

THE LORD  
IS MY  
*Shepherd*  
I SHALL  
NOT WANT.





Grace  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Grace ~ "I am not ashamed of the gospel..."*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ "These are written that you may believe..."*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God's Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God's grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen."** 2 Pt. 3:18

**PRELUDE HYMN**

“Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Fernando Ortega


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**INVOCATION & HYMN**


CW21#552 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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

C:  ***The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever. (vs.1)***

**CONFESSION**


M: Great Good Shepherd, your greatness is beyond our highest praise! As we gather as your flock to worship you makes us to lie down in green pastures of your promises, lead us beside the quiet waters of your comfort, restore our souls with the power the Gospel in Word and Sacrament, and lead us in paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.

C:  ***Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me. (vs. 2)***

M: Almighty and merciful Father,


C: **We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**


C:  ***Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me. (vs. 3)***

C:  ***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. (vs. 4)***

**ABSOLUTION**

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever! “Rejoice in the LORD and celebrate, all you righteous, and shout joyfully, all you upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11)

C:  *You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing! (vs. 5)*

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: 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: **Amen.**

### **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 40:21-26  
EHV

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been declared to you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood it from the founding of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> He is the one who sits above the circle of the earth.  
To him its inhabitants are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and he spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He is the one who reduces dignitaries to nothing.  
He makes the judges of the world useless.

<sup>24</sup> They have hardly been planted.  
They have hardly been sown.

Their stem has hardly taken root in the earth.  
Then he blows on them, and they dry up.

A driving storm carries them away like chaff.

<sup>25</sup> To whom can you compare me as if we were equals?  
says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and see who created these things.

See who brings out their army in great number  
and calls them all by name.

Because of his great strength and mighty power,  
not one of them is missing.

## HYMN

CW#551 (1-2): "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

*Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,  
Who your Father's flock does keep,  
Safe we wake and safe we sleep, - Guarded still by you.*

*In your promise firm we stand;  
None can take us from your hand.  
Speak --we hear --at your command, - We will follow you.*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17  
EHV

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They called out with a loud voice and said: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb."

<sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen"

<sup>13</sup> One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

<sup>14</sup> And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup> They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## HYMN

CW#551 (3-4): "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

*By your blood our souls were bought;  
By your life salvation wrought;  
By your light our feet are taught, - Lord, to follow you.*

*Father, draw us to your Son;  
We with joy will follow on  
Till the work of grace is done, -There to live with you.*

<sup>22</sup> Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple area in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around Jesus, asking, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I am doing in my Father's name testify about me. <sup>26</sup> But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep, as I said to you. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

CW21#555: "The Lord's My Shepherd; I'll Not Want"

*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 righteousness,*

*E'en for his own name's sake.*

*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.*

*My table thou hast furnished*

*In presence of my foes;*

*My head thou dost with oil anoint,*

*And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy, all my life,*

*Shall surely follow me,*

*And in God's house forevermore*

*My dwelling-place shall be.*

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

**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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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M:** Risen and ascended Lord, in your loving care we can live every day without worrying; no needful thing will you fail to provide:
- C:** **Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd”.**
- M:** By your holy word you feed our souls and strengthen our faith. In your gracious forgiveness we are refreshed and restored:
- C:** **The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**
- M:** You turn us away from the paths of sin, and move us to walk in the ways of God:

- C: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. They listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”**
- M: Though we walk in danger all the way, though the shadows of death enfold us at last, we will not fear. Your love goes with us wherever we go; in your comforting word we find courage and strength; your triumphant cross brings life from death:
- C: Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... whoever enters through me will be saved.**
- M: You have called us to sit at your heavenly feast. Our table of blessing overflows, and you will not allow earthly enemies, nor Satan himself, to snatch them away:
- C: The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**
- M: Good Shepherd, your mercies will never end. They will follow us as we follow you. Grant us to walk in your grace and love till we come to dwell in the heavenly home which you have prepared for us above:
- C: Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### THE 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 my blood of the new covenant, 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.

**C:** Amen.

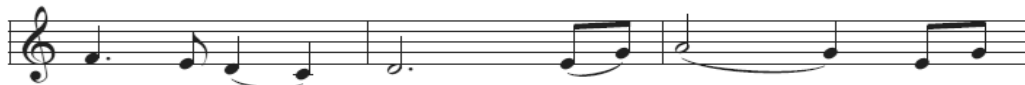
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**C** O Christ, Lamb of



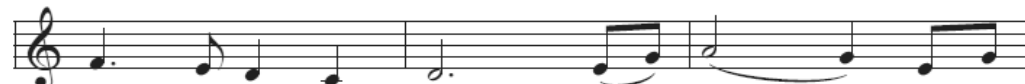
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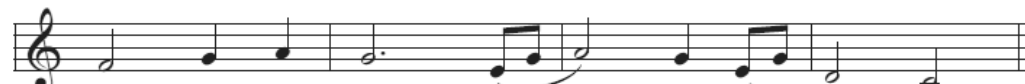
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God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register.

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

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“Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy” - Shane & Shane

“The Good Shepherd” – Fernando Ortega

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this, the true body and blood, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. The Lord Jesus has paid for all your sins.

**THE BLESSING**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:**

CW21 #804: “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

*I am Jesus' little lamb;  
Ever glad at heart I am,  
For my shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my needs and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.*

*Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, he bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.*

*Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By his angel hosts attended,  
He shall fold me to his breast,  
There within his arms to rest.*

# Worship Notes

## for kids

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### Songs We Sang

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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

