

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday

#### April 21, 9:00 a.m.



#### **GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!**

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship here, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence here is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

#### **Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship**

##### **Litany of Resurrection** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.

For your love and goodness, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.

For your love and goodness, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Heavenly Father,

**May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others. Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits.**

## “He Leadeth Me”

He leadeth me; oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heav’nly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

**REFRAIN:** He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me.  
His faithful foll’wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

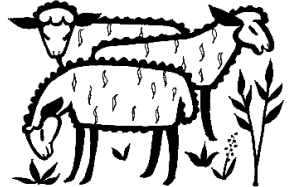
Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see, since ‘tis my God that leadeth me. **REFRAIN**

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vict’ry’s won,  
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. **REFRAIN**

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



“**This is the Feast,**” ELW p. 140 (front of hymnal)

**REFRAIN:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **REFRAIN**

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing and glory are his. **REFRAIN**

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **REFRAIN**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever....**Amen.**

### First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



**“The Lord’s My Shepherd,”** ELW 778

### Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

## “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil,” ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (ELW 512). It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

**Sermon** “Thankless Jobs”, Pastor Grant Quever

*Please stand as you are able.*



**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,”** ELW 502 vs 1, 2, 4, 6

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *(A brief silence.)*

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Birthdays 4/21-4/27: Jennifer Muffick

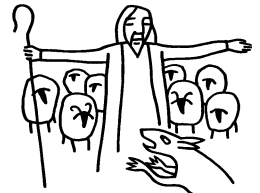
*We pray for Shirley Berndt, Bill Goulding, and Dianna Shamel.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.*



**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray... **Risen One, make us mindful that all we are and all that we have, has been given to us at your hand. May these gifts be used for your Kingdom purposes, so that those who have not heard, and those who are hungry and in need, may experience your love for them. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you...**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts...**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **Preface**

**“Holy,”** ELW p. 144 (front of hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful,”** ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all.  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **Invitation to Communion**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table. (*Please come forward and surround the altar.*)

## “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise,” ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend...**Amen.**

**Blessing** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**



“Savior, like a shepherd lead us,” ELW 789 vs 1, 2, 4

### Announcements for the Good of All

**Offering** – please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Dismissal** - Grow in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Peace Lutheran Announcements

*Pastor Grant Quever – Phone: (262) 332-9300, Email: gquever@wi.rr.com*

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*Attendance for Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 20 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed, 1 virtual*

*General Offerings for Sunday, April 14, 2024 - \$925.00*

*Mt Meru Coffee Donations - \$20.00*

*Maundy Thursday Donations - \$25.00*

**Save the Date...** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Women of Peace Potluck Salad Supper will be held on May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Peace fellowship hall. More details to come soon!

**Peace Lutheran Yard Signs & Door Hangers...** Promote Peace Lutheran Church by displaying a sign in your yard or distributing door hangers in your neighborhood. Items available at church - see a council member.

**Joys and Concerns...** If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3x5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

**Coffee Fellowship...** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after worship. Sit, relax, and chat together! The sign-up sheet to host is posted in the Narthex.

**Growing Relationships...** Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

**Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates...** Please have all information and/or articles emailed to [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com) by the following dates and times:

- ❖ Peace Lights information for the bulletin emailed by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Peacepipe articles for April are due the third Saturday of the month

**TLC Giving Baskets...** The most needed items for March and April are crackers, cereal, peanut butter, and healthy snacks for kids. Thank you!