

I AM THE  
**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**

I KNOW MY SHEEP  
AND MY SHEEP  
KNOW

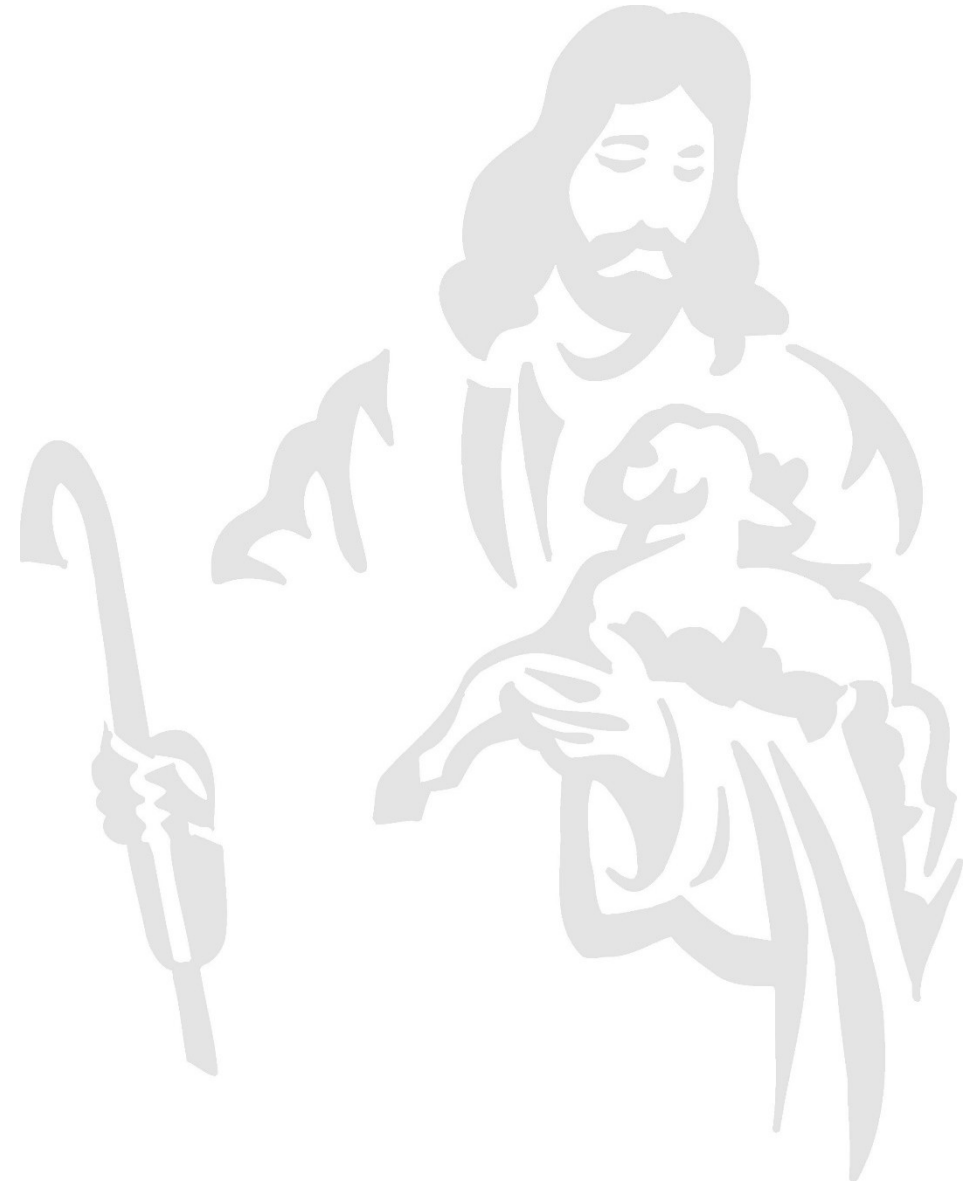
**ME.**



**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

April 25, 2021



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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May our souls be nourished as we graze in the green pastures of God's Holy Word.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. Feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.
- Just ask an usher! We have **large print hymnals** available. A **cry room with audio feed** and a **window into the sanctuary** is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service.

**A PRAYER BEFORE** O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned, O Conqueror invincible, in whom all joys are found, may every heart confess your name, forever you adore, enkindled with the Spirit's flame to love you more and more. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** The Risen Christ is our Good Shepherd.

**OPENING HYMN**

*Thy Word is a Lamp* | **Lappy 313-314**  
*Colossians 3:16 with congregation joining in on the refrain*

**Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.**

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. **Refrain.**

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide,  
And hold me to your side, And I will love you to the end. **Refrain.**

Nothing will I fear As long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain.**

*Stand*

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

**C:** **(spoken) Amen.**

**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**

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Lord, have mercy 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.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

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

**SONG OF PRAISE** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | **CW 340 v 1 & 5**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His life was once an off'ring made That you might live again.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **(spoken) And also 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: **(spoken) Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**FIRST LESSON** *Acts 20:28-32*  
*The Holy Spirit gives us under-shepherds (pastors) to guard, lead, and feed the Good Shepherd's flock with his Holy Word.*

<sup>28</sup>“Always keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure savage wolves, who will not spare

the flock, will come in among you. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own group men will rise up, twisting the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be always on the alert! Remember that for three years, night and day, I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.

<sup>32</sup>“And now I entrust you to God and to the word of his grace, which has power to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

#### **SECOND LESSON**

1 Peter 5:1-4

*The Chief Shepherd gives qualifications for and directions to his under-shepherds (pastors).*

Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and as one who also shares in the glory that is about to be revealed, I appeal to the elders among you: <sup>2</sup>Shepherd God's flock that is among you, serving as overseers, not grudgingly but willingly, as God desires, not because you are greedy for money but because you are eager to do it. <sup>3</sup>Do not lord it over those entrusted to your care, but be examples for the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive an unfading crown of glory.

*Stand*

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

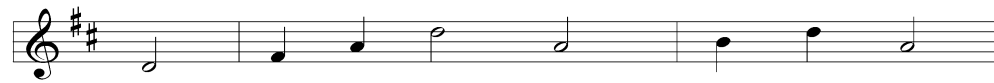
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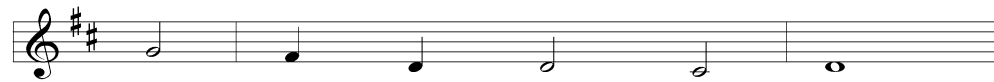
1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie  
 And me to walk doth make  
 Yet will I fear no ill;  
 In pre - sence of my foes;  
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 E'en for his own name's sake.  
 And staff me com - fort still.  
 And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 My dwell - ing place shall be.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



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M: The Gospel according to St. John, chapter 10.

C: (spoken) Glory be to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

*The Good Shepherd gathers sheep from all nations into his one flock, the church.*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
<sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep 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>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

**“The Good Shepherd is Your Whole Healthcare Provider”**

*Pastor Zimpelmann*

Stand

**CREATE IN ME**

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Be Seated

**COLOSSIANS 3:16 AND PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**     *Your Great Name*

By Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff

Lost are saved find their way At the sound of your great name  
All condemned feel no shame At the sound of your great name

Every fear has no place At the sound of your great name  
The enemy: he has to leave At the sound of your great name

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb That was slain for us Son of God and Man  
You are high and lifted up And all the world will praise your great name

All the weak find their strength At the sound of your great name  
Hungry souls receive grace At the sound of your great name

The fatherless: they find their rest At the sound of your great name  
The sick are healed and the dead are raised At the sound of your great name

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb That was slain for us Son of God and Man You are high  
and lifted up And all the world will praise your great name Your great name

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty My Savior, Defender, You are My King  
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Jesus, the name of Jesus You are high and lifted up  
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*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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*

**HYMN**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* | **CW 375**

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me;  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!

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

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story* | **CW 562**  
*Colossians 3:16 with Congregation*

**I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.**

**Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. Refrain.**



**ORGANIST**  
Ruth Koepsell

**GREETERS**  
7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger  
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum