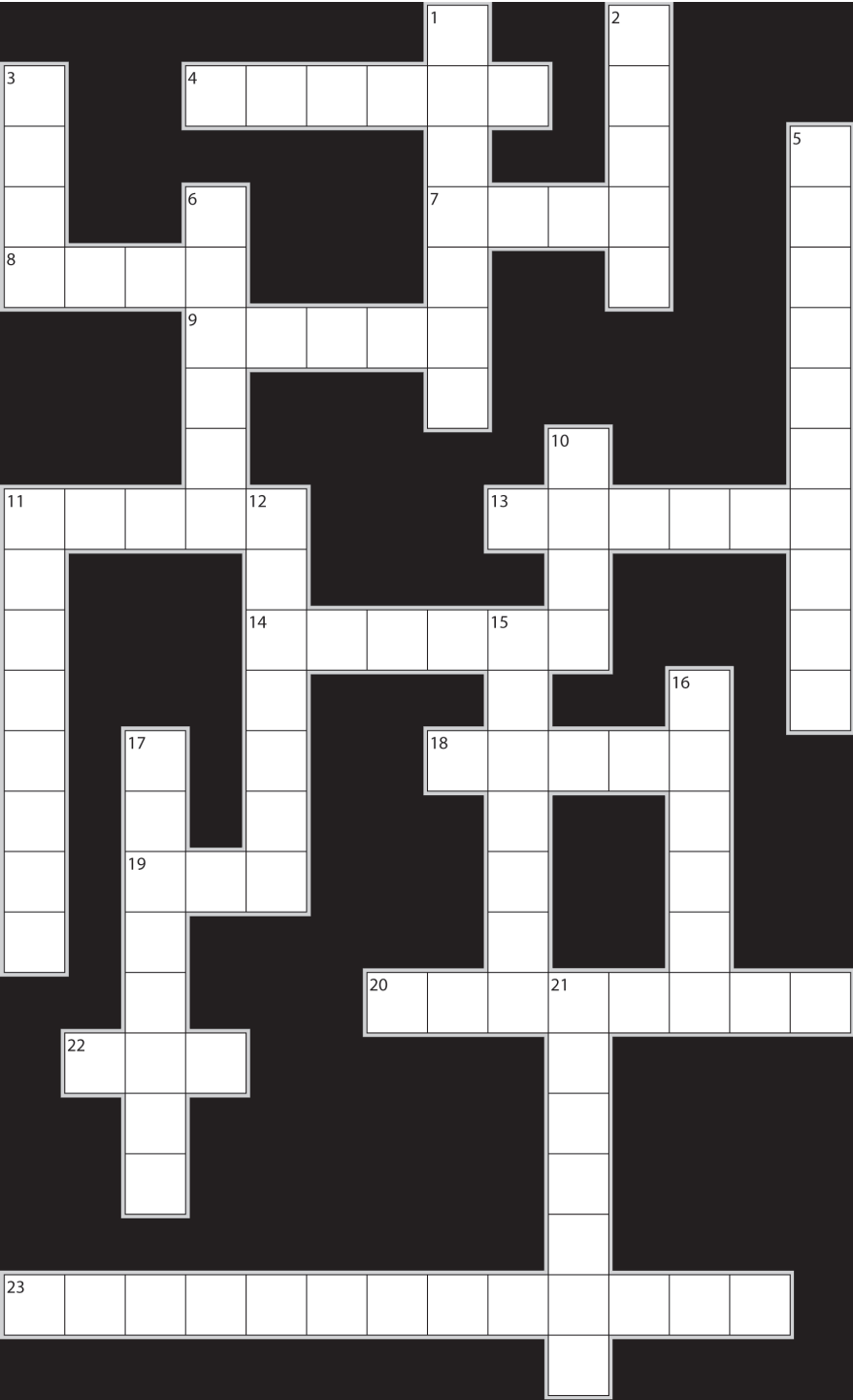
— Exodus 20:15 —

The Good Shepherd

Find the 33 **bold** words from John 10:1-5, 7, 9, 11 (ESV)

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Truly, truly, I **say** to you, he who does not **enter** the **sheepfold** by the door but **climbs** in by **another way**, that man is a **thief** and a **robber**. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the **gatekeeper opens**. The sheep **hear** his **voice**, and he **calls his own** sheep by **name** and **leads** them out. When he has brought out all his own, he **goes before** them, and the sheep **follow** him, for they **know** his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers. Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the **door** of the sheep. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be **saved** and will go in and out and **find pasture**. I am the good shepherd. The **good shepherd lays down** his **life** for the sheep.



Easter 4A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

4. The sheep do this with the shepherd.
7. I will not fear it.
8. Jesus came so that his sheep may have this.
9. The sheep hear his...
11. We were straying like them.
13. We are healed by his...
14. Because Christ suffered, we will...
18. It is prepared before me.
19. What came upon every soul?
20. I shall not want because the Lord is my...
22. My head is anointed with this.
23. The third thing the early disciples were devoted to (two words)

DOWN

1. Length of time dwelling in house of God
2. We have returned to the Shepherd of our...
3. The Lord restores my...
5. The second thing the early disciples were devoted to
6. When Christ was reviled, he did not...
10. The shepherd is this for his sheep.
11. The sheep will not follow him.
12. Through Christ, the sheep find this.
15. Christ left us this to follow, especially in terms of suffering.
16. Where were the early disciples each day?
17. The first thing the early disciples were devoted to
21. The fourth thing the early disciples were devoted to



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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