



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

Pay careful attention . . . to all the flock

Acts 20:28



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday- May 11, 2025

Opening Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



Fourth Sunday in Easter

1st Reading: - Acts 20:17-35 : ¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. ²² “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. ²⁵ “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, ^a which he bought with his own blood. ^b ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

2nd Reading: Revelations 7:9-17: ⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

Gospel – John 10:22-30 Then came the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Nicene Creed

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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy 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.

Sermon Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon: “Our Secure Life in Christ” John 10:22-30



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 670 - “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

SERMON REVIEW FOR May 11, 2025

“Our Secure Life in Christ” John 10:22-30

Introduction: “Good Shepherd Sunday” always 3 weeks after Easter The themes of Good Shepherd and the Christian Home are a perfect fit.

I. The P_____ of our Good Shepherd

- A. “My sheep hear My voice” (the call to F_____)
- B. “I know them” (new R_____ with God)
- C. “I give them life” (the ultimate G_____)
- D. “No one can take them from Me.” (S_____)

II. Our Christian Homes are to R_____ our Good Shepherd

- A. Q_____ of Life
 - 1. Love (each member is God’s gift)
 - 2. Acceptance (as we are)
 - 3. Encouragement (help to become what we can be)
 - 4. Forgiveness (take our failures to the cross)
 - 5. Goals for this life (temporal) are in light of eternity
- B. Our S_____ Needs (crucial in a fast paced world)
 - 1. Growing up is always difficult
 - 2. Christian children face the same trials as others
 - 3. S_____ is the key
 - D_____ parents who honor a
 - D_____ God Voters Meeting today downstairs after service.



Adult Bible class will meet downstairs after service.

JR. BIBLE Class will meet - May 18, & June 1

The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill.





is spoken with truth in love.

May - Lutherans for Life

Lutherans For Life exists to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. An effective For Life message is one that



Ladies Aid:

Next meeting will be on May 13, 2025 @ 10:00am.



Reminder that on May 25, 2025 we will be having a dedication of the new flagpole inside and outside after service. There will be a luncheon downstairs in Zimmerman Hall after the outside dedication to honor those people who memorials help make this dream come true.

