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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Whoever you are...

Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...

YOU are WELCOME here!

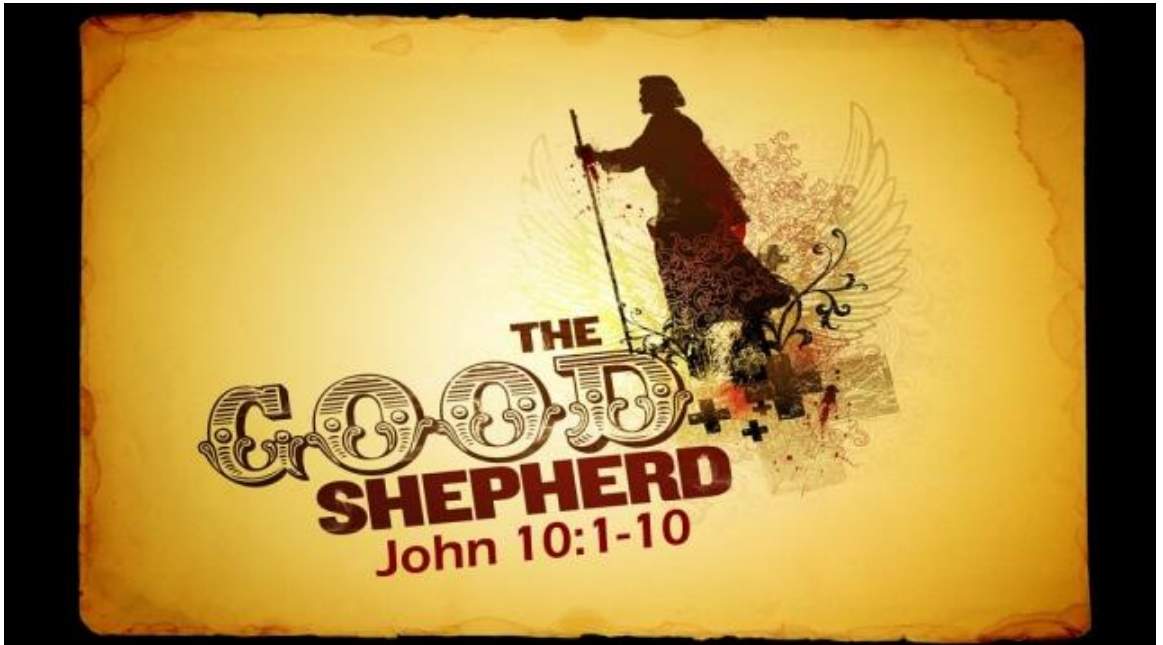
We Gather In The Presence Of God

Welcome and Introduction of Today's Theme

Pastor: The Pharisees were in the presence of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, but could not comprehend the analogy He used to compare God's people to sheep entering through the gate. Jesus, the Gate, is the only way anyone can become part of God's flock. People who truly belong to God listen to and believe in the words of Jesus thus experiencing the true, abundant, and joy-filled life here and now.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Jesus, You are the Great Shepherd indeed. When we walk through dark valleys that resemble death, we need not fear for You have promised to be with us, to direct our steps, and to comfort us. Today as we set our hearts and eyes on You and say "Yes" to Your voice, we worship You alone. Give us undivided attention to hear and answer You today. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen



We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Pastor: Jesus, we praise You. You meet our every need and call us to meet the needs of others. You command us to freely give and to be generous with our lives. Yet, we are a selfish people first thinking of ourselves. We can outwardly appear generous and inwardly give from obligation, fear, guilt, or pressure. We may desire to serve others but hesitate rather than obey. Forgive us, Lord. We repent of our selfish ways and lack of obedience.

A time of silence

Pastor: Father, You ask us to give cheerfully. Give us hearts like the apostles of the early church who sold their property and possessions to benefit the needs of others. Give us eyes to see the many wonders and miracles that only You can accomplish. Lead us into abundant giving and living here and now. We receive Your forgiveness and walk in obedience to Your will, Lord. Amen.

God Speaks Through His Word

Gospel Reading - John 10:1-10

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Psalm Of The Day – Psalm 23 (We read together)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 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, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts

Apostles' Creed (We confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: The Prayers

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.

Benediction

Pastor: May Jesus' staff be your guide as He leads and comforts you in times of darkness. May you remember to listen for the beckoning of the Shepherd's voice and answer whenever He calls. The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not fear! Amen.

Pastor: Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing and shelter in place, but most importantly know that you are loved by God, always.

May the peace of Jesus come over you as you go in His grace and love. Hold nothing against anyone. Forgive freely as you've been forgiven freely. Love generously and serve with humility. Amen

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Birthdays - Blessings to those who celebrating birthdays this week:

May 3 (Today) - AnaHilda Mosher

Tuesday - Eric Risberg

Friday - Audra Sides

Anniversaries - Blessings to those who celebrating anniversaries this week:

Tuesday - Brian & Jackie Miller

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Weekly Devotional Helps

May 3 – May 9, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – May 4

Psalm 114
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday – May 5

Psalm 114
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday – May 6

Psalm 114
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday – May 7

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Friday – May 8

Saturday – May 9

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Commemorations

May 4 - Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387: Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

May 8 - Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416: When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

May 8 - Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF): Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

May 9 - Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760: When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.