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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER + April 21, 2024

(10:30) **CHILDREN 4K-2ND GRADE & CHOIR** “A Place in the Choir”

HYMN “Savior, like a shepherd Lead Us” LSB 711 (vs. 1-2)

- 1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care;
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**
- 2 **We 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.**

(8:15) **HOLY BAPTISM OF EVERLY JEAN BEYER** Daughter of Ben Beyer & Mackenzie Frye. Sponsors are Cole Frye, Morgan Frye, Courtlynn & Ethan Bauer.

(10:30) **HOLY BAPTISM OF LILA JUNE PETERSON**

Daughter of Austin & Olivia Peterson. Sponsors are Sophie & Aaron Kitchel.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s Word.

C: For Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

P: The benefits of Holy Baptism are that it works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

C: These words and promises are spoken by Christ our Lord in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

P: Now, water itself does not do such great things but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

C: This is as St. Paul writes in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

P: Finally, Holy Baptism indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

C: This is written by St. Paul in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

BAPTISM SONG “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” WP 69

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

BIBLE TRANSLATION PRESENTATION

Linda Jordan

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ Therefore, thus says the Lord Yahweh, “Behold Me! I seek My sheep and I inquire after them

¹² like a shepherd inquires after his flock on the day when it comes to pass that his sheep have been scattered from their midst. Thus I inquire after My sheep and I rescue them from all places where they were scattered on the day of cloud and storm.

¹³ And I will cause them to come out from the peoples and I will gather them from the ends of the earth and I will cause them to go to their own land and I will shepherd them to the Hills of Israel near the streams and by all the dwelling places of the Land. ¹⁴ On the good hills, I will shepherd them and on the high mountains of Israel, it will be their grazing pastures. There they will lie down in good grazing pasture and the flock will graze and become healthy and robust on the hills of Israel. ¹⁵ I Myself will shepherd the sheep and I Myself will cause them to lie down in safety.” Thus says the Lord Yahweh, ¹⁶ “I will seek the lost ones and I will turn the exiles back to the place they should be and I will bind the wounds of the broken and I will make the weak strong. But the strong and the robust, I will annihilate! Let Me shepherd with justice.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ For the purpose of this, you were called, that even Christ suffered on your behalf in order to leave behind a model of behavior for you that you must follow in His footsteps: ²² He did no sinful deed nor was there found in His mouth any underhanded deceit or treachery, ²³ He did not revile in return the person who had reviled Him in the first place, when He suffered, He did not threaten revenge. But He did entrust Himself to the One who judges rightly. ²⁴ He offered Himself up as a sacrifice for our sins in His body on the cross, so that we who die with respect to sins may live with respect to righteousness. You have been healed with His wounds. ²⁵ For you were like sheep who proceed without a good sense of direction. But rather now you have changed your course to follow after the Shepherd and Overseer of your lives.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-16

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life in order to save the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not also the shepherd; he is not the owner of the sheep. He sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf catches some and scatters the rest - ¹³ because he is hired and the sheep are not dear to him. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd and I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life in order to save the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep which are not from this sheep pen and it is necessary for Me to bring them. They will hear My voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

FORMULA OF CONCORD ON THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

In order to preserve pure teaching and fundamental, lasting, God-pleasing unity in the church, it is necessary not only to present the pure, beneficial teaching correctly, but also to censure those who contradict it and teach other doctrines. For, as Luther states, true shepherds are to do both: pasture or feed the sheep and ward off the wolves, so that they may flee from other voices and “utter what is precious and not what is worthless.” Thus, we have come to fundamental, clear agreement that we must steadfastly maintain the distinction between unnecessary, useless quarrels and disputes that are necessary. The former should not be permitted to confuse the church since they tear down rather than build up. The latter, when they occur, concern the articles of faith or the chief parts of Christian teaching; to preserve the truth, false teaching, which is contrary to these articles, must be repudiated.

SERMON “He is the Shepherd. Who are You?” text: Ezekiel; 1 Peter; John

HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LW 412 (vs. 1, 5-6)

**1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING “Give Thanks” WP 41

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P:...Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents his body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by his blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in his name, according to his command, and with his own words administer and receive the Testament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY LW 444 (vs. 1-2 & 4)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning

And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining,

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

**4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LW 279

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.**
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the heart’s unrest;
it’s manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.**
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
my never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.**
- 4 By you my prayers acceptance gain although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain, and God calls me his child.**
- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.**
- 6 I praise in weakness from afar how cold my warmest thought!
But when I see you as you are, I’ll praise you as I ought.**
- 7 Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name refresh my soul in death!**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” LW 416

- 1 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**
- 2 My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name’s sake.**
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**
- 4 My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, and now have received the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, lead us by your Holy Spirit to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace. C: **Amen.**

HYMN “God Be With You” WP 50 (vs. 1-3)

1 **God be with you. God be with you.**

In the morning when you wake, and with every breath you take, God be with you.

2 **God be with you. God be with you.**

When you travel far away, in your daily work and play, God be with you.

3 **God be with you. God be with you.**

And wherever you may go, as the spirit winds will blow, God be with you.

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FAMILY ROOM AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP. Parents, our Family Room is open for you with quiet toys, one way glass, a changing table, and bathroom.

BIBLE BAGS are available for small children to use during the service. They are located on tree coat racks by each entrance. Please remember to put back on the coat rack when finished so someone else can use them too. If you accidentally took one home please bring back to church for future children to enjoy.

ACOLYTES Early: Cecilyah Timm, Late: Ella Gehrke & Stella Tellock

GREETER Early: Deb Hass, Late: Kathy Bleier

CAMERA Abby Elmhorst

USHERS Early: Greg Kamke, Larry Jasman & Tim Drath

Late: Scott Spiegelberg, Taylor Vaughan & Mitch Patri, Monday: Rob Ferg

STUDENT USHERS Early: Olivia Zielke & Braison Zielke

Late: Mina Reichle & Adryanna Fahser

ALTAR GUILD Early: LuAnn Kamke & Joy Griffin, Late: Karen Cady & Jeanne Sager,

Monday: Betty Klotzbuecher & Judy Raffin

FELLOWSHIP Gloria Zemple

ATTENDANCE Last Week Sunday Early—157 + Late—91 + Monday - 16 = 264

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD April 15th deposit \$12,280.94. General—\$6,633.94; Loose Offering - \$403.00; Memorials - \$325.00; Missions - \$152.00; Fellowship - \$18.00; Fish Fry Soda - \$20.00; Screens - \$500.00; Facilities - \$30.00; School - \$3,889.00; Hot Lunch - \$310.00; EFT's General - \$2,423.00; Missions - \$42.00.

MEMORIAL in loving memory of Vernadine Breier \$175.00 was given to Church, \$150.00 Endowment Fund & \$190.00 School Art Class.

PASTOR REICHLER CONSIDERING CALL TO ALEXANDRIA, MN. Zion Lutheran Church and School voted on April 7th to call Pastor Reichler to be their senior pastor. Please pray for him, his family, St. Paul here in Manawa, and Zion there in Alexandria. Pastor welcomes your conversation and counsel. I am sorry to share this unwelcome news.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY we'll be looking at what the Bible says about forgiveness and judgment. Why does God forgive us? What does it look like to forgive those who have hurt us? What does it mean to not judge others? Join us in the Youth Room Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Talk to Deaconess Christiana if you have questions: christianaewert@gmail.com or 414-218-9478.

FOR SALE – ALL OCCASION HOMEMADE CARDS in the hallway by the fellowship room. \$2 each or 3 for \$5, all money from the card sales will be donated to the church & school.

THANK YOU HIGHWAY CLEANUP CREW! 13 people walked our length of County Highway B to pick up litter. Thank you for your service!

SCRIP PROGRAM has gift cards for sale in the church office during office hours.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Women's Bible Study will now meet Tuesdays at **8:30 a.m.** in the Parlor at the back of church. We are going through the book "Pew Sisters" by CPH author Katie Schuermann. Don't worry if you missed a week. You're welcome to join any time. Please bring your kids if needed! Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or christianaewert@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION Sunday, April 28th 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 sizing of gowns 4:30 p.m. in church office. Pictures & practice 5:00 p.m. in church.

ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - Youth Group will meet Wednesday, May 1st & 15th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please fill out this Google form so that we can get you info, updates, and reminders! http://bit.ly/stpaul_youth Contact Deaconess Christiana: 414-218-9478 (call/text) or christianaewert@gmail.com with questions.

AGAPE SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET Thursday, April 25th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, N2845 Shadow Road, Waupaca. Tickets are \$30.00 each, table of 6 \$180.00. Contact Agape to purchase tickets 715-942-8288. Join us for food, fellowship, speakers, and a great God. Social hour 5:30 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silent auction and raffles close at 8:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL VBS 2024 Vacation Bible School is coming July 8-11, 2024, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.! VBS is for ages 3 (potty trained)-6th grade (just completed). All are welcome to this FREE event that includes Bible stories, games, music, crafts, snacks, and more! If you would like to register kids or as a volunteer, please pick up a form in the back of church and return completed registration forms to the church office. Online registration is also available:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/stpaulmanawawi/28653>

Contact Deaconess Christiana with questions: (920) 596-2837 or christianaewert@gmail.com

CHOIR PRACTICE Sunday, April 28th between worship services.

CAMP LUTHER SPRING WORKBEE - Once again Camp Luther in Three Lakes, is asking for St. Paul Volunteers to help with their Spring Workbee Cleanup weekend April 26th-28th. We would be leaving Manawa at 5 PM on Friday the 26th and returning Sunday afternoon the 28th. There are a variety of tasks and all tools, equipment, lodging and meals are provided by the Camp. For details call Dave Sarna (920) 470-1417 or email: sarndave@gmail.com

FUNDRAISER – The 6th-8th graders are selling Cedar Springs Golf Course & the Pine Tree Supper Club cards until April 24th. This fundraiser helps support their trip to Six Flags and Brewer game in May. Please consider purchasing one of these \$30 cards to support our St. Paul students.

ST. PAUL QUILTERS are in need of plain colored bed sheets of any size. Thank you Quilters.

BEAR CREEK LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, April 21st from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Bear Creek Town Hall, Silver Creek Road, 1 mile north of Bear Creek Corners. Buttermilk & potato pancakes (all you can eat), French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, juice, milk & coffee. Adults \$10.00, kids 6-12 \$5.00, 5 & under are free.

ST. PAUL GOLF OUTING & FUNDRAISER May 19th at Cedar Springs. 12:30 Shotgun start for 4-person 9-hole scramble, 4:00 social hour, 5:00 Buffet Dinner, 6:00 Raffle drawings & golf awards. \$60 per golfer & \$35 Non-Golfer. Proceeds for flag and prayer walk area.

This Week's Opportunities (April 21st – April 28th)

Sunday..... Worship w/Communion 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
.....Sunday School 3 yrs.-8th grade 9:20-10:20 a.m.
.....New Membership Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.
.....Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:20 a.m.
.....Quarterly Voter's Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Monday Monday Worship w/Communion 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Women's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
..... Quilting 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Chapel 8:15 a.m.
..... Confirmation sizing gowns church office 4:30 p.m.
..... Confirmation pictures & practice 5:00 p.m.
Next Sunday... Worship w/Communion 8:15 a.m. & Conf. 10:30 a.m.
.....Sunday School 3 yrs.-8th grade 9:20-10:20 a.m.
.....New Membership Classes 9:30-10:15 a.m.
..... Youth Bible Study 9:30-10:20 a.m.
..... Choir practice between worship