

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*April 25, 2021*  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*

## Service Notes

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:** We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

**OPENING HYMN: #746 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"** (See the next page.)

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# 746 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



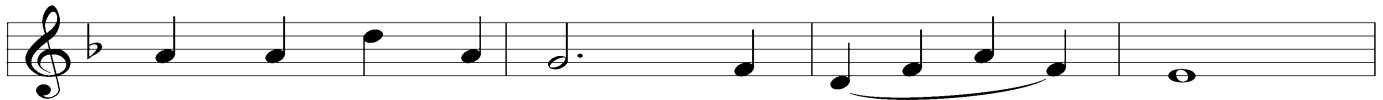
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 Stripped of might up - on the cross.  
 Sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 Shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry!



Of the way you took and gave.  
 Beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss.  
 Have a love that reach - es wide.  
 Wor - thy still your peace and strife!



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



You, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 You, who are both gift and cost.  
 You, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 You, who are our death and life.

*In this hymn—also known as “Christus Paradox”—Sylvia Dunstan uses the picture language of Scripture to highlight the mysterious paradoxes found in the person and work of Christ the King.*

## STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



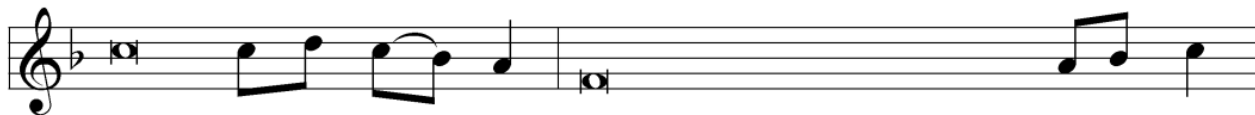
**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:23-33

<sup>23</sup> When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers were gathered together,  
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

<sup>27</sup> for truly in this city there were gathered together against  
your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod  
and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples  
of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had  
predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their  
threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your  
word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while you stretch out your hand to  
heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the  
name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> And when they had  
prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was  
shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and  
continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one  
heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that  
belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in  
common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving  
their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and  
great grace was upon them all.

**Psalms 23** – The congregation sings “The Lord My Faithful  
Shepherd Is” (See next page.) (Public Domain)



1. The Lord my faith - ful Shep - herd is, And me He safe - ly  
 2. A ten - der shep - herd leads his sheep Where pas - tures green are  
 3. And if I ev - er go a - stray, My way - ward soul He  
 4. Why should I ev - er fear, O Lord, Whilst Thee I have be -

guid - eth; I shall not want, for I am His Who all things  
 grow - ing, And there His flock doth guard and keep Be - side still  
 turn - eth, To save the lost, to guide the way, For this He  
 side me? Thou by Thy Spir - it and Thy Word Dost com - fort

good pro - vid - eth. I fol - low Him, I hear His voice, In  
 wa - ters flow - ing. Thus Christ, my Shep - herd, lead - eth me, My  
 ev - er yearn - eth; He lead - eth me, my soul to bless In  
 and dost guide me. In death's dark vale I'll fear no ill, For

Him my Lord I do re - joice - Blest am I in His keep - ing!  
 soul and bod - y feed - eth He And for their wants pro - vid - eth.  
 His own path of righ - teous - ness For His name's sake and glo - ry.  
 Thou, O Lord, art with me still, Thy rod and staff shall stay me.

Thou art my host; for me, Thy guest,  
 A table Thou providest.  
 Though foes be near, I am at rest,  
 Thou still with me abidest.  
 With oil anointest Thou my head,  
 On me Thy blessing rich is shed,  
 My cup with bliss o'erfloweth.

Thy goodness and Thy mercy, Lord,  
 Shall follow me, attending  
 The days Thou dost to me afford  
 Until they reach their ending.  
 Thereafter shall I in Thy love  
 Dwell in Thy house in heav'n above  
 Forever and forever.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1,2**

**3** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

**2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

### **GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

**11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** 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. **13** He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14** 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.”



## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #375 “The King of Love My Shepherd  
Is”** Text: Henry W. Baker

375

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My  
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With  
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my  
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.  
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Your goodness fails me never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
 Within your house forever!

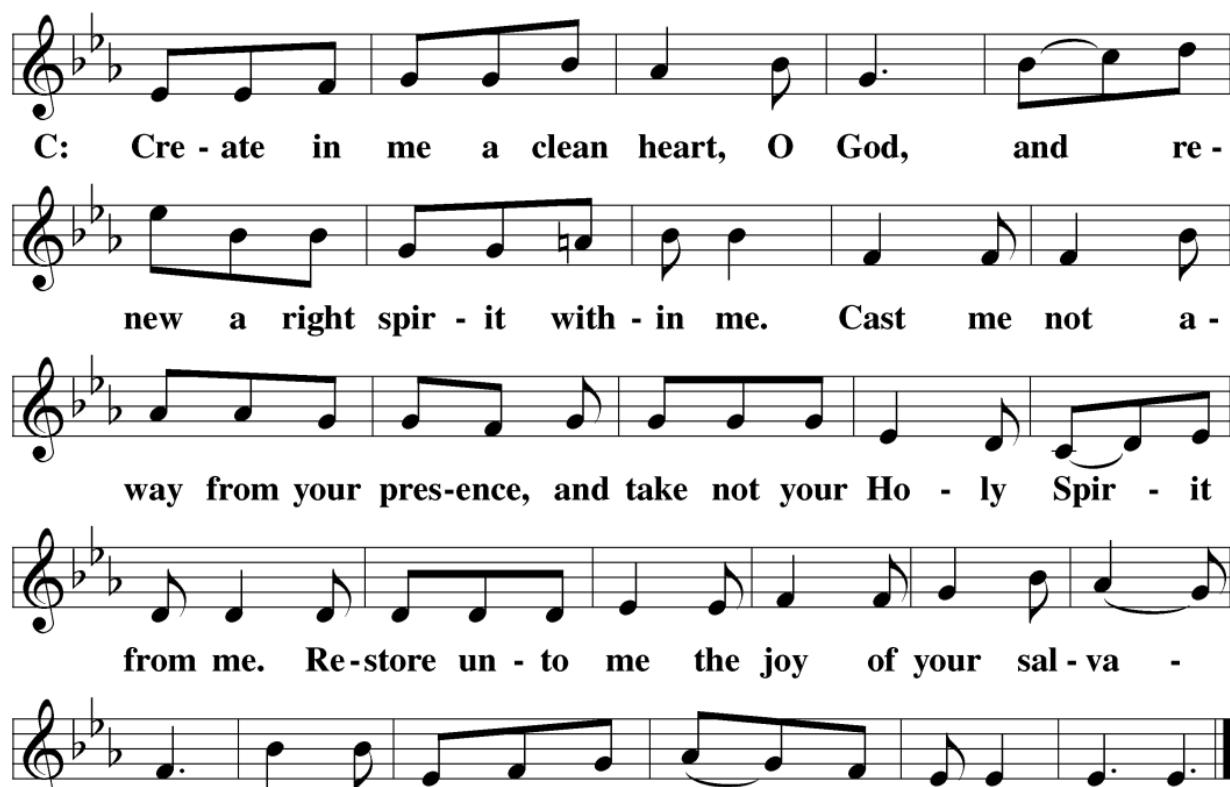
Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

# SERMON

**STAND**

## **PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes or bars.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON** (page 124)

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,  
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd,  
who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, 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.

## BE SEATED

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

## STAND



## THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.



**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei, consisting of six staves in G-clef and B-flat key signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (half). The lyrics are: "C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The lyrics are written below the staves, with "A" under the first G, "-" under the A, and "men." under the final G.

**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM:** "Savior, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding" (Public Domain)

1 Savior, who Thy flock art feeding  
With the Shepherd's kindest care,  
All the feeble gently leading,  
While the lambs Thy bosom share,

2 Now, these little ones receiving,  
Fold them in Thy gracious arm;  
There, we know, Thy Word believing,  
Only there, secure from harm.

3 Never, from Thy pasture roving,  
Let them be the Lion's prey;  
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,  
Keep them thro' life's dang'rous way.

4 Then within Thy fold eternal  
Let them find a resting place,  
Feed in pastures ever vernal,  
Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**#508** “Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd” Text: Jane E. Leeson

**#432** “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

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## 508

## Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are  
 2 Ten - der Shep-herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them  
 3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with  
 4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them  
 go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,  
 heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them  
 chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through. Gent - ly tend and  
 May they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,  
 Al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your  
 Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.  
 thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.  
 yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.  
 saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

## I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.

## THANKSGIVING (page 24)

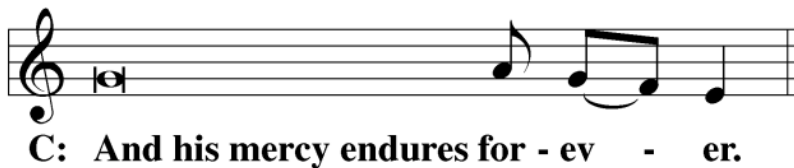
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Organist: Jan Jacobi Soloist: Scott Beckerman

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service      |
|           | - 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class  |
| Tuesday   | - 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting     |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 AM Online Bible Class |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service      |
|           | -10:45 AM Adult Bible Class   |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Diane Wendland  
Ushering – Team 4



**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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"I am the good  
shepherd: the  
good shepherd  
giveth his life  
for the sheep."

- John 10:11