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GO, TELL OF YOUR *GOOD SHEPHERD*
Sunday, April 25, 2021 – Good Shepherd Sunday
Service Order: CW Evening Prayer Vespers

A warm welcome to those visiting us this morning. Here at St. Paul we preach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Goetzinger or Pastor Thompson. We pray that you return to worship with us again.

**Triumphant from the grave Rose Jesus, strong to save.
He crushed—O Christian, mark it well—Sin, Satan, death, and hell.
Now sing your glad song And joyous praise to him prolong.**

**Sure bond and guarantee God gave to you and me:
The Father has raised up his Son To seal redemption won.
Now sing your glad song And joyous praise to him prolong.**

Christian Worship Hymn 151:1,5



PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

silence for meditation.

Dear Lord, you are our Good Shepherd. Your Spirit gave me faith in your death and resurrection, and made me your sheep. Forgive me for wandering from you; let me hear your voice today. Encourage me with your truth so that other sheep hear your voice through my words. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 150:1,2,4

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 4 Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

CW 446 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As we come before our Holy and Almighty God, we can clearly see that we have fallen short of his expectation and demand for perfection. We have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. To whom do we turn?

S: *(soloist sings)* I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

C: We put our trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and we confess our sins to him. He alone has lived a perfect life, never once sinning against the will of God the Father. We bring our sins to him and leave them at the foot of his cross.

S: *(soloist sings)* I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

C: We trust in Christ alone for the pardoning of our sins. His willing sacrifice on the cross was "a pleasing aroma" to the Lord, and his blood alone has washed away the sins of the world.

S: *(soloist sings)* I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy By your blood.

To invoke God is to call out to him to be with us tonight, which he promises in his Word he will do. "Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20)

To confess is to admit we're far from perfect and so, without Jesus, shouldn't be with a perfect God.

M: You are right to trust in the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. It is through the blood of Christ that your sins have been removed forever, and you have been given a new life, free from guilt and shame. Christ covers you with his robe of righteousness and purity, giving you the strength and ability to live a new life of thanksgiving and praise. Let us trust in Christ alone to guide us through this life and into the next.

*The pastor **absolves** us of our sins, that is, reminds us we're forgiven because of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

S: *(soloist sings)* I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: 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 him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:28-32

Keep watch, shepherds!

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

We believe that the Bible is the source of all spiritual truth, and so we read lessons from it to learn who God is and what he's done for us throughout history and still today.

PSALM 23

Spoken responsively

Psalms are songs written thousands of years ago. We still worship with them today.

M: The LORD is my shepherd,

C: I shall not be in want.

M: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

C: he leads me beside quiet waters.

M: He restores my soul;

C: he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

M: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

M: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

M: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 5:1-4

Be shepherds of the flock God has given you!

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 10:14

M: Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

C: These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Stand.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Be seated.

Gospel means “Good News,” and so this is a reading from the historical biographies of Jesus that tells us the good news of how Jesus came into this world to save us.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 375:1,3,4,6

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.
- 3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.
- 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!

The Hymn of the Day is meant to especially celebrate today’s unique theme.

SERMON

John 10:11-18

The Risen Jesus Makes Us Shepherd—Serious

A sermon is simply a longer reflection on one of today’s readings from the Bible.

APOSTLES' CREED

Stand.

**C: 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.**

*The **Apostle's Creed** is a summary of the Christian faith based on statements of faith from the 100s. It is a summary of the facts our assurance of forgiveness is based on.*

OFFERING

To give electronically, visit StPaulOttawa.org and click on GIVE in the top menu; or mail to our church address: 208 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa, ON K1N 6L5

*Christians give **offerings** as a form of worship, to show God our thanks and dependence on him, and to support our work within the community and world.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

Stand.

Shepherd of Israel, in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have sought out your sheep and gathered us with them into your flock. Keep us always in your fold, and guard us from every wolf and snare. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, as you breathed new life into the world through the resurrection of your Son, so now by your Holy Spirit breathe new life into your Church that, freed by his Gospel, we may always confess the name of Jesus Christ, the only name given among men by which we must be saved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The **Prayer of the Church** is our biggest prayer of the day, focusing on our day's theme and asking God to care for us, our community, and the world.*

Heavenly Father, your Son has called us to love our brothers. Turn us in love toward the neighbours closest to us that we may daily show our confidence in God by deed and truth, laying down our lives as Christ first did for us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb you have worked peace between man and God. By your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbours may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, you secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, out of your fatherly goodness you have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given your beloved Son to be our Shepherd—not only to nourish us by his Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know him, trust him, seek help and comfort in him, heartily obey his voice and receive eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

C: 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.
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Two-thousand years ago, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with these words. We use them still today, able to call God our Father because of Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

S: *[the soloist sings the following]*
God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you -
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, Till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet -
God be with you till we meet again.

We always end with a blessing used by believers for thousands of years, reminding us we leave as children loved by God and at peace with him, all because of Jesus.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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 favour and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

S: [*the soloist sings the following*]

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you -
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, Till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, Till we meet -
God be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING HYMN.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 374:1,3

- 1 My shepherd will supply my need—Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
- 3 The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
Oh, may his house be my abode And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest But like a child at home.



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THIS WEEK WITH OUR RISEN AND ASCENDED SAVIOUR

Sunday, April 25

9 am Adult Bible Study—
“The Gospel—A History” (on Zoom)
9 am Sunday School Grades 6-8
(online with Reden Marzo)
10:30 am Good Shepherd Sunday
Worship (Live Streamed)

Tuesday, April 27

7 pm Church Council
(on Zoom)

Wednesday, April 28

8 pm Gospel Parenting *with*
Pastor & Christine Thompson
(on Zoom)

Thursday, April 29

7 pm Bible Study—
“Old Testament Survey”
(on Zoom)

Friday, April 30

6:30 pm Illuminé Social
(on Zoom)

Saturday, May 1

1 pm Jr. Catechism Class
(on Zoom)

Sunday, May 2

9 am Adult Bible Study (on Zoom)
9 am Sunday School Grades 6-8
(online with Reden Marzo)
10:30 am Easter 5 Worship
(Live Streamed)
1 pm Women of St. Paul
Ministry Action Meeting
(on Zoom)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Apr 25: Eleanor Nicholls, Kathy Fleming
May 1: Anny Ally, Orville Nitschke

BAPTISMAL GREETINGS

Apr 27: Monika Tochkova
Apr 28: Kristen Droeske
Apr 29: Mark Kuske
May 1: Helen Saar

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- * Shut-in members: Harvey Kritsch, Jim and Joan Schroeder, Ruth St. Germain, Neill Sylvester, Warren Thoms.
- * Seniors living at home, in retirement residences and health care facilities.
- * Donaldson family
- * Family of the late Irma Lange

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL—A HISTORY

You are invited to join Pastor Thompson for one last lesson in the study: The Gospel—A History. This week we look at *Jesus, the Anointed King*. Join us on Sunday morning at 9 on Zoom, and access through the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5074622469?pwd=U3JpZ3h6Q3ZiVUU1U1RuazVaSm3Zz09>

Download a copy of the handout from St. Paul’s website: www.stpaulottawa.org (look for the button right under the The Gospel—A History banner).



WOMEN OF ST. PAUL MINISTRY ACTION MEETING

The Women of St. Paul (WOSP) is a community of women that aims to build up the body of Christ and connect female members of St. Paul through fellowship, discipleship, spiritual growth and service.

The Covid 19 pandemic challenged the WOSP to find new and creative ways to stay connected and serve St. Paul's and our mission churches. The WOSP is financially supported through offerings we receive at our Ministry Action meetings. We were not able to meet in person beyond our January 2020 meeting, but are very excited to hold our first virtual meeting on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Please join us by clicking on the link below. Please use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89284471030> and not the St. Paul Zoom Account. Please email Nancy Livingston at nlivingston@rogers.com if you have any trouble connecting.

Topic: WOSP meeting

Time: May 2, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89284471030>

Meeting ID: 892 8447 1030

CONNECT WITH US

Name

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I'M NEW

- Tell me more about Jesus.
- I'm interested in membership.
- Sign me up for the weekly eLetter.

I WANT TO SERVE

- At our next service day.
- On Sundays (Ushering, sound, etc.)
- In global & local missions.

I WANT TO CONNECT

- With a pastor
- With other Christians
- With illumine, the student and young adult community.

I WANT TO GO DEEPER

- By joining a Bible Foundations class.
- By finding a bible study opportunity.

PRAYERS or QUESTIONS



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God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from - and so do we. We're so glad we've had the opportunity to share God's grace through Jesus to you. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again. And if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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Worship Schedule
Sundays at 10:30am
(live streamed)

Adult Bible Class
Sundays at 9am (Zoom)
Thursdays at 7pm (Zoom)