



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Shepherd Sunday
May 8, 2022

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before Him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are His.

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him and bless His name.

For the Lord is good.

**His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

HYMN 710 (Maroon): The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

9:15am Creation Sings the Father's Love

Psalm 23. A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (ESV)**

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CONFESSION

Let us come before God in a time of confession.

Good Shepherd, we often take your care for granted.

In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough.

In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love.

When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you.

Forgive us for our sinfulness and disobedience.

**Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence,
that our actions may proclaim your truth.**

When we confess our sins, God forgives us and restores us as members of His flock.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

6:30pm, 8:00am, 10:30am This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

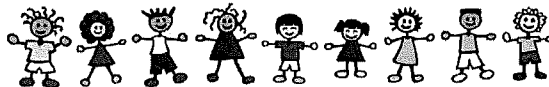
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)**

**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. (Refrain)

9:15am This Is Amazing Grace



9:15am Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

²⁵ "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³² "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " (NIV)

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SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'" (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)
Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.
Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one." (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN 711 (Maroon): Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

9:15am Hymn of Heaven

SERMON A Picture of Heaven Pastor Asher

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

9:15am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Morning Has Broken

Mother's Day Hymn

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

6:30pm, 8:00am, 10:30am

A MOTHER'S DAY HYMN

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. Praise to Him who reigns above, for the joy of Mother's love,
Tenderest heart, my sorrows mend. God's great gift, my Mother, friend
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. May our eyes see Mother's care, let us listen, kneel in prayer.
Keep us free from sin's dread way. Light our night and guide our day.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. While I'll never cease to pray, and I'll keep my Mother's way.
Wearied tho' the paths she trod, Through her life we see our God.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thyself, best gift Divine! To our race so freely giv'n;
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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