

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday April 25, 2021

**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."

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**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

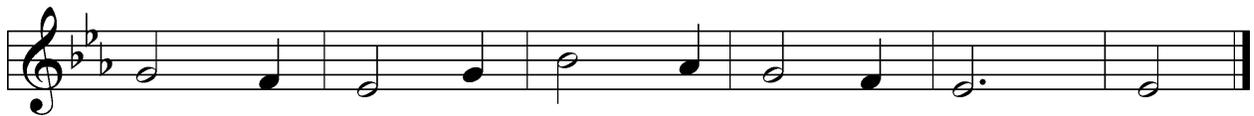
### “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



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.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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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.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**

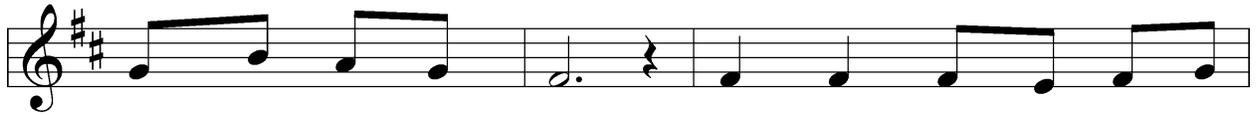


HYMN

“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,



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MESSAGE

“One Flock” John 10

Guest Preacher - Pastor Paul Nelson

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)**

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **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.**

## **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 "My Shepherd Fills My Every Need"



My Shepherd fills my every need:  
For my soul's good, He came to bleed.  
In pastures green, He makes me lie,  
I rest content beneath His eye.

With Him I walk by waters still,  
And drink the peace of His sweet will.  
My tiring spirit He restores:  
His wine of grace from Calv'ry pours.

In righteous paths He leads me on  
From wrath's dark night to mercy's dawn.  
With promise faithful as His name,  
He swears His love, always the same.

Death's mighty shadows cast their pall,  
But Jesus vanquishes them all,  
No ill can touch, nor evil harm  
The treasure kept by God's own arm.

His rod and staff drive out all fear.  
His righteous robes dry every tear.  
Before my foes, this bread He breaks,  
And of His flesh, my soul partakes.

I smell His oil upon my head  
Whose death shall raise me from the dead.  
My cup o'er flows with Calv'ry's wine:  
This blood of God makes heaven mine.

Goodness and mercy follow me;  
Through all the days my life shall be,  
And in God's house, His praise to tell,  
My ransomed soul will ever dwell.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by **Darlene Tegt** in loving memory of her husband.

**ATTENDANCE 4/18/21:** 8:00:32    9:30:37    11:00:59    Total:128

**THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY April 25, 2021**

**8:00am**

**9:30am**

**11:00am**

*Elder:* Blaine Wanke

Bob Hutchison

*Greeters:*

Cindy Klittich

*Readers:* Linda Young

Stacy Hunter

Dave Schmidt

*Acolyte:* Judy Nomi

Marisa Denninger

*Ushers:* Ken Anderson

Scott Klittich

Glen Benitz

Steve Rusch

Scott Ehlers

Mike Elbert

*Altar Care:* Linda Young

*Organist:* Karen Raso

**THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY May 2, 2021**

**8:00am**

**9:30am**

**11:00am**

*Elder:* Dave Schmidt

Tom & Bob Weaver

Al Bosman

*Greeters:*

Cindy Klittich

*Readers:* Bob Lacy

Tom Waddell

Mike Elbert

*Acolytes:*

*Ushers:* Ken Anderson

Scott Klittich

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## **THIS WEEK AT PEACE**

**APRIL 25, 2021**

- Today: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services  
9:30 am Praise Communion Service (FH)  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)  
1:30 pm New Life Church Service
- Monday: *Office closed*
- Tuesday: 8:30 am Men's Bible study via zoom  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Coffee House)
- Wednesday: 10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via zoom  
6:00 pm High School Bible Study  
Luther's Attic Volunteers
- Thursday: 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation
- Saturday: 10:00 am Band Practice
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021**

**TODAY** we welcome Pastor Paul Nelson and his family as he tells us about his upcoming missionary journey to Indonesia. A door offering will be available for donations to support his mission. You can make checks payable to "Peace" and then we will submit one collective check to the synod. Include Pastor Nelson's name in the check memo. Please greet them in the patio area of the Fellowship Hall after service.

**BTW...coffee and donuts are back!!**

### **JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. with a study on the book of Revelation. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** This new study on "Proverbs-God's Gift of Wisdom", meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 8:30am. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.

**THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY** has started a new Zoom study on the Gospel of Mark on Wednesdays at 10 AM. This is a 9 week study. Please contact Diana or Blaine Wanke 805-482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for April-June are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or during the church office hours.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer request please call Sandi Stepp at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

**THE FOOD BANK** Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can once again be put in the donation box in the narthex. All donations will be taken over to the pantry on a weekly basis. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support. Social Concerns Ministry.

**THANK YOU!** Sincerest thanks to everyone who participated in the very successful Blood Drive on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-four (24) pints of whole blood plus one (1) unit of plasma were collected. Although most donors came from the Peace family, we were supported by two donors from St. Johns in Oxnard and several community donors. A special thank you to several first-time donors! Depending on the medical needs at the time, each unit donated may help from one to four patients. Planning ahead, mark your calendar for the Fall Blood Drive scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021.

**GREETERS NEEDED!:** We are in need of welcome smiles with a "hi and welcome!" (no hand shaking) at the door each week on a rotating basis. You pick the service that you prefer to greet at. Please contact Cindy Klittich to sign up @ [caklittich@gmail.com](mailto:caklittich@gmail.com) or 805-377-3117.

**EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES:** Please don't throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling.

**THE 2021 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the white board as you come to the check-in station.

Please bring a pen to sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Two signups are available for each Sunday. The arrangements are \$35.00 each, and the check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the service, you may take your arrangement home. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> are open.

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:** Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Terry Breckinridge, Marshall Denninger, Jordan Dye, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Bev Toro, Earl Totten (Cheryl Sanders' brother) Justyn Varvais and Carol Yung.

### **FOR PEACE AND COMFORT:**

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentland.

*Also remember their families in your prayers.*

