

## Week of April 26

Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music  
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am - Divine Service  
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class  
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service  
Mon.: 6:00 pm - Confirmation  
6:30 pm - Handbells  
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action  
4:00 pm - Food Pantry  
Wed.: 7:00 pm - Voters Meeting  
Thurs.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study  
Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music  
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class  
10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion  
12:00 pm - Lao Sunday School Bible Class  
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion

### THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (Apr.26)

**Elders/Ushers:** Rick George, John Vulgamott, Harrison Hayes

**Greeters:** Bill Breitenkamp & Jo Reaman

**Audio/Visual:** Will Breitenkamp

**Screens:** Nancy Long

**Organist:** Diane Doering

**Altar:** Steve & Diane Doering

### THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (May.3)

**Elders/Ushers:** Bill Breitenkamp, Ryan Branning, Ryan Irvin

**Greeters:**

**Audio/Visual:** Renate Venegas

**Screens:** Beth Brandt

**Organist:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

**Altar:** Lavonne Breitenkamp

**Attendance:** 78 **Lao:** 19 **Offering:** \$2796.80

**UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON:** Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on St. Paul's Website, Facebook, or Youtube.

**WELCOME** to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you.

**Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson.** Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anna Lopez & Daughter, Nancy Long, Lila Venegas, Melvin Longhenry, Susan Hanken, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.

*If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.*

**APRIL FOOD PANTRY REQUEST:** canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce and toothbrushes. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

**Camp Okoboji:** Registration is now open! Camp Okoboji is our LCMS church camp, with programs for kids and families of all ages. To check dates and details or to register, go to [campokoboji.org](http://campokoboji.org). St. Paul's is blessed to offer financial assistance to families from our church to send their kids to camp. Please contact Pastor if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**GRADUATION:** Is your child graduating from high school or college this year? We would love to celebrate this exciting milestone with you and recognize their hard work and accomplishments. Please let the church office know so we can include them in our special acknowledgements.

### HELP WANTED: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Do you love kids, creativity, and a little organized chaos? Do you have a knack for turning Bible stories into unforgettable adventures? Then we're looking for YOU!

- ◆ Position: Vacation Bible School (VBS) Director
- ◆ Time commitment: Short-term (but BIG impact)
- ◆ Location: Our Church & Community
- ◆ Contact Julie Irvin at 515-835-1305

**THANK YOU!!** We truly appreciate the nice Musician reception you had for the three of us. The Bell Ringers are also very important. Without them, we would have no Bell group. It is a blessing to participate in the Worship Service. Thanks again, Lavonne, Diane and Jo.

**Please join the Board of Education in celebrating our 2026 Graduates.** We will be hosting a reception in their honor after church on April 3rd. Webster City High School Graduates: Angel Ramirez and Jasmin Venegas as well as Fort Dodge High School Graduate Aiden Seagren Graduating from Iowa Central Community College is Cael Nixon. God's Blessing to all those celebrating this year.



## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

### Introit

*Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;\***

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

**For the LORD is a | great God,\***

**and a great King a- | bove all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

**For he | is our God,\***

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

## First Reading

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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