

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Orchestra of Peace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

The Lord's My Shepherd

LSB 710

1. **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.**
2. **My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.**
3. **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.**
4. **My table Thou hast furnishèd In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy, all my life, Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore My dwelling-place shall be.**

8:00 Green Park Ringers and Singers *Sing Out with Joy*

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. (Rev. 7:10)

C: **Those in white robes have come out of the great tribulation; they washed their robes and made them white, in the blood of the Lamb. (7:14)**

L: In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we are sinful by nature. We have sinned in our selfish thoughts, our hurtful words and our unloving actions. We have been like sheep who have gone astray. We have sought refreshment outside of the living waters. We have followed our own paths, not the paths of righteousness. For the sake of Jesus, make us clean. Forgive us our sins. Give us eternal life. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: 🎶 And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray.

C: 🎶 Amen.

THE FIRST READING for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts 20:27-35, pages 929-930: (5:00, 8:00, 10:30)

²⁷For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: 🎶 Thanks be to God.

10:30 Chancel Choir

THE SECOND READING for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from Revelation 7:9-12, page 1032:

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: 🎶 Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL is according to St. John, the tenth chapter, verses 1-10, page 896:

C: 🎶 Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: 🎶 Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED**

(5:00, 8:00 & 9:20)

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Savior, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding

TLH 631

1. Savior, who Your flock art feeding With the Shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading, While the lambs Your bosom share.
2. Now, these little ones receiving, Fold them in Your gracious arm;
There, we know, Your Word believing, Only there, secure from harm.
3. Never, from Your pasture roving, Let them be the Lions' prey;
Let Your tenderness, so loving, Keep them through life's dang'rous way.
4. Then within Your fold eternal Let them find a resting-place,
Feed in pastures ever vernal Drink the rivers of Your grace.

THE SERMON

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

(Psalm 23 - see reverse)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY 8:00 & 10:30 The Orchestra of Peace

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

✠ 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Found in the back cover of the hymnal.)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ✠ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

✠ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Lord My Shepherd Is

TLH 426

1. The Lord my shepherd is, I shall be well supplied.
Since He is mine and I am His, What can I want beside?
2. He leads me to the place Where heav'nly pasture grows,
Where living waters gently pass And full salvation flows.

3. **If e'er I go astray, He does my soul reclaim
And guides me in His own right way For His most holy name.**
4. **While He affords His aid, I cannot yield to fear;
Though I should walk through death's dark shade My Shepherd's with me there.**
5. **Amid surrounding foes He does my table spread;
My cup with blessing overflows, And joy exalts my head.**
6. **The bounties of His love Shall crown my following days,
Nor from His house will I remove Nor cease to speak His praise.**

8:00 Green Park Ringers & Singers

Father Welcomes

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 637, 580, 709, 711

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

1. **This is the day the Lord hath made; He calls the hours His own;
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad And praise surround the throne.**
2. **Today He rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread And all His wonders tell.**

*SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE 8:00 & 10:30 The Orchestra of Peace

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. Edwards

Organist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler; 9:20: Burnell Hackman

Choir Directors: Burnell Hackman, DMM, Debbie Prange, Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Alan Hopfer/Terry Hutton

NEWS AND NOTES:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 17, 2016

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Jim and Donna Stabile in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary on April 15; and from Vern Bollman in memory of what would have been his and Grace's 53rd wedding anniversary on April 20; and from Helen Hellwege, remembering the 84th birthday for husband Wil Hellwege on April 16.

LIVE BROADCAST over KFUE radio (850 AM dial) of Peace's 8 a.m. service today is sponsored by Tom and Diane Thomsen to the Glory of God.

BAPTISM (10:30) Oliver Thomas Kersting, son of Michael T. and Erin E. n e Stumpf Kersting. Sponsors: Ryan F. Stumpf and McKenzie K. Kersting.

LADIES GUILD Spring Salad Luncheon, Wednesday, May 4 at noon. Tickets on sale in the Commons after services until 10:30 a.m. through May 1. (Note: Tickets are not going to be sold after the 10:30 service.) Advance tickets only—Cost \$10. Contact Julia Petrovic for more information.

LADIES GUILD Meeting on April 21, dessert at noon, meeting at 12:30. We will be enjoying a "Sing Along with Burnell". We will be setting up for the May 4th Salad Luncheon on May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help. Salads should be at church by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Questions, contact Julia Petrovic.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace, are held on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., having started April 10. It is not too late to attend.

COUPLES CLUB MATCH YOUR MATE is Sunday, April 23, 6 PM, in Lower Commons. RSVP to Tammy Goodman.

YOUTH NEWS: VBS MEETING is **today** from 11:30-12:30 in the Meeting Room (next to the kitchen). This meeting is for all our volunteers. The Youth and Adult Leader NYG meeting is Sunday, April 24, 4-7 pm. New 9th Gr. Welcome Event will be Sunday, May 1. Look in your mail slot for more info. Please RSVP your family by April 24.

PARENTAL MEETING of next year's 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students, Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. Youth and parents will be introduced to curriculum materials, carpool arrangements, and class sessions, held Wednesdays, beginning August 24. (Sermon notebooks will be handed out enabling the 7th and 8th graders to begin taking notes effective May 15.)

GRADUATING? Names of those graduating from college, high school, elementary and other schools needed. A listing to appear in the next newsletter.

JUBILATION CHORALE IN CONCERT at Peace, Sunday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. This group provides homeschool students with an opportunity to participate in a high quality choral ensemble.

HYMN FESTIVAL at Peace, Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. featuring organist Dr. John A. Behnke with our parish choirs and instrumentalists. The Festival will include the world premier of "Windows of Peace and Love" based on the stained glass windows of Peace, composed by Dr. Behnke.

MONARCH JEWELRY SALE April 21, 2016, 6:30-8:30 p.m. At 7:00 there will be a presentation by Cathy Summers, a child survivor of human trafficking. All proceeds will benefit the St. Louis Safe House.

PSALM 23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2016:

Today: 11:30 VBS Meeting
6:00 Adult Inquiry
7:00 Peter Careciples - Kitchen Mtg Room
Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Property Management
6:30 Men's Volleyball
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 South County Senior Citizens
4:50 Celebration Ringers
5:30 Glocken Ringers
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
Thu: 6:00 Men's Morning Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha
12:00 Ladies Guild
6:00 ESL Sports
6:30 ESL Classes
7:00 Chancel Choir
Fri: 5:00 Kienstra/Reiff Rehearsal
Sat: 2:00 Kienstra/Reiff Wedding
5:00 Worship Service
6:00 Couples' Club Match Your Mate
Sun: 3:00 Jubilation Chorale
6:00 Adult Inquiry
6:00 Full Rehearsal for Hymn Festival