

April 18-21, 2024



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

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Good Shepherd Sunday

April 18-21, 2024

Hymn 551

“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on, till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on".

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
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and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
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praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 20:28–32 EHV

²⁸ “Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare the flock, will come in among you. ³⁰ Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

³² “And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day 23 (NIV)

please read responsively

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

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides 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 love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6 EHV

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. ⁴You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. ⁵They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Anthems

6:30pm	Grades 1-2	"The King of Glory Comes"
8:00am	PreK-K	"I Love to Tell the Story"
10:30am	Junior Choir	"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14 NIV

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:11–18 EHV

¹¹ "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me ¹⁵ (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 552

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 You spread a table in my sight,
a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Sermon

John 10:11–18

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. [We include in our prayers today... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

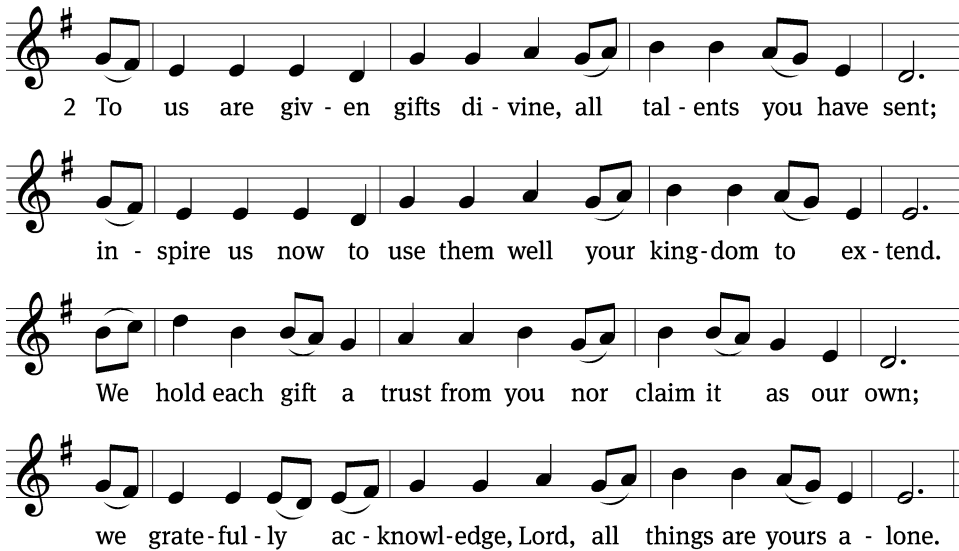
Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

Offering

Stand

Offer Hymn 751 v2

“O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made”



2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine, all tal - ents you have sent;
in - spire us now to use them well your king - dom to ex - tend.
We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own;
we grate - ful - ly ac - knowl - edge, Lord, all things are yours a - lone.

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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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 804

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the



heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd’s lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - ’ry
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me



day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–1782

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Announcements:

April Voters' Meeting Items Approved: A number of action items were brought to a vote at the meeting on April 14th. The voters in attendance approved these items, including a change to our worship schedule. Beginning May 26th, there will be two services on Sundays: 8:00 AM at our Juneau Campus and 10:15 AM at our Lowell Campus. Additionally, Pastor Luetke will be pausing his ministry at St. Johns for the summer months; his Call will be re-visited at the July voters' meeting. Thank you to all who attended the meeting!

Meeting Minutes: If you would like to receive an email with a copy of the minutes from our Voters' and Church Council Meetings, please reach out to our Church Secretary, Keven Schultz at shotz1124@yahoo.com.

Call Updates:

- Mr. Lober has received a call to St. Paul's in Tomah, WI
- Mr. Cody has received a call to Eastside Lutheran in Madison, WI

Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate the two calls they now hold.

Help Needed! The Lowell Campus will be taking down Easter decorations on April 21st after the 9:30 AM service. Any help would be appreciated with this project!



We're Having a Baby Shower! St. John's Ladies Aid is hosting a shower for *New Beginnings* and *Blue Butterfly* and we need your help. We'll be collecting items for both of these WELS organizations during the month of April. There will be a drop box and gift card box in the narthexes of both our Juneau and Lowell locations. For a list of items see the tabletop displays at both locations. *Here's a great idea... purchase one of the wanted gift cards from our Scrip program! They carry all of them!*

Soup for Souls at Lowell! Do you know someone who is ill, or a shut-in, or a family in need, a new baby in the family, or anyone who needs cheering up? We have LOTS of frozen food items: soups, casseroles, mac n cheese, fruit salads and desserts!!! These are all in convenient, individual single serving containers. So grab a container or two or three. **Now at Lowell** you can find Soup for Souls in the kitchen freezer (*look for the sign on the freezer*). Or in Juneau you can find it in the freezer in the room next to the kitchen (*look for the Soup for Souls signs on the door*). You'll also find a Prayer Book Basket near each of the freezers. Please be sure to take a Prayer Book to give to your intended recipient - it's a nice, comforting gift for them. FREE for the taking!

Spring Cleaning! The Juneau Campus will be having a spring cleaning day on Saturday, April 27th beginning at 8:00 AM. The plan is to refresh both the grounds and the inside of the church. Any and all help is appreciated to provide a clean and welcoming environment for another year of ministry! If you are able, please bring gloves, rags, buckets, brushes, pruners, rakes, and any other tools!



New Sunday Bible Class starting April 28th!
8:15 AM- Lowell & 9:30 AM- Juneau

They seemed to follow Jesus almost as closely as his disciples did, but their motive was often very different. In so many gospel accounts about the life of Jesus, they were visible—sometimes in the background, often in his face. They weren't there to learn in humility. Rather, they listened intently, hoping they could catch him speaking false doctrine or saying something they could use to discredit him before his followers. Of course, we are talking about the Pharisees. The Pharisees are the bad guys in the gospel accounts. They imagined they were the spiritual models for the Jewish nation, but they were forever clashing with the very Son of God. Though some have suggested that Jesus' message bore a resemblance to the message of the Pharisees, a closer look reveals that they were irreconcilable.

In our Bible study, *Irreconcilable!*, we will take an in-depth look at the Pharisees and the teachings that brought them in conflict with Jesus. We do that, not simply as an academic study, but to fortify ourselves against the leaven of the Pharisees that often lurks within our own hearts and to show even more clearly how the message of salvation is superior through Jesus.

Thank you, Volunteers! (4/18-4/21)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Char Lober, Deanna McLain
8:00 AM, Carol Soldner, Lexi Voigt, Deb Wolter
10:30 AM Carol Leissring, Linda Tonn

Ushers:

6:30 PM Lee Weiss and Dylan Stegner
8:00 AM Chuck Wolfram, Bruce Soldner, Nick Voigt, Rick Cody
9:30 AM Ken Leistico, Larry Westenberg, Wyatt Stowell, Oscar Stowell
10:30 AM Rick Leissring, Blake Tonn, Blake Tonn II, Blake Tonn III

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

4/4-4/7

General	\$ 15,025.41
Debt	\$ 190.00
Improvement	\$ 110.00
Lakeside	\$ 269.90
Missions	\$ 781.90
Total	\$ 16,377.21

Attendance

Weekend of April 7th 332(40,20,98,98,126)

*At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. **Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$158,513.40 from the line of credit.** Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (4/21)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL); 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J)

Blood Pressure Checks 9 AM- J

Monday (4/22)

Readings Class 6:30 PM – J

Board of Ed. 6:30 PM- School

Tuesday (4/23)

End Times Study 4 PM (SL) &

6:30 PM (J)

Wednesday (4/24)

Confirmation 5:00 PM – J

Council 6:30 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

Thursday (4/25)

Worship 6:30 PM – J

Saturday (4/26)

Spring Cleaning 8 AM (J)

Worship 5:00 PM - H

Sunday (4/27)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM – J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM (SL); 9:30 AM (J)

Sunday School 8:30 AM (SL); 9:15 AM (J)

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Worship Services

Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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