

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

It doesn't happen very often that Good Shepherd Sunday lands on Mother's Day. I didn't share this last Sunday as I found it too late but thought I would share it today. Just like last week with a prayer that was similar to the Lord's Prayer, changing Psalm 23 caused a lot of negative feedback. As Pr. Fred Melton shared with me and I concur, we could consider these prayers as additional spiritual prayers, along with, not in replacement for the traditional prayers/scriptures.



THE LORD IS MY MOTHER, I WANT FOR NOTHING. SHE LAYS ME DOWN AT NIGHT. SHE TAKES MY HAND BY DAY AS WE STROLL BY THE SEA.

SHE MAKES ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF. SHE GUIDES ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR HER NAME'S SAKE.

SOMETIMES I MUST WALK THROUGH LONELY ALLEYS BUT YOU'RE WITH ME, MOM. YOUR WIT AND YOUR COMPASSION, THEY ENCOURAGE ME.

YOU PREPARE ME A STRENGTHENING MEAL IN FRONT OF THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE FUN OF ME. YOU BATHE ME IN YOUR PERFUMED OIL, YOUR LOVE SPILLS OVER ME.

I EXPECT GOOD AND EVEN GREAT THINGS TO HAPPEN TO ME. AND I WILL BE AT HOME IN THE LORD'S HOUSE FOREVER.

---Ramona C. Carroll

Many congregations are creating guidelines to prepare ourselves if federal agents come onto our property. Our Safety and Emergency Preparedness Team has created guidelines for us to follow. They are posted in the kitchen and in the narthex if you would like to read them in full. Basically, it shares that we are to greet any officer like we would any guest. Get their name and badge number if possible. Look for the warrant that they should have to enter private spaces. Most spaces in the church are public, except the school, the office area, Fonda's office, and garage. We do not need to share information about people. These guidelines aren't written to scare us or to be politically motivated. They are just there to help in case it occurs, so we know what to do.

Last Sunday, I shared a bit of a song during the children's message. JoAnn Jordan posted a link to a cute video of the song that I wanted to make sure everyone saw. Baa! Baa! Baa! Baa!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwWZLcROV\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwWZLcROV_Q)

Remember on Sunday, May 25 we will celebrate Addison Miller graduating high school with a liturgy during worship and a coffee hour in her honor.

God bless,

-PrAshley