



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024

8:30am Hosanna Handbells: I've Got Peace Like a River

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 710 (Maroon): The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

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 often complain of not having enough.

In the presence of danger, we often fail to trust in Your abiding love.

When you set a table before us, we often turn aside from You and Your invitation.

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 Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Hazel Sitz; 10:30am Arlene Benshoof

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1-12

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ²They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone."

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps God's

commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. (NIV)

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

▲ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, Hymn 488 (Maroon)

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord

The gates of heav'n are open.

My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,

Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.

He was dead but now is living.

10:30am Caribbean Hallelujah

GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

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

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." (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.



10:30am Preschool students sing: My God Is So Big

Children's Message: "How Big Is Our God?"

Elementary students sing: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 711 (Maroon): Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SERMON "No Other Name" (Acts 4:1-12) Pastor Meyer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

8:30am Hosanna Handbells: The Lord's Prayer

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm, 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198, Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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

HYMN 525 (Maroon): 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.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 735 (Maroon): Have No Fear, Little Flock

10:30am SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Confirmation Service, Sunday, May 5th at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School sings May 12th at 8:30am. Last day of Sunday School.

Wednesday, May 29th, "Rootbeer and Bells". 5:30pm dinner; 6:30pm program.

Vacation Bible School. June 3-7, 9am-11:30am. JESUS IS MY SUPERHERO!!!

YES, we will have the Hutchinson Fire Truck, costumes, snacks, music, crafts, games, Bible study time, minnow races, etc., and a pizza party/program for families on Friday at 11am.

Pre-register in the office or online. See Dr. Joan to volunteer.

(5th graders and up will be helpers but they should still register.)