

First Reading: Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Epistle: Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every

nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

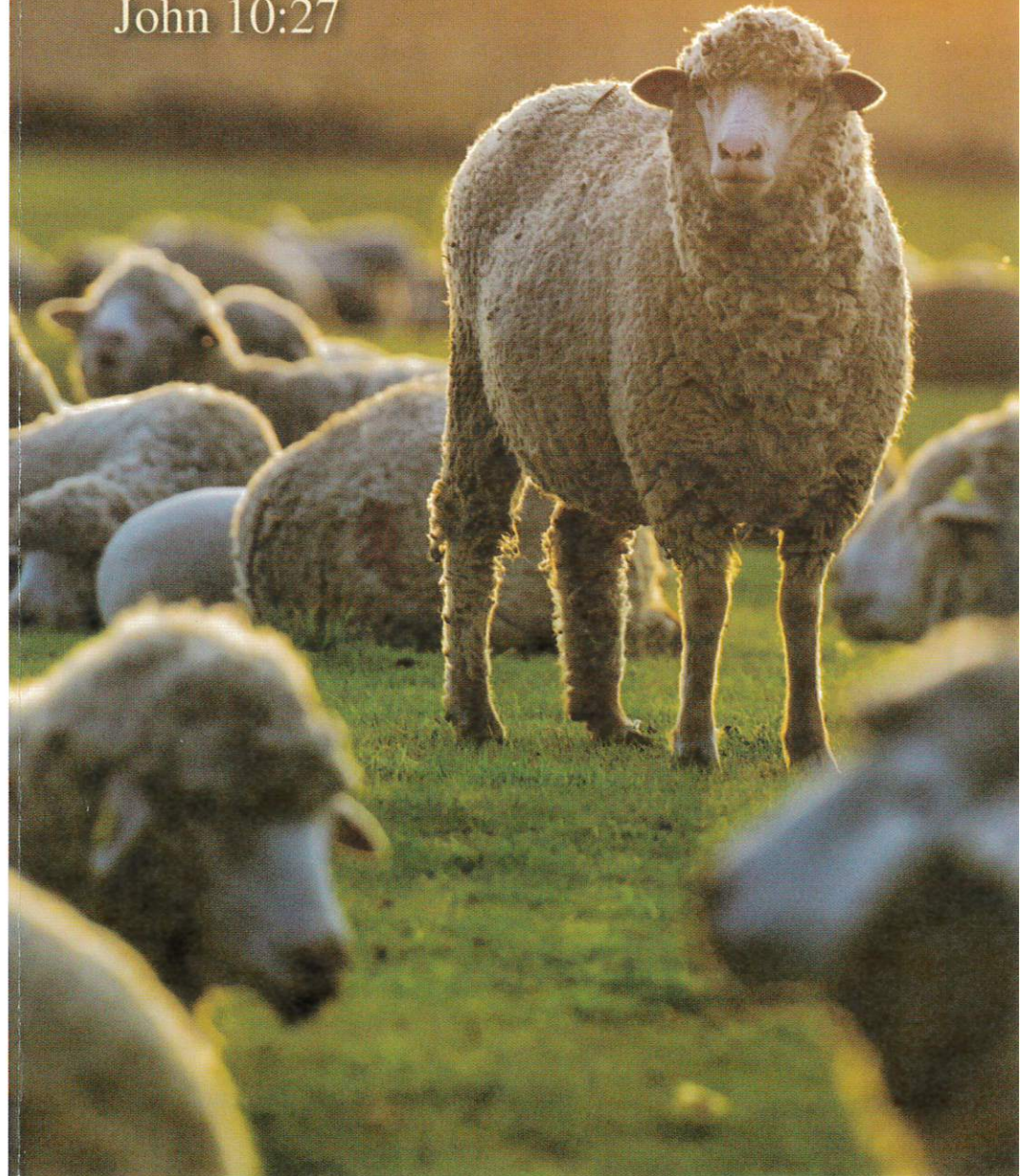
¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Holy Gospel: John 10:22–30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me

John 10:27



Easter

About the Cover: The voice of the Good Shepherd is a distinct one. It resounds with the truth of Scripture and promises of protection, care, and love. We hear our Good Shepherd, Jesus, whenever we gather together around Word and Sacrament. In these places, He speaks to us: "I forgive you. I baptize you. This is My body given for you. This is My blood shed for you."

HAPPY Mother's DAY



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**Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
Divine Service w/ Holy Communion**

**8:45AM
9:45 AM**

Holy Communion-The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, refuse to amend their sinful life, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked, out of Christian love for you, not to commune.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

May 12th, 2019

- Baptismal Hymn* 'Father Welcomes' LSB 605
- Rite of Baptism* p. 268
- Rite of Confirmation* p. 273
- Entrance Hymn* LSB 740
- Salutation & Collect* p. 205
- Hymn of the Day* LSB 709
- Distribution Hymns* LSB 821, 710, 641, 864
- Closing Hymn* LSB 711
- Acolyte:* Brocker Bottorff
- Acolyte for next Sunday, May 19th:* Jack Benter
- Organist:* Mr. Ross Rieckers

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held next Sunday, May 19th, following the worship service. All is welcome!



In Our Prayers:

For our Shut-ins: Gladys Lambring, Dorothy Hoevener, Bertha Eggeman, Don Hoevener, Paul McMahan, Mabel Pollert, Everett Hackman, Joyce Sterling, Richard & Phyllis Lambring, John & Patty Surenkamp, Marilyn Darlage.

For Illness/Healing: Jim Reedy, Richard Bane, Dave O'Mara, Jack Wilson, Roberta Main, Allen Holle, Jane Pollert, David Darlage, Joyce Tormoehlen, Jodi Batman, Brenda Klosterman, Max Lambring, Curt Benter, Becky Gillaspay (Daphne Waskom's Aunt-Stroke), Gary Wessel, Victor Schneider, Belinda Bell.

Celebrating: The families of Amos Klosterman, & Cameron and Reid Davis on their baptisms this morning; The families of those being confirmed this morning; Our Mom's on this Mother's Day!

Special Needs: The 8th graders and their trip chaperones as they travel to Washington D.C. for their class trip. (May 16-19)

Bulletin Announcements: Please forward all items for the May 19th, bulletin to Holly Sawyer at sjsoffice.hsawyer@gmail.com, drop them by the school office, or text to 812-528-0645 by 9:00am, Fri., May 17th

***	Date:	5/5/2019
Envelopes/Loose		\$7,956.14
Total		\$7,956.14
Weekly Need to Balance the Budget		\$16,598.84
Total Tithes/Gifts to Date (1/1/2019-5/5/2019)		\$193,911.14
Needed to Date to Balance the Budget		\$298,779.12
Week 18: % of Budget to Date:		65%
Line of Credit		\$0.00
Attendance		260

Fourth Sunday of Easter - John 10:27 - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

mothers This Week's Schedule:

Today: ❀ **day** ❀

+8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
+9:45am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

Tuesday: +8:00p.m. Men's Club/Bible Study

Thursday: +7:00p.m. Preschool/Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday-Sunday:
+8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C.

Friday: +8:30a.m. Chapel
+10:00a.m. Church Cleaning

Next Sun. +8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
+9:45am Divine Service
+After Service: Sunday School Picnic
+12:30p.m. Weeding/Mulching Church Flower Beds
+4:30p.m. Installation @ Emanuel, Dudleytown

Zion Staff Recognition - On May 19th, Zion will thank the Lord for the service of several staff members in a special meal/reception immediately after the 10:30am service, including Janeen Keinath on her retirement; Chrissy Heiss as she concludes her ministry at Zion; and Irma Darlage, Carol Franklin, Kris Knott, and Ashley Brown who are marking service milestones. Please join us in thanking these ladies for their faithful service!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL... Michelle Bauman has served as teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School for 17 years. On June 1st she will begin serving as Y4Life Director of Lutherans for Life. You are cordially invited to an ice cream social on Sunday, May 19th from 6:30-8 PM at St. Paul (Clifty), 6045 East State Street, Columbus. This will be an opportunity for friends, current and former students, and community members to offer thanks for her service at Trinity. Please join us for an ice cream sundae as we recognize and thank Michelle.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Waymansville, on Saturday May 18th, from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Join us for dinner! Berries, Brats, & BBQ. Pedal Tractor Pull at 5:00pm Trophies to winners.

A BIG THANK YOU to the 7th & 8th grade class for setting up for the Confirmation Reunion Dinner, and to all those that donated food, prepared the food, helped serve, clean up, and to everyone that came to help celebrate.
-The Stewardship Committee. Lorna Wessel & Lindsey Schepman

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

It is with great joy and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that we announce the Installation of our new Pastor, Rev. Ken Davidson!

The Service of Installation will be **Sunday May 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.** at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Dudleytown, Indiana. The Third Vice President of the Southern Region of Indiana District, Nathan Rastl, will serve as the Installer. Area clergy will also participate in this special Service of Installation. Rev. Dean Wenthe, President Emeritus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft Wayne, will preach the sermon. There will also be a meal served immediately following the service to welcome Pastor Davidson and his family to our community!

We invite you to celebrate with us here on May 19th God's provision of a shepherd for His people to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for all!

If you cannot be with us on May 19th, we ask that you remember our congregation and Rev. Davidson in your congregational and personal prayers on May 19th.

In His Service,
The Members of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Dudleytown



A New Funeral Dinner Sign-up form is on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone (men & women) available to serve and/or donate food items for the next funeral dinner. **Funeral Meals** This is such a wonderful service we do for one another. Thank you to everyone that has signed up and helped with previous dinners.

I KNOW THAT MY *Redeemer lives*
JOB 19:25

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A Special Event Featuring ...

- A powerful message from Rev. Michael Zeigler, new Speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio program
- Scripture Readings
- Hymn Sing

Sunday July 21, 2019

1 p.m.

Grandstand
 Jackson County
 Fairgrounds

SENT

"As the Father has sent Me,
 I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21



Easter IV/Mother's Day – Among motherhood's greatest works is comforting distraught little ones. Where the world would wipe out lives by murder, the Lamb once slain but raised again mothers us by wiping away our tears (Revelation 7:17). Heavenly Father's forgiveness and salvation heal even the guilt of abortion, the grief of terminal diagnosis, and the fear of complicated pregnancy. The Hand that rules the world also rocks the cradle.

BEING BROUGHT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH



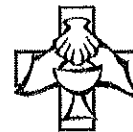
BAPTISM this morning is Amos Andrew Klosterman. He is the son of Clayton & Hannah Klosterman, born April 30th, 2019. His baptismal sponsors/witnesses are Mrs. Lacey Vaughn & Mrs. Emily Nehrt.

ALSO BEING BROUGHT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD



THROUGH BAPTISM this morning is Cameron Wayne Davis, born 08/21/14 & Reid Henry Davis, born 07/11/16. They are the sons of Derek & Megan Davis. Cameron & Reid's baptismal sponsors/witnesses are Mr. Benjamin Sitterding & Mrs. Sarah Brown.

BEING CONFIRMED during the worship service this morning is:



- † **Derek Davis:** *Phil. 4:13*
- † **Megan Davis:** *Jer. 29:11*
- † **Sarah Pollert:** *Joshua 1:9*
- † **Trina Hoeverer:** *Psalms 143:10*

May God the Holy Spirit continue to embolden you to make that "good confession" of the faith in both word and deed.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is just around the corner. There is a sign-up



sheet for all our graduates. If you know of any of our graduates in High School and College who are members here at Sauer's, please put their information down so we can recognize them on **Sunday, May 26th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We will be planting new annuals, weeding and mulching the church flower beds next Sunday, May 19th, at 12:30p.m. Please bring buckets, shovels or other tools you may have. Please call Lis Decker 812. 521.0804, or Brenda Klosterman 812.521.5959, if you have any questions.



Seven Deadly . . . Virtues? (Part 5: Wrath)

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

Medieval Christianity had a name for sins that were particularly shameful for those who committed them and especially harmful to those victimized by them. They were known as the seven deadly sins: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, and pride. Today, each of the seven deadly sins is now embraced, promoted, and even considered an American virtue. Wrath—that is, self-righteous indignation—is no exception.

At first, it might not seem that Americans hold wrath to be a virtue. Most people feel uncomfortable when someone else gets angry. Most people feel bad after losing their temper. Retailers, medical personnel, and law enforcement officers put great effort into mitigating and dispelling anger in order to prevent a worse situation. However, these examples are only part of the equation.

The well-known phrase "litigation nation" tells the rest of the story. Wrath is ennobled by our American desires for personal satisfaction and financial gain. Any misstep or miscalculation—intentional or unintentional, real or imagined—exposes everyone to legal danger. The due process of law easily transforms into a quest for vengeance, which is fueled by wrath. Wrath is an American virtue.

The popularity of vigilantism in the entertainment media adds proof to the point. Countless dramas turn on the premise that this mother or that police officer did not receive satisfaction from the judicial system after a crime perpetrated against a loved one or close friend. Time to deal with this myself! I will get the personal revenge and the inner feeling of justice that the public system refused me. After applauding, the American audience tunes in again next week.

God's apostle Paul had a good reason for writing to the Roman Christians, "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'" Whether we like it or not, the word *never* in this verse is pretty exclusive. Paul's words echo the words of our Lord: "If anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well" (Matthew 5:40). As these verses indicate, the Scriptures call upon us to prefer personal loss to personal justice.

Our American citizenship gives us full and equal protection under the law—and we are free to allow ourselves such protection. Our confession of faith calls us to self-restraint, not using the courts (or any other means) to exercise the American virtue of wrath.

Who might benefit from the lack of wrath and self-restraint of our faith? Many people!

- We ourselves will benefit first. By not exercising wrath, we end up waiting upon the Lord, according to His command and promise, "Wait for the LORD, and He will deliver you" (Proverbs 20:22). This waiting is faith in Christ. He not only bore our sins but also the sins of those who sin against us.
- Our children and other close family members will likewise benefit. They will learn the Christian faith from us, not merely by our words, but also by our deeds.
- Finally, the unbelieving world around us will hear and see our hope in the resurrection at the coming of Christ. We gladly suffer our losses now! There is nothing we might lose that our Christ cannot restore again! Even if they should take all things from us, "the Kingdom ours remaineth" (LSB 656:4).

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