



*Whatsoever things are*

TRUE,

*whatsoever things are*

HONEST,

*whatsoever things are*

JUST,

*whatsoever things are*

PURE,

*whatsoever things are*

LOVELY...

*Philippians 4:8*

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 2021**

*Prelude*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: 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.

(Pause for self examination)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbor as ourselves. 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**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

**Insert**

Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: For the Peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn of Praise**

A musical score for a hymn of praise. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of 11 staves of music. The lyrics are:   
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.   
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al-might - y God and   
Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we   
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly   
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You   
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on   
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the   
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the   
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -   
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,   
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men



P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all who are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;\*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures\*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Second Reading**

**1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our

heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation—*Alleluia Lord*

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

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

**Alleluia**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John 10:11-18

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

<sup>11</sup>{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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>And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Sermon Song**

**“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”**

**Insert**

Apostles’ Creed

P: Please stand as we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. 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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Offertory**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**We continue to pray for the following:**

**Youth Ministry; 20/30s Ministry; Adult Education Classes:**

**Adult Classes Sunday, Confession Class, Adult Bible Study 1**

|                          |                |                |               |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Chuck Cederman           | Harold Haseley | Lester Walck   | Carol Harbart |
| Britt Gamache            | Mark Lendway   | Alice Lange    | Shane         |
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**Serving in the Military**

|              |                  |                    |                 |
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| Nate Allen   | James Garavaglia | Jillian Kelkenberg | Phillip Messina |
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**Those in nursing homes and shut-ins**

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| Edna Walck | Paul Greinert | Nora Hingle | Marge Kordzikowski |
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**The Lord’s Prayer**

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

**C: who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Benediction and Dismissal

P: And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**Insert**

*Postlude*

**GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD**

**WELCOME** to St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship today. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call his office at 731-4433 or his cell phone 990-6244.

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