

Peace Lutheran Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday April 21, 2024

As We Gather ...What's in it for me? That is often the world's question and ours too. Jesus comes as the Good Shepherd to battle the enemies of sin and death and to protect and defend us, His sheep. He does this all not for Himself but for us. For us He lives, for us He dies, and for us He rises again. He took on our flesh and blood not for gain or glory but in order to battle our enemies and win for us the victory only He could win. Now we hear His voice, respond with joy, and in gratitude follow His lead to eternal life. What's in it for me? Jesus answers: "Your salvation."

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

WELCOME CHILDREN- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

HEARING AIDS and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

PSALM 23

(A Psalm of thanks in which a Christian heart praises and thanks God for teaching him and keeping him in the right way, comforting and protecting in every danger through His holy Word. -Martin Luther

All: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

OPENING HYMN

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The psalmist reminds us, “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.” With this knowledge, we may confess our sins before God and one another with confidence.

(Silence for self-examination)

Pastor: Merciful God,

All: We go about our days failing to proclaim your saving power with our voices or with our actions. We do not live as ones saved, but rather as people filled with fear and doubt. We often choose what is expedient, not what is right. We close our eyes and ears to those who are in need, and close our hearts to those we claim to love. We are quick to hurt others, and slow to right our wrongs. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we have not lived into our relationship with you. Amen.

Pastor: Friends, the Bible teaches that, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." In Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST READING Acts 4:1-12
(There is salvation in no other name under heaven.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:16-24
(By this we know He loves us: He lays down His life for us.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR **“In His Time”**

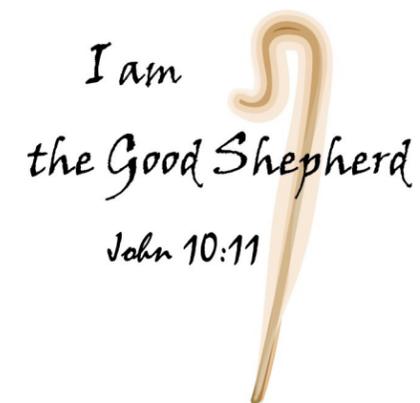


HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-18
(Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord
People: Praise to You, O Christ!



(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us,
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

OFFERING

Please sign the red fellowship book located at the aisle seat in each row and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed,
took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it
and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My
+ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance
of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after
supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to
them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of
the new testament, which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“The Lamb”

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain
 Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His

own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770-1853
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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav’n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God’s tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight. And the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you now and forevermore.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Luci Pommers in memory of her husband's birthday..

ATTENDANCE ON 4/14/24: 9:00am- 11:00am- Total:

THIS WEEK AT PEACE APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday: 8:00 am New Life Christian Church
 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Adult Bible Study
 11:00 am Traditional Communion Service
 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)
 6:00 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday: 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
 5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday: 4:00 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday: ++++++

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW – At the February Voters Meeting, it was announced that the Elders had approved refurbishing our silver communion ware. The silver pieces were sent to be refurbished this past week. The process will take about three to four months. During this time, there will be **no** common cup communion available. There will be no other changes to the Communion Service as we have the communion set from the Fellowship Hall to use as a back-up. And....our beloved set will come back more beautiful than ever.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, April 21, 2024

	<u>9am</u>	<u>11am</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob Hutchison
Greeter:		Charlo Stuart
Reader:	David Hudnell	Don Haven
Acolyte:	Marshall Denninger	Lucas Williamson
Ushers:	Glenn Benitz Scott Ehlers Steve Rusch	Dave Schmidt Roy Poehler Jim DeVries
Altar Care:	Bill & Linda Young	
Cookie & Coffee Service:	L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B. Poore	
Organist:	Karen Foote	
Choir Accompanist:	Robby Waddell	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, April 28, 2024

	<u>9am</u>	<u>11am</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob Hutchison
Greeter:		Connie Morris
Reader:	Al Bosman	Blaine Wanke
Acolyte:	Blake Denninger	Gavin Nava
Ushers:	Gary Taylor Scott Ehlers Steve Rusch	Mike McCracken Tom La Jeunesse Rick Poore
Altar Care:	Bill & Linda Young	
Cookie & Coffee Service:	L. Pommers, D. Pickler, B. Poore	
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