

June 14, 2021

Dear St. Paul Church Family and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Friend.

Sunday in-person worship services are going well. Masking in worship is now a personal choice. We affirm both the masked and unmasked folk as we gather to worship God through Jesus.

Even with Covid19 restrictions lifted, we will continue to livestream worship and send the weekly worship mailing.

Many of you are asking about Saturday evening worship. Our plan, at this point, is to begin the Saturday evening worship on Saturday, September 11. We'll continue to keep you in the loop as we get closer to that date.

We plan to purchase and spread mulch in our landscaping beds. While we have not taken any bids for this, we are estimating the cost will be between \$700 and \$1000. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of mulch, please mark your financial donation "mulch." As of today, we've raised \$300 towards the cost. Thank you for your donations.

**It is with joy we can share with you that the steeple roofing project is now fully funded! We are now able to sign the contract with Nitro Roofing to start the process. Thank you!**

While we did not hold Art Camp last summer and we will not host it this summer, we are hosting a Summer Safari Carnival: Let's Reconnect on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This event will be held in our St. Paul Community Playground and will include a meal, crafts, games and music. The Carnival is free to all participants and we expect 500+ people to attend. We will need lots of volunteers. If you'd like to assist, please contact Pastor Becky.

As a reminder, Pastor Becky's final three weeks of her 2019 sabbatical will begin on Monday June 28. She will return to the

office on Monday July 19. Guest preachers will lead worship in her absence.

Included in this mailer is a giving envelope. Your ongoing financial support of St. Paul Church keeps the many ministries and missions going strong.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Paul Church! Together we are the Body of Christ in this community.

Grace and Peace,



Roland Dicke  
Council President



Myra Hanenkraft  
Council VP



Rev. Becky Erb Strang  
Senior Pastor

### Financial Information as of June 14, 2021

#### Operating Fund

Beg. Balance \$0.00  
Giving Income \$2,169.00(weekly)  
Endowment Transfers \$12,286.00(ytd)  
Income \$140,147.21(ytd)  
Expenses \$138,702.11 (ytd)  
Balance \$1,445.10 (ytd)  
**Building Maint & Property Care**  
Beg. Balance \$73,644.37  
Income \$8,605.00 (ytd)  
Endowment Income \$2,630.39(ytd)  
Expenses \$8,345.00 (ytd)  
Balance \$76,534.76 (ytd)

#### Local Aid

Beg. Balance \$6,250.20  
Income \$7,319.00 (ytd)  
Expenses \$7,782.54 (ytd)  
Balance \$5,786.66  
BP Beg Balance \$7,881.15  
Bless Pantry Inc. \$15,911.00(ytd)  
Bless Pantry Ex. \$4,137.66(ytd)  
BP Balance \$19,654.49  
**Our Church Wider Mission**  
Pledge \$25,000.00  
Income \$717.00(weekly)  
Income \$12,769.00 (ytd)  
**Project of the Year**  
Income \$34.00(weekly)  
Balance \$3,294.00(ytd)

**This week's Old Testament Lesson is Psalm 23. The chapter was inadvertently left out of the bulletin.**

JUNE 20, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Jesus listens to and calms our fears.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the sea
Monday	Job 38:1-11	God's rebuke of Job
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	How Paul served God
Wednesday	Psalms 46:1-11	God is our refuge
Thursday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abraham and Sarah
Friday	Isaiah 41:1-10	Israel's assured of God's help
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32	God saves those in distress
Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But [Jesus] was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and [the disciples] woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"* **Mark 4:38 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of wind and seas, help us to trust in your power and steadfast love that we may give you praise and serve our neighbor in love through Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Living God, we thank you for this gift of food, a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you be filled with awe at the power and love of God.



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JUNE 20, 2021  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Shepherd Me, O God*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you were scared.
- When do you think of God more, during good times or bad times? Explain.
- The sea with its awesome views and power is like a parable of how life is filled with both beauty and danger. Where do you see beauty and danger in life? In faith?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples are beside themselves with fear. The wind is howling; the waves are crashing over their little boat in a large and churning sea. It seemed like the end for them all. They wake up Jesus with a chorus of screaming cries, "Don't you care that we are going to die?" Jesus describes this as an example of having no faith. After noting their serious limitations as disciples, he calms the wind and the sea. At this point in the story, Jesus exits the discussion and the disciples simply marvel at the power of their teacher. This is the scene of the life of faith. It, too, is a kind of parable, the kind that Jesus had just told his followers. A living and real faith is like being on the waters and vacillating between sheer fear and trembling and simple awe. Although the full breadth of faith experiences from disbelief to true adoration is hard to fathom, it is the life we live. Jesus knows this; Jesus accepts this; Jesus leads us from valley lows to mountain highs with the same understanding, love, and saving grace. When have you experienced serious doubts in your faith? When have you experienced the pure joy of being a follower of Jesus?

**Pray: Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy that cares for us day and night with power and grace through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

The disciples were afraid in the stormy, churning sea. The oceans provide food for billions of people. Catching large numbers of fish can be an exhausting and dangerous job. Pray for those who work on the seas including those who fish as well as those who provide security as part of the Coast Guard and Navy.

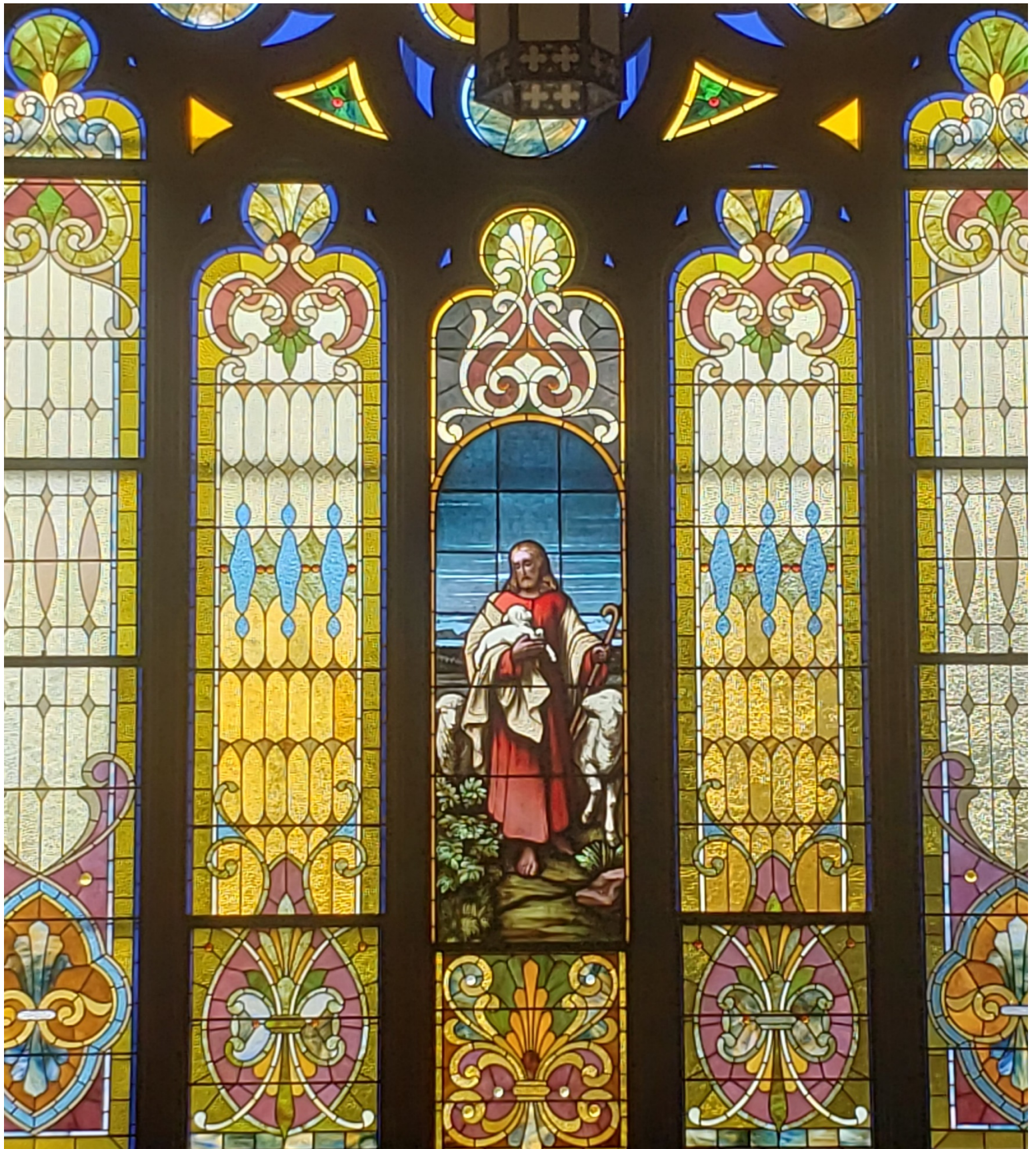
### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all men who have cared for you and others as well. Take time to talk about and give thanks for the lives of all men who parent or otherwise care for and protect our children. Conclude by praying: **Dear God, we thank you for fathers and all men who care for and protect us. We especially give thanks for [names of men] who have been a blessing to our lives. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)





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### **Welcome to St. Paul UCC, we are glad you are here!!**

Whether you are worshipping online or in person, welcome! Blessing and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Church-**Following the CDC guidelines on May 14, 2021, you no longer need to wear a mask during worship. We do ask, however, that you maintain social distancing. We are aware that some of you will want to continue wearing a mask in worship. We affirm both the masked and unmasked folk as we gather to worship God through the Risen Christ.

**June 20, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Father's Day**

### **Worship Leaders**

Ministers

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Lauren Miller

Cheyenne Olt

Kathy Topp

The Congregation

Senior Pastor

SALT

Accompanist/Vocalist

Liturgist



## PRELUDE

**GREETING AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:** As we light the altar and Christ candles, you are invited to light a candle or candles at home in preparation for worship.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME SONG

No Matter

*J=120*

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the  
jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter  
who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the  
jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-comed by God's grace. grace.

To verses | Last time, Fine

## CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 84)

**Leader:** How lovely is God's dwelling place! Behold our God who looks upon us.

**People:** A day with God is better than a thousand elsewhere. Let us choose to enter the door of God's house.

**Leader:** Indeed, God is our sun and our shield. God bestows upon us favor and honor. We are called by God to walk in his path.

**People:** O God, blessed are we when we place our complete trust in you. Amen.

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place.

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

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Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

D A7 D A D G D  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## SERVICE OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before the Lord our God, offering our confessions, our brokenness, our need for healing. Let us pray.

**People: Almighty and most merciful God, we confess today that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. Far too often we have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have done those things which we ought not to have done and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Restore us to your grace in the name of Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, let us be comforted by the good news of the Gospel: when we sin, we have an advocate and a friend in Jesus Christ. Christ's life, death and resurrection serves as a powerful reminder that forgiveness is not for a few, but for all of God's children. For this we offer to God our thanks and praise.

**People: Amen.**

## HALLELUJAH!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht Hal - le -

lu - jaht Hal - le - lu - jaht

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jaht. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (C, Am7, D7, D, Em).

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Adapted from [https://sermons4kids.com/good\\_shepherd.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/good_shepherd.htm))

Do you remember the story of the Three Little Pigs? When I was young, I loved that story. Today, I'm going to retell it, and when I do, every

time I say, “pig” I need you to “oink.” Whenever I say “wolf” I need you to “howl.” Whenever I say “sheep” you need to “baaa.”

The story begins with the mama pig (Oink) sending her three little ones out into the world to make their fortunes. The first little pig (Oink) built himself a house of straw. The second little pig (Oink) built a house of sticks, and a third little pig (Oink) built a house of bricks.

The big, bad wolf (Howl) went to the first little pig’s (Oink) house and knocked on the door, saying, “Little pig (Oink), little pig (Oink), let me in.”

The first little pig (Oink) answered, “Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin.”

“Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house in,” replied the wolf (Howl).

The first little pig’s (Oink) house of straw was not very strong, so the wolf (Howl) easily blew it down and the little pig (Oink) ran to the safety of the second little pig’s (Oink) house.

Next, the wolf (Howl) went to the second little pig’s (Oink) house and knocked on the door saying, “Little pig (Oink), little pig (Oink), let me in.”

The little pig (Oink) answered, “Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin.”

“Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house in,” replied the wolf (Howl).

The second little pig’s (Oink) house of sticks was not very strong, so the wolf (Howl) blew it down and the two little pigs (Oink) ran to their brother’s house.

The wolf (Howl) went to the third little pig’s (Oink) house and knocked on the door saying, “Little pig (Oink), little pig (Oink), let me in.”

The little pig (Oink) answered, “Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin.”

“Then I’ll huff and I’ll puff and I’ll blow your house in,” replied the wolf (Howl).

No matter how hard he tried, the wolf (Howl) could not blow the brick house down. Disgusted and defeated, the wolf (Howl) went home. The pigs (Oink) were so happy, they sang, “Who’s afraid of the big, bad wolf?” (Howl)

There have been many stories about the big, bad wolf (Howl). You have probably heard of Little Red Riding Hood, Peter and the Wolf (Howl)



and The Boy Who Cried Wolf (Howl). But did you know that Jesus once told a story about a big, bad wolf (Howl)? In the story that Jesus told, the Good Shepherd is him, the sheep (Baaa) are us. The wolf (Howl) in Jesus' story is anything that takes us away from Jesus and his love.

Here is what Jesus said in the Bible, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (Baaa). The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep (Baaa), sees the wolf (Howl) coming and leaves the sheep (Baaa) and runs away."

This is good news for each of us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We are his sheep (Baaa). Jesus knows us and loves us. He will protect us when there is danger and look for us when we wander and get lost. Because of Jesus, we can sing, "Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?" (Howl). Because of Jesus, we do not need to be afraid. Amen.

## PASTORAL JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys:** Joy for the men and dads in our life!!!!

**Concerns:** We are continuing to pray for Bob Kettler (OSU), Cindy Newman, John Gilberg, James Nelson, Drew Wray, Jan Dammeyer, Shannon Shupp and Pastor Dee Schroer.

## PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God, whom our words may cradle but never contain, we thank you for all the sound and silence and color and symbol that, through the centuries, have helped the worship of your people be relevant and real. Today we remember those who have shaped our faith: by stories told, songs sung, examples given.

We remember and lift up to you the preachers, liturgists, readers, musicians whose sensitivity and skill have helped us grow in faith and to enjoy worshiping you.

We remember and lift up to you those who have encouraged us to praise you beyond the sanctuary: those who teach young children, those who lead youth groups, those whose ministry is to pray for others.

We remember and lift up to you people who cannot pray and who struggle to believe, or who fear the changes in the church more than any other area of their lives.

We remember and lift up to you those who are sick, those who are grieving, those who cannot even begin to count their losses. Challenge

us to offer light and hope and peace to others. Pour upon each of us your healing Spirit.

We humbly ask, Loving God, that you reshape our lives until in generosity and in faith we are truly Christ-like. Make us passionate followers of Jesus rather than passive supporters.

Transform this congregation and all communities of faith into places of radical discipleship and hospitality. Then, in us, through us and, if need be, in spite of us, let your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

All of this we pray in the name of Jesus who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23 (NRSV)

*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 right paths for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—the 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.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 10:1-18 (NRSV)

*Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he had brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.*

*So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because the hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as he Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."*

## RESPONSE

Leader: The word of God for the people of God!

**People: God is still speaking! Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Rev. Becky Erb Strang

Each Sunday, we sit in this gorgeous sanctuary surrounded by the symbols of our faith. Over the years, we have worked as a congregation to have each of these beautiful windows restored. Today, as you have probably guessed from the scripture lessons, we turn our gaze to the window of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

My guess is that for many of us, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is perhaps one of our earliest childhood memories from Sunday School. Today's scripture lessons dovetail one another: we hear in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd. In our reading from John, we hear Jesus proclaiming that he is the Good Shepherd.

From the Greek translation of the word "good" for Good Shepherd, we hear that good also means "model" or "true." Indeed, Jesus is our



model shepherd—modeling for us what it means to be servant people in our world. Also, Jesus is our true shepherd; he isn't fake or watered-down. With Jesus, we have the real deal—the anointed one and suffering servant.

Scholars are quick to point out that much of our lesson from the Gospel of John is based on an Old Testament text: Ezekiel 34. In that text, the shepherds of the land have utterly failed, so God steps in as the Good Shepherd. In this single chapter from Ezekiel, we hear that God, as the Good Shepherd, has at least four specific functions:

1. Caring for the sheep
2. Rescuing sheep from scattered places
3. Feeding the sheep
4. Tending the weak, injured and lost sheep

Now how is that for Good News??? We are reminded that God cares for us, rescues us when we are lost, feeds us, and takes care of us when we are weak or injured. Now, I don't know about you, but there are many, many days when I need rescuing and tending by God. There are many days when I am weak and injured and in need of Christ's grace.

Think for a moment in your life when you felt adrift and lost. What was going on? How did you respond? What was your prayer during this time? How did you move through that lonely space?

My guess is that you might NOT necessarily say that Christ carried you through, but that you might say that a friend was there for you. Or perhaps you read the perfect book at a dark time. Or perhaps a prayer or a hymn anchored your days, giving you strength and assurance.

The good news for us today is that we can be Christ to one another. What we say, how we respond to people, what we do, might be the only gospel a person reads in a day. St. Frances of Assisi is often given credit for this quotation: Preach the gospel always and, if necessary, use words.

Preach the gospel always and, if necessary, use words. As Christians the very best evangelism we can offer to others is to live fully the gospel of Jesus Christ: to care for the weak, rescue the scattered, feed the hungry, and care for those who feel unloved.

We know that this isn't easy to do. Several years ago, the United Church of Christ did a television commercial blitz of the St. Louis area.

The commercial began with a little girl saying, “Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people.”

The rest of the commercial included shots of a variety of people: young old, black, white, brown, gay, straight, disabled, differently abled, each saying one after the other, “All the people...”

The commercial ended with: “God accepts all the people. So do we: The United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

And that is where it gets difficult. If we are to be the gospel—the good news of Christ Jesus for others—we need to welcome people as they are, not as we want to fix them or make them into our image. We need to love and care for and tend and feed all God’s people—not merely the ones of whom we approve.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd reminds us that not only is Christ OUR Shepherd, he is the Good Shepherd for all of God’s people.

In today’s reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus takes upon himself the role of the good, true, and model shepherd and then takes it a step further. Echoing the prophet Zechariah (13:7-9), Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, not only cares, rescues, feeds and tends us. He also is willing to lay his life down for his sheep.

We are Jesus’ sheep. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, lays down his life for the sake of the flock. Today we are challenged to journey with Jesus who calls us his own and offers his life that we might know life.

Author and theologian, Flora Slossen Wuellner, in her short book, Prayer Stress and our Inner Wounds, tells a childhood memory of Jesus as the Good Shepherd:

*A picture that was hung in my room when I was a child changed my life. It was a picture of a shepherd climbing down a rugged cliffside; with one hand he gripped a rock and with the other he reached down for a sheep that had fallen to a ledge below. Its face looked up in terror and trust. A bird of prey circled overhead. I could not see the shepherd’s face as he strained down to the sheep, but I could see the knotted muscles, the bleeding hands, and arms gashed by thorns, the twisted garment torn in the steep descent.*

*“That’s the Good Shepherd. That’s Jesus,” my parents told me.*

*I stared in amazement. This picture was very different from the one of the Good Shepherd on the wall of my Sunday school room. In that one a placid shepherd in a spotless white robe strolled along a grassy level path, carrying an equally spotless and placid lamb.*

*The shepherd in my picture was paying a real and painful price. I could see from the concentrated body and the compassionate authority of the outstretched hand that to reach the hurt and crying animal mattered more to him than anything else in the world. And I knew as I gazed at that picture that the sheep would be reached, held, healed, and lifted to life.*

Now how cool is that? Like our window, the Good Shepherd, whom we follow, leads us when our lives are going well, when we are healthy and clean and the sun is shining. AND, the Good Shepherd also seeks us and rescues us when we have fallen off a cliff, when we walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death and in the presence of our enemies. The Good Shepherd lays down his life that we might have life and live abundantly.

For many of us, this past year has been a somber time. Many of us have lost loved ones. Many of us are recovering from illness. Many of us have known incredible loss over this past year. And yet. And yet, the good news for us today is that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who cares for us, feeds us, heals us, and sacrifices himself for the life of the flock.

This is the Savior we follow. Because of Jesus, we are called to make the way of the cross our way of life, to be Christ to others, and to be people of radical welcome and hospitality.

The Shepherd is calling us. Now is the time to follow him. Amen.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SENTENCES: Just as the Good Shepherd will seek us and find us when we are lost and hurting, we are called to respond to that rescue with changed lives. We are called to respond to the Good Shepherd by being the hands and feet, ears and eyes of Jesus in this community. Let us give our very best. Let us be generous beyond measure. Let us share of all that we have been given joyfully.

## DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***



PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy and Gracious God, of whose bounty we have all received: accept these offerings of your people and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all people, advancing your kingdom right here and right now. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING

*Lord, Speak to Me*

verses 1 & 4

Lord, Speak to Me

593

N.C. G B7/F# Em Am7 D7 G G/B

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, un-

C D7/A G/B A/C# D A7 D G B E Am7

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that  
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

D7 G G/B C D7/A G/B Am/C G/D D G

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**BENEDICTION:** May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Pass the Love*

### Pass the Love

Love our God, ev - 'ry day, praise with joy go - ing on your way.

Pass it on, t'all you meet, ev - 'ry day in — ev - 'ry way.

Love our Ho - ly God. Pray with hope each day.

Bless the Ho - ly Name. Praise our — God.

Chords: F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, C7, F, Gm7, F, Gm7, F/A, F/Bb, Gm9, G7, C, Fmaj7, Dm, F/G, F/C, Am7, Dm7, Gm7, F/C, C7, F.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Peg Chamberlin by Dan Chamberlin.

**Attendance**-Daily Devotions-85, June 6-Sunday Worship Online-304, In Person-72.

**Daily Devotions**-Please join Rev Becky and Lauren Miller Monday-Thursday at 11:30am, online via Facebook Live. These will air on our Facebook page: St. Paul United Church of Christ-New Bremen, OH.

**Sundays in June-Worship** will be in person and via Facebook Live at 10:15am.

**Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer Youth Activity-1:00pm-3:00pm**  
Komminsk Legacy Park & Splash Pad, located behind the New Bremen Library. All ages are welcome. Remember to bring a snack/lunch/drinks and a towel.

**Bulletin Availability-weekly bulletins** are available for download on our website [stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org). Just click the yellow **BULLETINS** box in the upper right hand corner.

**July/August Upper Rooms**-are available at the East entrance to the education building and on the round tables in the sanctuary. Or please call the church office if you would like one and we will gladly mail one to you.

**Mailbox**-There is a mailbox outside of the East Educational Building door for any correspondence you may have for the church and would like to drop off. Please lift the flap and drop through the slot on the top. Thank you!

**Monthly Mission**-Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The Heartland Conference and the National setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. Your generosity to Strengthen the Church (STC) provides the funds that allow the Heartland Conference to provide Seminary Scholarships for those who are seeking authorization for ministry in the United Church of Christ. In the National Setting, funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Thank you, the Mission Team.

**Blessing Pantry**-is located in the North Hallway and accessible by the North door during these hours - **Tuesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm**. The Pantry will be closed Mondays and Fridays. **All Donations Welcome – Blessing Pantry Needs-Diapers (size 1, 3 & 6), Baby Wipes, Training Pants (size 3T-**



6T), Men's Protective Underwear (size sm/med), Band-aids, Aluminum Foil, Laundry Detergent, Dryer sheets, Cleaning Supplies, Pet Food (Dry & Wet), Paper Plates, Toilet Paper, Razors, Men's Deodorant and Garbage Bags. **Thank you!** There is a container outside the East and North Educational Building doors for donations.

### **Calendar-Week of June 20, 2021**

Sunday	10:15am	Worship-in person & via Facebook Live
Monday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Coffee Shop Hours New Bremen Coffee Shop
Tuesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	5:30pm-7:30pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Wednesday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Thursday	11:30am	Devotions via Facebook Live
	1:00pm-3:00pm	Blessing Pantry Open
Friday	Afternoon	Office Closed

### **E-Giving @ St. Paul**

#### **3 Different Ways to Give**

**Online** – Make a donation on our website: [stpaulnb.org](http://stpaulnb.org)

**Give+ App** – Search “Give Plus Church” in your App store and find St. Paul to Get Started!

**Text** – Make a donation to our Number: 833-308-0048

St. Paul New “Text to Give” #(# changed as of 10/9/19)

**How To Give by Text (Example - my amount for the example is \$25 (minimum amount is \$5.00))**

- For general fund giving: Send 25 space gl (hit send)
- For building & property fund giving: Send 25 space bp (hit send)
  - For Blessing Pantry: Send 25 space pantry (hit send)
- For project of the year giving: Send 25 space poy (hit send)

#### **Once a text amount is sent:**

**Registration Link-** Sent via text the first time a donation is made.  
Thank you! Please visit (link) to register.

**Donation Confirm-** Sent via text each time a donation is made.