



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Shepherd Sunday
May 11, 2025

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 710 (Maroon): The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
10:30am Creation Sings the Father's Love

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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)**

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.**

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.**

HYMN: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

Readers: 6:30pm Corinne Higgins; 8:30am Darlyn Egge; 10:30am Eric Oberg

FIRST READING: Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (ESV)

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SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming 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 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (ESV)

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▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of Creation.
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.**

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-33

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

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" ³³ The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." (ESV)

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



8:30am Sunday School Sings:

Mommy Loves Me / Jesus Loves Me

John 3:16

Children's Message

HYMN G684 (Green): I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

SERMON "Good Shepherd, Lead On" Pastor Weber

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

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Lord, I Need You

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.

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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Sunday School Reception Today

Thank you to our Sunday School children and youth for singing today!

There will be a reception in the Peace Center at 9:30am

For families, children and youth—featuring some fun and a teacher recognition.

Don't forget to sign up for VBS in June!