***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."

The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we *"were straying like sheep,"* the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins *"in his body on the tree"* (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we *"have life and have it abundantly"* (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also *"hear his voice"* and *"know his voice"* (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in *"the apostles' teaching and the fellowship"* and in *"the breaking of bread and the prayers"* (Acts 2:42).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Matt Leitz
Ushers: Matt Kelm, John Mordhorst, William Sorensen, Michael Sorensen
Organist: Lynette Thies **Screen**: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Tanis Watke, Leah Schwery
Altar Flowers: Deanna Sorensen
Finance: Bruce Mohr, Terri Mohr
Acolytes:

Sunday Acolytes:

Those Serving in May

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Gary Pohlman, Ray Holst
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Megan Peitsch
Altar Flowers: Kerry Vinke
Finance: Gary Pohlman, Judy Pohlman

ABOUT THE SERVICE

WELCOME: We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

USHERING AFTER SERVICE: After the service, please usher yourself out after pastor has got to the back of the church.

STANDING DURING HYMNS: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service
Tues: Pastor in Mapleton
Wed: 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class
7:00 p.m. – 8th grade Questioning
Fri: Pastor Family Day
Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Class
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month. Next update will be May 10, 2026

2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

2026	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$172,954.26	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 3-31-2026	$28,293.05	$ 660.00	$0
Still Needed	$144,661.21	$3,340.00	$3,000.00

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)
Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

Hymn..... #711
"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
Δ**Invocation..... p.151**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.152**
Δ**This Is the Feast..... p.155**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
First: Acts 2:42-47
Gradual
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25
Δ**Gospel:** John 10:1-10
Children's Message
Hymn..... #709
vs. 1-4, 6 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Sermon John 10:1-10
"By the Gate"
Δ**Apostles' Creed.....p.159**
Offering
Offertory..... p.159
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.159**
Δ**Lord's Prayer..... p.166**
Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #737**
vs. 1-2, 5-7 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "Micah"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHISM QUESTIONING: You are invited to hear our 8th Grade Confirmands publicly confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit April 29th, 7 pm. Confirmation is May 3rd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Last day of Sunday School is May 10th.

LCW: The LCW meeting with salad/dessert supper will be Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30 pm. You can bring a salad or dessert to share with the group.
Please invite a friend to come and enjoy a time of fellowship.

BACCALAUREATE: The Blessing of our High School Graduates will be during the Service on May 17th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date. On June 6 we will be having Vacation Bible School that day.

141 GARAGE SALE: Are you spring cleaning and not sure what to do with the stuff you don't want? St. Paul's youth are starting to take donations of clothing, toys and household items to sell at the Hwy 141 garage sale at the beginning of August. Any donation can be dropped off in the basement room in the back corner.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

ASCENSION DAY: Ascension Day service will be Thursday, May 14th at Mission Central at 5:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP: Scripture: *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." — Psalm 23:1* **Stewardship Sentence:** The Good Shepherd provides abundantly; in thanksgiving, we manage His blessings to care for others in His name.

"THY STRONG WORD": Thy Strong Word is a 5 min. daily devotional message given by LC-MS pastors of the Denison area and sponsored by area congregations including St. Paul's. It is aired at 6:25 a.m., Mon.-Sat. on KDSN, FM107.1

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUR: This program is a ½ hour worship service heard on Sioux City, KSCJ, 1360 AM, at 8:00 am.

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

MAIN STREET LIVING: Main Street Living is a television ministry of the Lutheran churches of Missouri-Synod and of the Iowa West District. The worship service is on Sundays at 10 am on channel 9 KCAU, the ABC Network from Sioux City.

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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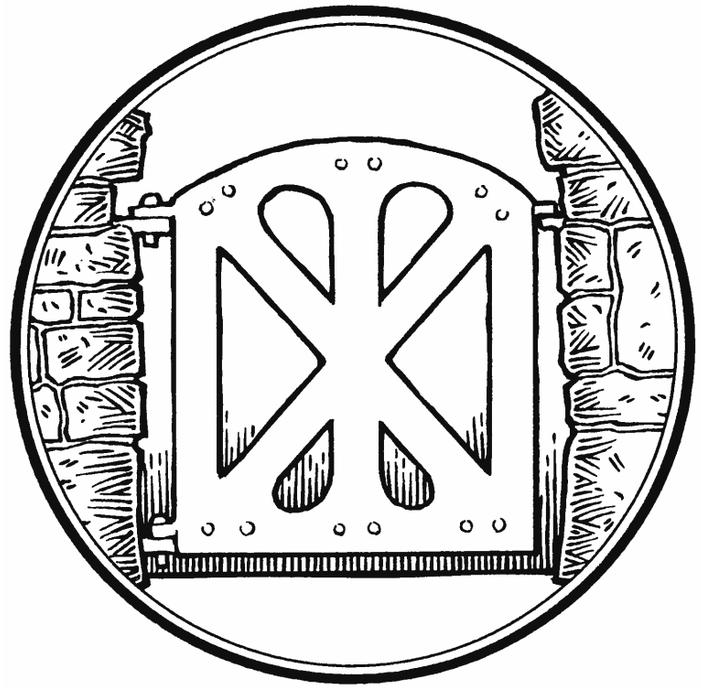
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026



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