

The image features a silhouette of a shepherd standing and holding a long staff. Three sheep are visible: two on the left and one on the right. The background is a textured gradient of purple and blue. The text 'THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT.' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The words 'THE LORD' are on the first line, 'IS MY' on the second, 'SHEPHERD' on the third, 'I SHALL' on the fourth, 'NOT' on the fifth, and 'WANT.' on the sixth. The text is positioned over the shepherd and the sheep.

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PSALM 23:1, NRSV

Welcome to
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♦ All who are able may stand

Welcome

Praise & Worship ["Shepherd"](#)

Call to Worship [Psalm 23](#)

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #342 ["Rock of Ages"](#)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,

People: Have mercy upon me. I confess that I have turned away from You, knowingly and unknowingly. I have wandered away from the new life that You offer to me. I have strayed away from your Love that You offer to me. Turn me back to You, O Lord. Give me a new heart and a right spirit, that I may live my life to Your honor and glory. I pray this in the name of Christ, Amen.

The Offering

Time for Personal Prayers and Prayers for the Church

Reading of Scripture [Acts 2:42-47](#)

[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

♦ [St. John 10:1-10](#)

The 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 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.

Song

"Communion"

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

"I Am..."

– Pastor Bill Long

Hymn #368

"He Lives"

A Prayer for All of Us Through These Days

L: Lord God,

P: The Creator and Preserver of all people, I pray for Your presence to be with me through these days. May your saving help and grace be given to me and may your Holy Spirit anoint me with Your peace. I commend to Your loving care all those who are ill and afflicted with this flu (especially do I now pray for) may Your love be my strength through all suffering and afflictions, I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Benediction

5-3-20 Sermon Questions

St. Luke in the lesson for today (Acts 2:42-47) lists the four marks of the Church:

- Apostles' Teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking of the Bread
- Prayer

What do you think they mean?

How does St. Paul's practice these signs?

Since we still have to stay in our homes, here is some HOMEWORK for you for this week:

Jesus says in the Gospel lesson (John 10:1-10) that he is the gate. Find these seven I AM sayings in John's Gospel:

- I am the Bread of Life
- I am the light of the world
- I am the gate
- I am the good shepherd
- I am the resurrection and the life
- I am the way, the truth and the life
- I am the true vine.

What does Jesus mean by them?

Announcements – May 3, 2020

Prayers of the People: Marilyn Barnard, Storm Brewer, Sally Bright, Lori Dietz, Marie Durborow, Alison Dyer, Eric Eaby, Fred Engle, Lynn Foard, Brooke Gabster, Stephen Glaus, Jennifer Green, Hedy Hontz, Susan Houck, Mary Kiphorn, Jaxson Kulp, Cheryl Lauer, Bev Leibold, Adalyn Lotito, Wayne Martin, Jennifer McCracken, Carole Meckley, Tabitha Miller, Glen & Delores Mumma, Woody Myers, Lori Nissley, Bob Prince, Rhonda Raia, Jack Reed, Bob & Joanna Schreiber, Eric Smeltz, Linda Steiner, Christopher Trostle, Lisa Weaver, John Wenger, Patrick White, and Teen Central kids.

We praise you God for those who maintain and operate farming equipment, for those who plant and harvest crops, for local farmers' markets, and for those involved in agriculture of any kind. Strengthen the hands as they feed the world.

Offering Options: Your offering is a part of worshipping God. St. Paul's offers several options for you to continue your offering: 1) mail your offering to the church office; 2) if you use online banking, use the Bill Pay option; or 3) set up direct withdrawals – contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

The May Mission of the Month is Hartman Center. While all summer camp activities have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus, Hartman Center hopes to reopen in September. Please use your special May giving envelope to support Hartman Center and make a difference through the love of Christ.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am ONE Worship



All Church Events have been cancelled, at last until at least Friday, May 8 due to the Coronavirus. Feel free to call the church office at 717.665.2447 or check our website for updates.

- ◆ Food Bank Volunteers are needed to help pack food on Mondays & Thursdays from 10 am-12 noon. There is little contact with clients. Please call Carol @ 717.664.1097 if you are willing to help out.
- ◆ If you have questions about anything you've heard today, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to talk with you and get to know you! Pastor Bill Long's Office Hours are Tues-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. For other times, call the church office @ 717.665.2447.
- ◆ If you need Pastoral Care - if you are hospitalized or in crisis - please notify the church office at 717.665.2447 during weekday hours, or for **emergency** weekends, please call Pastor Bill Long directly at 717.228.0949.

