

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Pastor Erik Sorenson



**April 25, 2021**  
*To listen via radio, tune to AM 750.*

# Confession and Absolution

## 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

*Hymn of Invocation*



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 23; 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.

**The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

**He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Even 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.

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

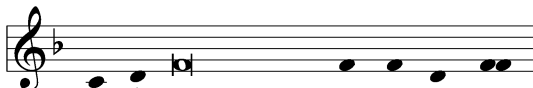
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I am the good shepherd.

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

### Kyrie

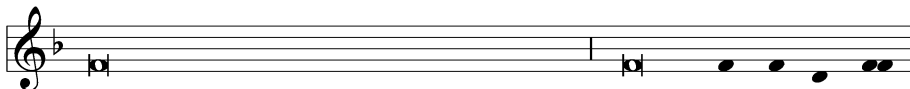
*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



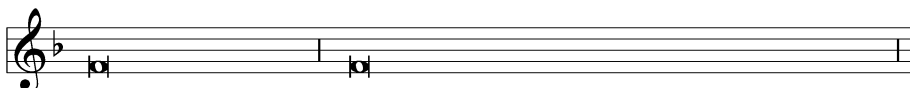
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



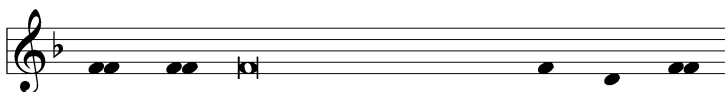
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.  
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.

**C** A - men.

## First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

## 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

1 John 3:16–24

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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.**

# 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*Hymn of the Day*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

*One Flock, One Shepherd*

## Offertory

*LSB 159*

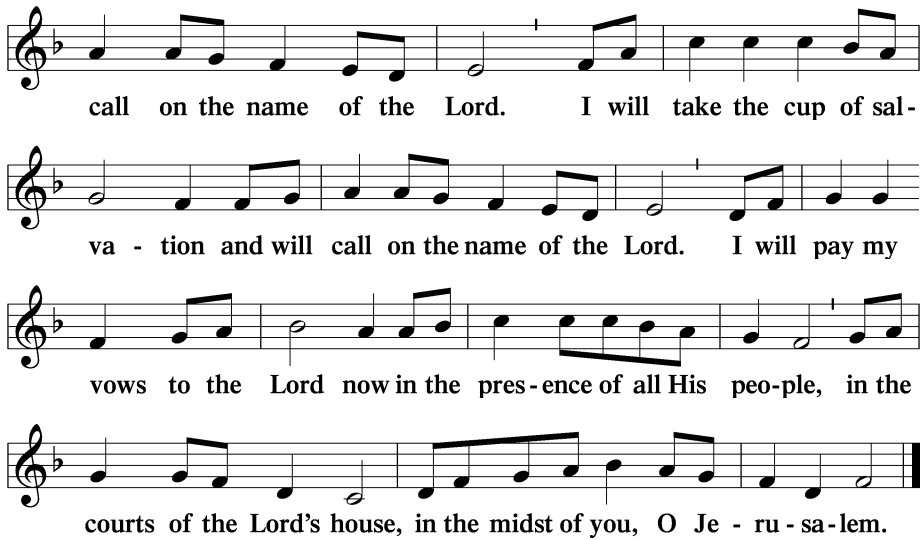


What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will





call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### Lord's Prayer

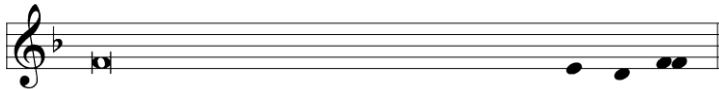
LSB 162

**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.

### Concluding Collect

### Benediction

LSB 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



♩ A - men.

### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*Closing Hymn*



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



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host 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.

Each week between now and our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the bulletin and/or announcements will include excerpts from some of our Church's early board meeting minutes.

Below are some excerpts from Board Minutes from April 2, 1871 to October 6, 1912. These were written in German and translated by Rev. A. A. Mueller. It is worth noting how important church attendance and voter meeting attendance was and that being in church and living a life according to God's Word was extremely important. Christian life was to be lived every day.

**April 7, 1872:** Resolved that each congregation member who does not work on the congregation's land pay 70¢ per day.

**July 5, 1874:** There was a discussion of the fact that several members do not all fulfill their congregational duties, also do not attend the meetings and explain themselves in these meetings. It was resolved to summon the respective members in writing to justify themselves in the congregational meeting of October 5.

## Announcements for the Week of April 25, 2021

### This Week:

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>4/25</b> 9:00 – Divine Service Quarterly Voters' Meeting 10:15 – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>4/26</b>	<b>4/27</b> . 2:00 PM – Online Devotion	<b>4/28</b> 6:30 PM – Bible Study	<b>4/29</b>	<b>4/30</b>	<b>5/1</b>

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

4/29: Michael Newkirk

4/30: Rick Flohr

5/1: Pegi Owens, Chris Schaefer, Damon Lee, Chris & Tina Trimpe

### 4/18/2021 – 74

Operating Fund: \$2472.54

Synodical Fund: \$40.00

Building Fund: \$10.00

If you would like to contribute to our altar flowers, there is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between Pastor's office and the church office. The cost is \$20 per week.

**Quarterly Voters' Meeting:** Our voters' meeting for the first quarter of 2021 has been rescheduled for this morning immediately following our worship service. Adult Bible Study and Sunday School will follow as time allows.

**May Newsletters:** The May newsletter was emailed out earlier this week. Hard copies are available in the narthex.

**Golf Scramble:** The youth group will be holding our Golf Scramble this Saturday, May 1st. If you would like to be a sponsor or would like to play, please let Pastor know as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to donate food items for lunch that day, please see the sign-up sheet on the conference room door. Thank you for your support towards our youth!

**Ascension Day Service:** Join us on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM for a joint Ascension Day Divine Service. The service will be held here and we will be joined by the saints from St. John, White Creek and St. Paul, Jonesville to celebrate our Lord's Ascension. This is a wonderful opportunity to join in worship with fellow Lutherans in the area on a very special day in the Church Year.

### Job Openings:

Lakeview Ministries, a summer camp and year-round retreat center in Southwest Bartholomew County, is searching for individuals to join our staff. Do you desire to work in a strong faith-filled environment, with co-workers who will become like family? We are searching for full and part time positions including: Assistant Maintenance, Food Service Assistant, and Housekeeper. We offer competitive hourly wages with additional healthcare benefits for full time employees. Please visit [lakeview.camp/year-round](http://lakeview.camp/year-round) or call our camp office at 812-342-4815 for more information.

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 4/26:     Read the first lesson: Acts 4:1-12 – Though the world rejected (and still rejects) Christ, He is still our cornerstone who brings us healing and salvation through His death and resurrection.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: 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.
- Tues. 4/27:     Read the Epistle lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 – Love is laying down our lives for one another, just as Christ laid down His life for us. This we do only by the Spirit.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 4/26)
- Wed. 4/28:     Read the Gospel lesson: John 10:11-18 – Christ is the Good Shepherd, so He does not flee when the wolf comes after us. Instead, He lays down His life to save us.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 709 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 4/26)
- Thur. 4/29:     Read the first lesson: Acts 8:26-40 – The Holy Spirit used Philip to proclaim the good news of Christ to the Ethiopian and bring him to the saving waters of Holy Baptism.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 4/30:     Read the Epistle lesson: 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21) – The confession of Christ coming in the flesh reveals whether someone is speaking the truth or not. Since we know God through the love of Christ who died for us, we also can know when we hear His voice since it always speaks of Christ.  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 4/29)
- Sat. 5/1:        Read the Gospel lesson: John 15:1-8 – Jesus is the vine in whom we live and by whom we bear fruit. Let us always abide in Him  
                  Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 633 – At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing  
                  Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 4/29)