



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Shepherd Sunday
April 30, 2023

**6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 710 (Maroon): The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
10:30am Come, Let Us Worship**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

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

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.
Yea, 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 runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN G630 (Green): You Are My All in All

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Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldbjerg, 8:30am Lynn Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."
²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (NIV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

▲ **6:30pm, 8:30am Alleluia, page 173 (Maroon)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

10:30am Caribbean Hallelujah

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

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

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”

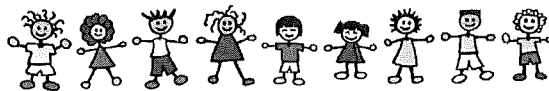
⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (NIV)

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

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.**

**Children’s Message: Sheep Loved by the Good Shepherd**

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

SERMON Devoted Text: Acts 2:42-47 Pastor Meyer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

6:30pm, 8:30am Page 198, Agnus Dei

HYMN 740 (Maroon): I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

HYMN 525 (Maroon): Crown Him with Many Crowns

10:30am **SONGS: I Am the Bread of Life; Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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.**

All services: HYMN 735 (Maroon): Have No Fear, Little Flock



Friday, May 5th – Youth Lock In

May 7th at 1:00pm Rite of Confirmation Service

**May 21, Sunday School Children sing at 8:30am.
10:30am Recognition of High School Seniors.**

**May 21 at 4:30pm, "Pipes and Pizza" Organ Recital by Dr. Charles Luedtke
Pizza in the Peace Center following the recital**

**May 28th, Pentecost and Memorial Day weekend
We will honor our veterans by including patriotic selections.**

**June 12-16 Vacation Bible School – Jesus Is My Lifesaver!
9:00am – 11:30am. Registration forms can be submitted online or in the office.**

**June 19-23 Garage Sale (will be held in the Peace Center)
June 19-20 Set up; June 21-23 Sale dates**

Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays at 11:30am followed by 12:15 lunch (\$10)

June 28th – Brandon Begnaud and Joan DeVee Dixon

July 5th – Patriotic concert with Grace Puckett and the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad

July 12th – Chuck Thiel

July 19th – Cogley Sisters

July 26th – Hutchinson Family Singers

August 2nd – BASICS