

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**  
**ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNS & PRAYERS**

**Introduction to the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

**Gathering Hymn**

***Gather Us In***

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
  
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.
  
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here this word of grace: Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, the well-being of the church of God,

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

### **Canticle of Praise**

*Refrain:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### **Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **First Lesson**

*Acts 4:5-12*

The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 23; tone 2**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

## **Second Lesson**

*1 John 3:16-24*

The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 10:11-18*

The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

### ***Have No Fear, Little Flock***

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!
  
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!
  
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;

praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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## Prayers of the People

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call to us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

### ***God Be With You Til We Meet Again***

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

### *Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

## **Sending**

Knowing God is behind us

**We are rooted in our heritage.**

Knowing God goes before us

**We embrace our future.**

Knowing Christ forgives us

**We joyfully live the Gospel.**

We engage the world around us

**With open hearts, open hands, and open doors.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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### **Serving in Worship this Morning**

**Greeters:** Casey Joe & Annalise Munnich

**Ushers:** Craig Rocheleau & Eva Tangen

**Acolyte:** Walter Anderson **Reader:** Tim Anderson

**Counters:** Marcia Rocheleau & Tim Anderson

**Livestream Technician:** Darrick Jensen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for April 22:** Kathryn Jensen, Lisa Jensen  
& Butch Vossen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 3**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Lutheran Social Services Youth Benefit**

Lutheran Social Services is holding their Reaching Further 2024 Benefit for Youth Twin Cities. This event is to celebrate all the ways they support youth and families with the resources they need to live full and abundant lives.

The event will take place on **Tuesday, May 7 with check-in and dinner beginning at 5:30 at Quincy Hall, 1325 Quincy Street NE, Minneapolis, MN**. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [events.lssmn.org](https://events.lssmn.org) by entering "Metro Benefit for Youth".

### **Kith & Kin Fundraiser Musical Show**

Kith and Kin is happy to announce that tickets are now available for their season 7 finale- a choral collaboration with local artist Humbird. There will be showings at **4 pm at 8 pm at The Cedar Cultural Center on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds from both shows support the vital work of Raices Sagradas, a nonprofit whose mission is to support by providing culturally sensitive professional psychotherapy services to immigrant individuals, couples, and families who have experienced unimaginable pain and trauma. Learn more about the event and purchase tickets at <http://www.kithandkinchorus.org/>.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

St. Peder's is hosting a blood drive on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall and Lounge. If you are interested in volunteering to help Red Cross staff or to donate blood, please contact Sue Nielsen at [suenielsen76@gmail.com](mailto:suenielsen76@gmail.com).

## This Week at St. Peder's

<b>Today: Sunday, April 21</b> 9 am Worship 9 am Youth Faith Formation 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	<b>Monday, April 22</b> 6:15 pm Kith & Kin Rehearsal*	<b>Tuesday, April 23</b> 10 am Exercise Class* 6 pm Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b> 11am – 7pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>Thursday, April 25</b> 10 am Exercise Class*	<b>Saturday, April 27</b> 10:30am Brownies*

\*denotes community activity



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