



“I am the
good
shepherd.”

John 10:11

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The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

“The Strife is O'er” – arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

OPENING HYMN *“He's Risen, He's Risen” LSB 480*

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.

For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

- △ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their
Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

C Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my
sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You
and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,**

**innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of
the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

PSALM 23

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

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

**C 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.**

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

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



■ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE *Mark 10:47* LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29* LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY LSB 189

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

And with thy spir - it.

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.

A - men.

Sit

FIRST READING*Acts 4:1–12*

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE*1 John 3:16–24*

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA*LSB 190*

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL*John 10:11–18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



☐ Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before 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!

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SERMON

“Jesus Christ, the True Shepherd” St. John 10:11-18

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*
- C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10-12*

LSB 192



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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

LSB 194

2 Timothy 4:22

[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 196

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks,

He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"What Is This Bread" LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?
My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

- 5 Is this for me?
 I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe
 That I receive
 His very body and His blood.
 O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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*“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” LSB 631
 (v. 1-3, 5, 7) Tune: LSB 878*

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
 Here grasp with firmer hand the_ eternal grace,
 And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav’n;
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv’n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 This is the heav’nly table spread for me;
 Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
 The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633 (v. 1, 3-5, 7)

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
 Praise to our victorious King,
 Who has washed us in the tide
 Flowing from His piercèd side.
 Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
 Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
 Israel’s hosts triumphant go
 Through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
 Paschal victim, paschal bread;
 With sincerity and love
 Eat we manna from above.
 Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

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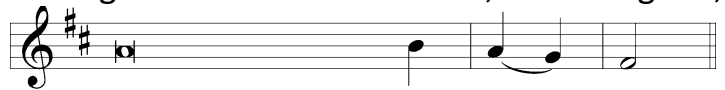
Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32* *LSB 199*




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING *Psalms 107:1* *LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent

love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.




A - men.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.


2 Timothy 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]



Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" 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.

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CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Organist

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