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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

April 25, 2021

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**

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4th Sunday of Easter
25 April 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Acts 4:1–12 / Psalm 23 / 1 John 3:16–24 / John 10:11–18

Sermon Title: *“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*
Sermon Text: John 10:11-18

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

As we continue through this Easter Season, today I want us to look at Jesus as a shepherd. There are lots of old paintings and pictures of Jesus leading and guiding a small flock of sheep. They are all beautiful, and they all depict Jesus as a mild-mannered shepherd.

Of course, when we look at many other parts of the Scriptures, we see that Jesus expresses a variety of emotions. He’s not just a passive teacher. He’s the fullness of God our heavenly Father, and that means that he experiences all kinds of emotions including all that being a shepherd requires.

In our Gospel lesson this morning from John chapter 10, Jesus refers to himself as The Good Shepherd. *11 I am the good shepherd* (Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:12, 23; 37:24; Zech. 13:7; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4). *The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep* (1 John 3:16). *12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.”* (John 10:11-13)

Right off the bat, Jesus explains who he is and what it means to be a shepherd. He is 100% committed to caring for the sheep which he has been put in charge of. He points out that he is not like a hired hand, who runs away at the first sign of a danger and leaves the sheep to fend for themselves.

Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd. “He owns the sheep and has a personal stake in their welfare” unlike the hired hand, “...*who does not own the sheep*” and has nothing to lose. (*Gospel Handles* by Francis C. Rossow, p. 303)

A key point here in this text is that Jesus OWNS the sheep. The sheep are not just free and scattered. They are owned by Jesus. The same goes for you and me. When God the Holy Spirit creates faith in each of us, and continues to nurture that faith in us, we grow in the grace and knowledge of what Jesus has done for us.

When we are brought to faith in Jesus, we become his. We belong to Jesus. That’s part of being a disciple of Jesus—being devoted to one person. If we don’t belong to Jesus then we belong to someone else. “*Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.’*” (John 8:34)

Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd, who “cares for the sheep and protects them—unlike the cowardly hired hand.” (Rossow, p. 303) The hired hand, on the other hand, is most interested in keeping himself safe and not worrying about the sheep.

As the Good Shepherd Jesus OWNS the sheep—and he owns us, since we have been brought out of darkness into God’s glorious light. Jesus also CARES FOR US. He protects us and keep us safe. This means that as a shepherd, Jesus will put himself between us and harm’s way. This is how much Jesus cares for us—that he is willing to sacrifice himself for us.

And this is exactly what he did. Jesus willingly died on a cross for you, for me and for all people in order to forgive us our sins and to make us whole and holy in the sight of God our Heavenly Father’s eyes.

Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd, who “knows his sheep—unlike the indifferent hired hand.” (Rossow, p. 303) A true shepherd knows his sheep. He might even have names for them. A true shepherd shows true care and concern for his sheep.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd OWNS his sheep. Jesus CARES FOR his sheep. Jesus KNOWS his sheep. “*When [Jesus] has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*” (John 10:4)

Jesus as our Good Shepherd knows us. He knows what we need before we ask. He knows what we want. And we know Jesus. When we spend time reading and listening to God’s Word regularly—when we spend time praying and asking God to teach us more about his Word—then we get to know Jesus more.

Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd, who willingly “lays down his life for the sheep, a sacrificial and vicarious act mentioned no less than four times in this reading (vv. 11, 15, 17, and 18). The shepherd dies for the sheep!” (Rossow, p. 303)

Jesus as the Good Shepherd puts himself in harm’s way in order to protect us—his children. “*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*” (Ephesians 5:1-2)

As the Good shepherd, Jesus has big responsibility—responsibility that was given to him by God our Heavenly Father. The responsibility Jesus has is taking care of all of us. ²⁷ *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My 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.*” (John 10:27-29)

Part of Jesus’ responsibility in caring for us is to teach us His Word and to equip us with tools so that we can go and share the Good News with other people. We are all the sheep that Jesus cares for. As sheep we follow Jesus around. This is exactly what a disciples is—someone, who follows Jesus around learning from him.

Everyone, who confesses that Jesus is Lord, is a disciple. Now, granted, not all disciples are the same. Some disciples are simply a Jesus follower—one, who tags along and watches and listens to all that Jesus does, but you don’t do anything as a result of listening to or watching Jesus.

Some disciples grab onto the teachings of God’s Word, and chew on it. Some disciples hunger and thirst for God’s Word, who want to be fed every day with the Bread of Life from Jesus alone. So are you just a follower of the Good Shepherd or are you a devoted disciple of the Good Shepherd?

Jesus continues talking about being the Good Shepherd in verse 14: *14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep that are not of this fold (Isa 56:8). I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd*

(Ezek. 34:23; 37:24).” (John 10:14-16)

Jesus reminds us that as the Good Shepherd he knows his sheep. He knows who belongs to his flock—to his family. Jesus reminds us that he and the Father are one and whatever the Father tells him to do, that is what Jesus does.

Jesus—the incarnate Word of God—also knows what we are supposed to do. Jesus knows how we are to live. Jesus knows what the Prophet Ezekiel wrote: “*the soul who sins shall die.*” (Ezekiel 18:4b) If you don’t do what God’s Word says, then you’re just living the way the pagans live.

God’s Word tells us that you are to do exactly what the Ten Commandments say, which are summarized in the Two Greatest Commandments—Love God and love your neighbor. God’s Word tells us that if you break one of the Ten Commandments, then you actually break all Ten Commandments.

“*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*” (James 2:10) And, as the Prophet Ezekiel tells us very plainly, then if you break one of the Ten Commandments, then the only punishment is death!

But thanks be to God, that God our gracious and merciful Father, has not left us to just wallow in our own filthy sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Instead, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells us “*I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.*”

When Jesus tells us that he lays down his life for us, this means that he willingly died on a cross for you, for me, for all people, so that none of us has to die for all of our individual sins. Instead, Jesus, out of his tremendous grace, mercy and love for us, willingly died on that cross to TAKE AWAY our sins and to give us a new life.

Why on earth would God the Father demand perfection when he gave us the Ten Commandments? Because God is holy, right and just. God is perfect, and he expects us to attain to that high bar. Of course, God our loving and heavenly Father, knows that we are not able to attain to his level of perfection—or to any level of perfection.

Instead, God knows that “*...I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*” (Psalm 51:5), because our first parents—Adam and Eve—sinned against God. From that time on, sin had entered the world and infected every single person, who has been born, and who will be born now and in the future.

This is why God the Father allowed his one and only-begotten Son, Jesus, to die on that cross over two thousand twenty-one years ago for your sins and mine. Jesus’ death and resurrection gave you and me and all people a new life in Christ.

With this new life, with the assurance that Jesus is with us always unto the end of age, he gave us this command: ¹⁹*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰*teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*” (Matthew 28:19-20a)

This is why Jesus says in our Gospel lesson in verse 16: “*And I have other sheep that are not of this fold (Isa 56:8). I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd (Ezek. 34:23; 37:24).*”

There are many more people right here in town—in our county—our state and across the

country—who don't know Jesus or who have turned away from Jesus. Our command from Jesus as one of his disciples is to share the hope you have in Jesus with other people.

Jesus tells us clearly that there are more people, who are part of his sheep pen—people, who are part of his eternal family—and that he needs to bring them into his family. Jesus does his work through each of us. Each of us is given the opportunity to share the hope you have in Jesus so that other people will see your good works and good words and give glory to our Heavenly Father.

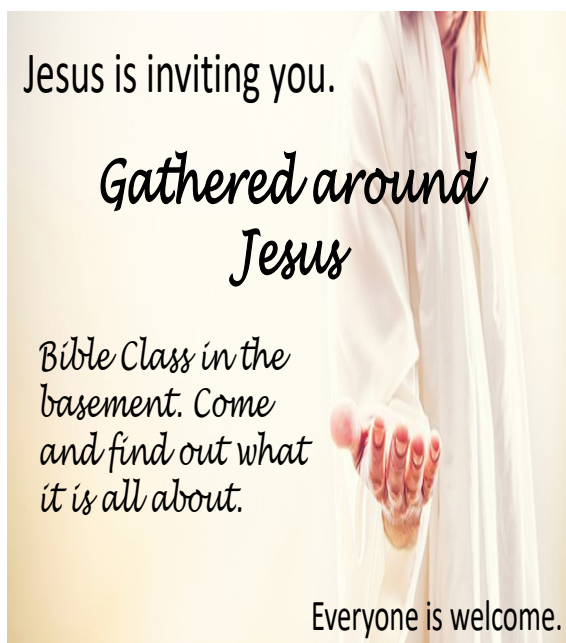
Jesus wraps up our Gospel lesson this morning as he talks more about what it really means for him to be the Good Shepherd. *17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.*” (John 10:17-18)

Jesus allowed himself to be crucified on a cross many centuries ago in order to fulfill God's plan of salvation for all people. Jesus committed his life and then his death into the hand of God our Heavenly Father. Jesus knew that God the Father would raise Jesus from the dead three days after his crucifixion in order to prove to this unbelieving world that God is in control of EVERYTHING—including life.

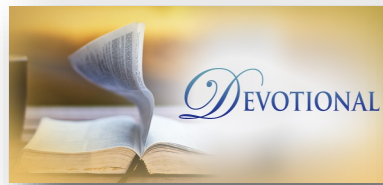
Jesus has been given ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and on earth. No matter what people say against God. No matter what governments do to try and stamp out disciples of Jesus. *“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8:38-39)

This is what is most comforting. Jesus will never leave you. Jesus will never forsake you. Jesus says in the last sentence of the last chapter of Matthew's Gospel: *“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:20b)

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.



True Treasure



THE APOSTLES' CREED—THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in ... the forgiveness of sins.

What does this mean? In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)

FOR SHARING

1. A Spanish poet wrote, "If I die, I forgive you; if I recover, we shall see." Is this forgiveness? Explain.
2. In worship we confess to God, "We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone." What do these words tell us about sin and its influence in our lives?
3. A friend confides, "God could never forgive me for what I've done. I'm beyond redemption." How would you respond?
4. Luther wrote in his 95 Theses, "The treasure of the church is the Holy Gospel of the glory and grace of God" (62). Why is the Gospel our one, true treasure in life?
5. In what ways does Christ's "daily and rich" forgiveness enable you to live in an *unforgiving* world?

PRAYER Heavenly Father, thank You that You have forgiven all my sins in the name of Jesus, my Redeemer. Give me courage and the resolve to forgive others who sin against me. Help me to share forgiveness in every relationship. I thank and praise You for my new life and ask that You guide me to greater love and compassion toward all people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Camp Okobojo are in need of additional Summer Staff for 2021 Are there high school juniors, seniors and college age youth that are looking for summer employment and an opportunity to serve others? The Camp is offering payroll plus full room and board for the summer. Please contact Izaak Wendorff Discipleship Director or Kirk Warnke, Executive Director at (712) 337-3325 or izaak.campokobojo@gmail.com or kirk.campokobojo@gmail.com

April 30—May 2: **VOLUNTEER WEEKEND**

Volunteer Weekend is a great time to enjoy Camp Okobojo and share your time and talents. Help prepare Camp Okobojo for the upcoming summer season. Room and board will be provided for volunteers. Our first omelet brunch of 2021 will be Sunday morning, May 2. Please make plans to assist your camp by working at Volunteer Days and/or serving at the Omelet Brunch. For room and board accommodations, please call the office at (712) 337-3325!!

A Big Thank you to Kay Johnson for your service, she is stepping down as the head of altar guild for many years and also for Janeal Holmes for stepping up into that position. God's Blessings to both of you.

Thank you Wayne Kafton for filling in as a scripture reader today. It was very much appreciated.

Please Note: The confirmation date has been changed to May 16th, for our service of confirming our 3 young ladies of our church family.

In The Word— will be starting up again on May 6th, the 1st Thursday of every month. All are welcome, and bring a friend and enjoy the Bible Study, and fellowship. It will be located in the Church basement. Time: 1:30 pm.

	Week of Schedule 04-26 to 05-02
Mon (26)	Pastor's Family Day
Wed (28)	Confirmation Class 6 pm to 7 pm Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm
Sun (2)	5th Sunday of Easter Services 9:30 am w/ Holy Communion Bible Class 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 04-18-21	\$940.00
Sunday attendance 04-18-21	36
Children in Church 04-18-21	1
Members communed	35
Visitors 04-18-21	2
Bible Class 04-18-21	13
Sunday School 04-18-21	3



PARAMENTS ON OUR ALTAR:

Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Color's Purpose However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings "pretty." Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth "decorations." Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use

Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Just as music is the "handmaiden to theology," liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received. Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific "colorful" chapter in the life of our Lord and his church, retold annually by the church calendar.

Symbolism of Colors It is appropriate, from time to time, to take a thoughtful and fresh look at the colors that are displayed throughout the church year. In the end, we admit, the use of paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners is an adiaphoron. Even the symbolism behind the traditional colors is somewhat arbitrary and open to additional interpretations as generations pass. The primary source and guarantor of their meanings is tradition. However, the important thing to remember is why we retain this traditional liturgical standard. The value of the "Bg-BgsPwr" color scheme rests in their purpose: to serve God's worshiping community by assisting in communicating the holy faith from generation to generation. In every age, the beauty and symbolism of color in the church continues to serve us exceptionally well!

White

White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the "great fifty days" of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Andre	Wanda	Apr 02, 1950
Bruhn	Hadley	Apr 08, 2018
Bruhn	Cooper	Apr 14, 2013
Dose	Elnora	Apr 17, 1949
Elmquist	Kay	Apr 03, 1938
Goslar	Maverick	Apr 10, 2011
Krusen	Jeff	Apr 06, 1958
Laboube	Rose	Apr 12, 2020
Lafrentz	Rita	Apr 15, 1945
Muckey	Dennis	Apr 16, 1950
Phillips	Marlene	Apr 05, 1936
Scott	Lin	Apr 21, 1946
Scott	Kolby	Apr 03, 2005
Scott	Darrell	Apr 21, 1946



We are listing
Baptismal birthdays
to remember and celebrate
the day we were
adopted into the family of
God through the washing
of the
Holy Spirit.

BIRTHDAYS

Name		Birthday
Brown	Brian	Apr 05, 1962
Chandler	Joan	Apr 30, 1944
Goslar	Jennifer	Apr 17, 1975
Goslar	Les	Apr 18, 1948
Goslar	Darren	Apr 27, 1983
Kafton	Zola	Apr 02, 1943
Kafton	Wayne	Apr 27, 1942
Scheer	Weston	Apr 22, 2015
Scott	Darrell	Apr 16, 1945
Wunschel	Kathy	Apr 27, 1958

God's Blessings 80 +yr. Birthdays

Conyers	Robert	Apr 24, 1936	85
Dose	Darlene	Apr 24, 1934	87
Means	Freda	Apr 03, 1927	94
Thies	Maxine	Apr 28, 1937	84

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

God's Blessings



Jeff and Karen Krusen	Apr 06, 1979	42
Gary and Maxine Thies	Apr 18, 1980	41

New Confirmation Class

Will be Confirmed on

May 16, 2021

1. Trista Ohlmeier
2. Chelsey Paulsen
3. Marley Scott

In His Footsteps:

Meet each new day
knowing that God is by
your side and will lead
you every step of the
way.

First Name	Last Name	Age	Confirmation
Melvin	Schrader	94	May 12, 1940
Phyllis	Fick	92	Apr. 27, 1941
Freda	Means	93	May 27, 1942
Deloris	Livermore	91	Apr. 25, 1943
Ferne	Jacobson	90	Apr. 05, 1944
George	Koithan	88	May 20, 1945
Ruth	Bruhn	88	Apr. 21, 1946
John	Fick	88	May 19, 1946

*They Stood firm in their faith 75 yrs.
and counting*

Give the office a call or the Pastor...

Before going to hospital	Need a ride to a Dr's appt	Need of a visit
Private communion	Address or name changes	Birth of your baby
Desire to serve your Lord through the Church	Entering armed services	Making wedding plans
	Death in the family	

Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." **Romans 12:12**

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek Carol Dose Selma Schrader Alan Bruhn
Myrna Gosch Mavis Skow

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Sheri Heilman— Sue Oberg's sister; **Ron Kraffle** friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Penny Mauch** friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Tammy Jean Bramley**, mother of Sam Kelm; ; **Cheri Moe**, niece of Dorothy Wessling.

Those who serve in the military

Triston Twedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army @ Ft. Lewis, WA
Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force @ FE Warren AFB in Wyoming.

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce @ Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett TX

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

** indicates a new address

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934
Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 2
Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
1726 Marcella Heights
Carroll, IA 51040

****Delores Boysen** 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
3903 S.W. Hollowbrook St.
Bentonville, AR 72712

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928
Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941
Pleasant View Care Center
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
Whiting, IA 51063

Those on our prayer list:

Nazaria Kaderabek
310 S. 6th St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Sheri Heilman
(Sue Oberg's sister)
1721 Lincoln Street
Great Bend, KS 67530

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Mavis Skow
102 North 6th Apt #1
Mapleton, IA 51034

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness,
Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and
Faithfulness.
You will be rewarded*





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LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY
 READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am e very Sunday am at the
 church. Facebook page-.St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton- Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website:
www.stmatthewmapleton.org – Our services posted weekly **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Luther-**
an Family Service: www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp Okoboji –
www.campokoboji.org **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday
 on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM
 (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit
www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEPHEARD HOUR** airs
 on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM;
 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lofsiowa.org **MainStreet Living—** is
 a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on
 KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes
 are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship ser-
 vice that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear Lord,

I am overwhelmed with the works of Your hands. You sustained my life and created a
 way for me to know You personally. When I think of You, I am very humbled to think
 that you would do all this for me. To You alone goes All glory and honor. In Jesus name,
 Amen.