

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 905 709 725

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

May 8 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

May 8 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

May 8 9:00 a.m. Christian Growth

May 2-9 Pastor out of the office

May 10 Pastor's Circuit Meeting

May 10 No 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Class

May 10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

May 11 Noon Bible Study Class

May 11 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

May 13 8:00 a.m. Daughters of Peace Rummage and Bake Sale

May 14 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

THANK YOU to Pastor Howlett for bringing us God's message today.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 23. The Good Shepherd of the psalm is Jesus Christ, who says, "I know my sheep, and my sheep know me." Jesus is the one who leads us beside quiet waters and makes us lie down in green pastures. He is the one who leads us in righteous paths. He is the one who comforts us as we pass through death's dark vale. No matter where we go, no matter what we go through, the Shepherd leads his sheep, bringing us safely to his house where we will praise his love forever.

A WORD: In the Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. He knows his sheep, and he leads those who hear his voice to eternal life. They will never perish because nothing is able to snatch them from the hand of Jesus. The epistle lesson holds up Paul as an example of an under-shepherd, someone who served Christ's flock faithfully in Christ's stead. Paul warns us that wolves prey on Christ's sheep, so we must always listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

The reading from Revelation gives us a picture of our victory in heaven. What happens to those who die in faith? They join the saints in heaven who worship God before his throne. They neither hunger nor thirst any longer, "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."

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-7
John 13:31-35

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The sheep know the voice of the shepherd as the voice of the one who feeds and protects. The sheep know to follow Him because He leads to life eternal. We know the voice of our shepherd. He is the one who has laid down His life and taken it up again. No other voice delivers what He alone promises. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

ALTAR COMMITTEE FOR MAY: At Peace it will be Avis Fick and Colleen Small and English will be Linda Wulf.

GOD'S WONDER LAB WILL BE OUR VBS THEME THIS YEAR. We are very excited for this summer's program! VBS will be Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10 from 8:30-11:45. To register, please visit our church website and click register for VBS. VBS is in need of volunteers for the kitchen, crafts, and also teachers! What a great opportunity to connect with our youth! We are also accepting snack donations! Please let Natalie Larson know if you are able to help out, her number is 719-641-7547. Thank you in advance.

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: Daughters of Peace will have their annual Rummage and Bake Sale May 13th from 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. As you do your "Spring" cleaning, please collect items to donate for this sale and place them in the southwest Sunday School room and mark them "rummage sale". No adult clothing or shoes--children's clothes only. If you are able to help with set-up on Thursday, May 12th in the afternoon it would be appreciated.

BLESSINGS JAR: May 15th and the Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words "Scholarship Fund" and your donation will be put into that fund.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: A new pictorial church directory is in the planning stages. The Committee needs updated information on all members. Please complete one of the information sheets that are on the table in the Fellowship Hall and return it to the church office. Thank you all for your assistance in getting up-to-date information.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect dish soap, hand soap, detergent, fabric softener, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz **Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert Mc Kenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 905: COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.
He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;
from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people,

Israel his inheritance.

With upright heart he shepherded them
and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17–35

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22–30

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the Reading

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

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** 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

HYMN 709: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

SERMON

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- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN 725: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

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