



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
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**PEACE**  
BOULDER  
CONNECT. NURTURE. INSPIRE.

# Welcome to Peace!

Here's some helpful information to guide your time here today.

## Enjoy.

We are blessed that you're here with us today. You could have been anywhere today, doing many different things, but you're here worshipping with us and we are so happy! As our guest, we want you to feel at ease. Through worship, song, and message we want you to experience a different kind of peace.

## Connect.

Would you do us the honor of letting us know you were here today? This allows us to give thanks for you and know how we can perhaps serve you in the future. We'd also love to be able to give a small token of our thanks. Please fill out the connect card in this service folder or scan this QR code on your phone or follow the link and fill out as much or as little information as you'd like.



[Connection Card](#)

## Next Steps.

Going to a new church is a big deal. We're so glad you took that step today. Please take a welcome gift from the table in the entry area. Here are some possible next steps for your journey here at Peace

- Come back and connect with God's Word next week
- Set up a time to chat with Pastor Thiel. 651.276.5286 or revjthiel@gmail.com
- Check out "Starting Point," a way to discover more about Peace and Jesus.



## Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Opening Song: 528 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, watch - ing all your  
6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first - born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,  
from the dead; Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, you  
nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good  
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, light and life you bring to all; light our  
Shep - herd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of  
ad - o - ra - tion and un - end - ing wor - ship be to the



path with your own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call.  
God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.  
Fa - ther and the Spir - it and to you e - ter - nal - ly.

## **We Confess; God Forgives**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

You, Lord , are the Good Shepherd. To you we confess:

**Your voice calls out in your Word, yet we have closed our ears.  
You promise to lead us, yet we have turned away.  
You always walk with us, yet we have hidden from you.**

In you, Good Shepherd we lack nothing. To you we confess:

**We have closed our hands to those in need.  
We have closed our hearts to the hurting and hopeless.  
We have closed off our love and lives to our neighbors.**

Good and Merciful Shepherd, your rod and staff comfort us. We ask:

**Snatch us from our sin.  
Guide us into Your love.  
Lead us in paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down his life for the sheep and took it back up again. Your sin is paid for. Your guilt is gone. Death is defeated. Live in the comfort and confidence that your Good Shepherd knows you as his own. You are part of his dearly loved flock.

**Amen.**

## Song of Praise: 460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## Prayer

Let us pray.

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 the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading:** 1John 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel:** John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for an Easter message just for them!

### Song: 551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
joy will fol - low on till the work of



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, there to live with you.

### Message: What's so good about the Good Shepherd?

Based on John 10:11-18

## **We Declare Our Faith: Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## Offering

Our Peace family joyfully gives an offering to the one who has given us all. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to give a gift, but please do not feel obligated. We are happy you shared in our joy today!



[Give a Gift](#)

## Let's Connect

During this time of meditation, would you please fill out a connection card? You may fill out as much as you're comfortable with. It is a blessing to be able to serve you on a more personal level. Thank you!



[Connection Card](#)

## Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



## Holy Communion

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation,  
**he became one with us.**

By his perfect life,  
**he fulfilled your holy will.**

By his innocent death,  
**he overcame hell.**

By his rising from the grave,  
**he opened heaven.**

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Words of Institution

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 T 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 T 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."

## The Distribution

*Helpful information about the Lord's Supper and how we practice it here at Peace is printed in the back of the bulletin*

## Distribution Song: 552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

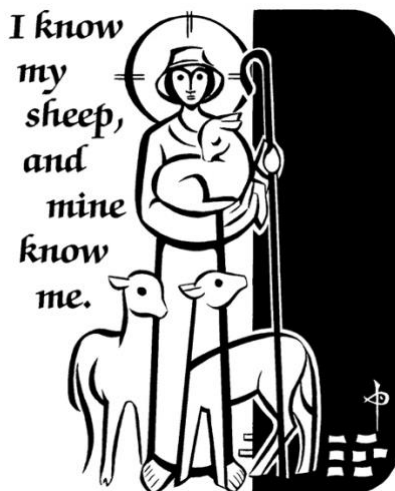
- 5 You spread a table in my sight,  
a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**



## Closing Praise: 804 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



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.





### **Some Helpful information about how we practice Communion at Peace...**

We practice member communion. The historic church has practiced Communion in this way for 19 centuries. Rest assured, this practice is not intended to exclude people in any way, as though we are a special club. Rather, it is simply a loving way to ensure that you fully understand what Communion is. In that way, when you take it you can avoid any harm and fully appreciate its blessings.

Before our members receive Communion we ask that they can answer “yes” to all the following questions about Communion:

1. Do you confess your sins and seek to turn away from them?
2. Do you recognize that Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross is the only way sins are forgiven?
3. Do you recognize that in Communion you receive Jesus’ true body and true blood along with the bread and wine?
4. Do you believe the Bible is God’s inspired Word and does not just contain some truths of God?
5. Do you believe what Peace Lutheran Church teaches and confesses, which is based on God’s inspired Word?

### **How did you answer?**

If you’re unsure, that’s perfectly fine. That’s why we’d like to help you learn more. Please speak with Pastor Thiel and he’d be happy to answer any questions you have.

### **Rest assured; you are blessed!**

Whether you take communion today or not, you have received God’s gracious blessings. God promises to work his blessings of forgiveness and life through his Word (the Bible) and through Communion. So, as you spoke, sang, and listened to God’s Word today you received those blessings, too. You can leave today knowing how much God loves you!

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD SACRIFICES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD



JOHN 10:11



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