

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*April 22, 2018*  
*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.

## 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!



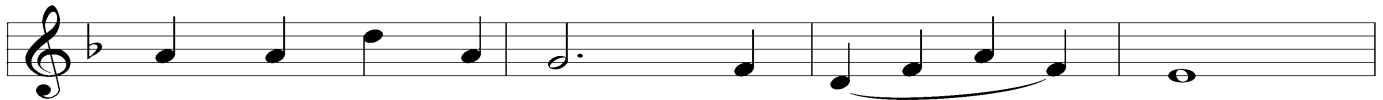
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 Stripped of might up - on the cross.  
 Sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



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.

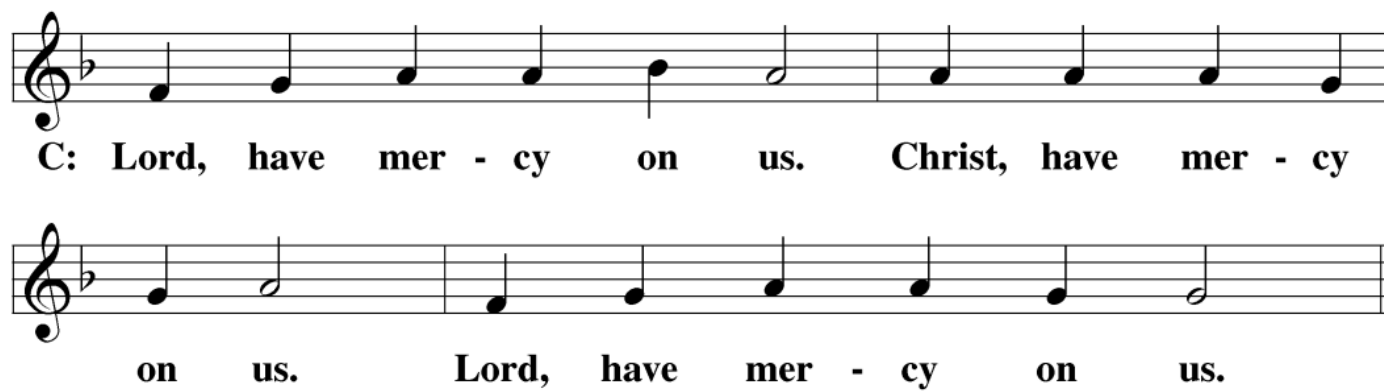


## CONFESSION OF SINS

**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*)



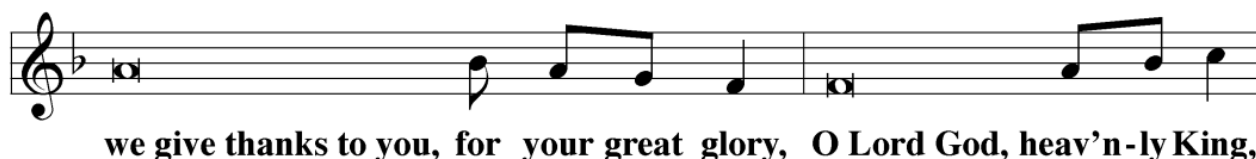
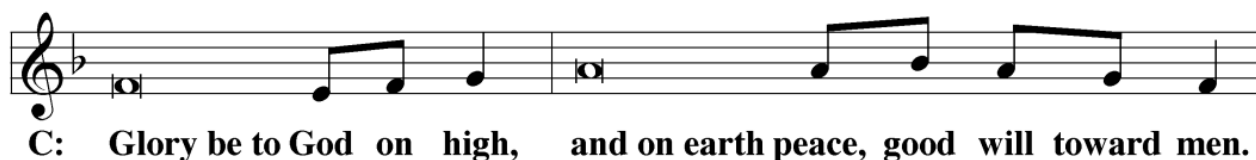
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our

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.





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.

## **Psalm 23 – The choir sings “Brother James Air”**

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The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green.  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of blessedness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me.  
And in my Father's house alway my dwelling place shall be.

## **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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 choir)

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:*



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

<sup>11</sup> 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.”



## **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***

**GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, In Peace”**

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Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace,  
And draw us to you with your passionate pleas;  
Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed,  
To find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.

Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord,  
We cluster around you, and grow by your Word,  
One day to remember these moments so rare,  
Of caring and closeness, just because you are there.

Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme,  
Compassion our nature, your vision our dream.  
Who knows what the Spirit of God can yet do,  
What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?

Host at our table in our house and yours,  
Here bind us together with love that endures.  
Like parents, like children, let this be our fame:  
That blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #375 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

### 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.

*BE SEATED*

### OFFERING

## **OFFERING MUSIC (Handbells) “The Good Shepherd”**

**STAND**

### **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:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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## **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.**



# 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

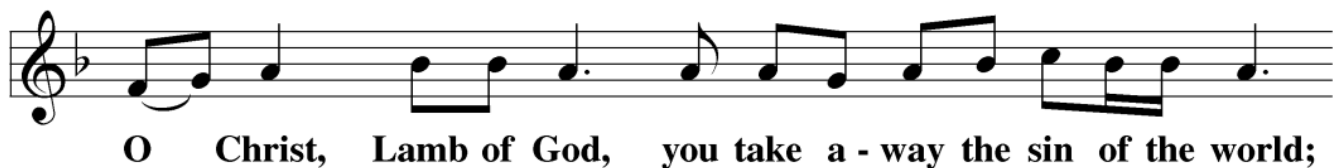


forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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



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



**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**#304** “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

# 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.

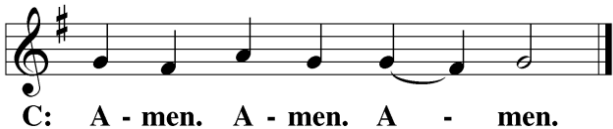
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly 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.



**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.



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Communion Assistants: Dan Lanning and Bruce Winkler  
Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir Soloist: Mark Castellese  
Choirs: Senior Choir and Handbell Choir

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Roots Montessori Meeting (see below) |
| Tuesday   | - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting   |
| Wednesday | - 9:00 AM Bible Class   |
| Thursday  | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir practice   |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service<br>- 10:45 AM Confirmation Reception Brunch        |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Chris Ward; Ushering – Team 2

**ROOTS MONTESSORI** At our Voters' Assembly Meeting on Tuesday (4/17), meeting attendees requested we obtain more information from Roots Montessori regarding the nature of religious teaching in connection with the school. A document was emailed to the congregation

on this issue. **We will hold a meeting after church today** (Sunday 4/22) to address questions regarding this lease opportunity specifically related to the additional materials provided. The goal of the meeting is to make a decision on proceeding to negotiate a lease with Roots Montessori and so that Roots can publish our address.

**Confirmation Reception Brunch:** Sunday, April 29, 10:45 AM. All are invited to a potluck brunch honoring our confirmands on April 29 following the Divine Service. Please bring a dish to share and join these young people in celebrating a milestone in their Christian life.

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

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