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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

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Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. **Thursday Worship** 6:30 p.m. **Thanks and Praise Service** Third and Fifth Sunday

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Celebrating 62 years in God's Love and Service (1962-2024)
Church Season: Easter

We are happy you have joined us for worship.
2024 Theme: **Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.** Philippians 4:4

**“The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
is to teach and reach others through God’s Word and Love.”**

The vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to flourish as a Christ-centered community that gives glory to God by using His Word and love to:

- ◇ invite and welcome others into membership;
- ◇ support and grow the ministry to all;
- ◇ and, provide opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement.

If You Are New to Good Shepherd

New Membership Classes: Our New Membership Classes are offered a couple times a year. If you are interested, please call the church office at 734-9643.

- **Assisted Listening Devices:** These can be used with or without hearing aids. Please ask an elder.
- **Large-print Bulletins** are available in the back of the sanctuary or ask an elder and they will assist you in getting what you need.
- **Restrooms** are located to the north of the sanctuary, before the gym on the right side at the end of the hallway .
- **Visitor cards (bright yellow)** have been placed in the racks in the back of the pews. If you are a visitor to Good Shepherd, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate. If you are a visitor and plan to partake in communion, please fill out the back of the card as well.
- **Fellowship Books are blue** and found in the hymnal rack, near the aisle. Please list each person on a separate line so we have an accurate count of who takes communion.
- **Nursery** is available during services. It is located next to the sanctuary.
- **Children’s coloring bulletins and Busy Bags** are provided during worship services.

Communion at Good Shepherd

Continuous distribution: please rise and follow the person in the pew in front of you. Receive the wafer, receive the individual cup, pause to commune, place cup in the basket, return to pew.

At the rail: The usher will dismiss you. When approaching the altar area, stand closest to the center of the altar first, then wrap around the sides to fill in. Bow/kneel together. Exit with the person at the center leaving first.

Mobility issues: Please contact an Elder or Pastor if you need communion brought to you.

Our Church Bulletin, Newsletter & Calendar are on our website at www.goodsheplutheran.net.
Our Services are available on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpvj7OsWTNOyNHngUGr1SOw>

The Lutheran Hour is aired on KAWZ 88.7 at 9 a.m. or WRVM 101.5 FM or Sirius XM 131 at 10 a.m.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ⲡ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.
- Ⲅ Give us opportunity, use our gifts, and move us by Your Holy Spirit to tell the news of Jesus’ victory over death each day that You give us for loving service.
- ⲡ Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Ⲅ Amen.

Closing Sentences

Psalm 118:23-24

- ⲡ May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The candles are lit. (Please tilt your candle to light from your neighbor’s lit candle)

- ⲡ The light of Christ.
- Ⲅ Thanks be to God.

- ⲡ This is the LORD’s doing;
- Ⲅ it is marvelous in our eyes.

- ⲡ This is the day that the LORD has made;
- Ⲅ let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Easter Acclamation

- ⲡ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⲅ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

- ⲡ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ⲛ give you peace.
- Ⲅ Amen.

Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB 463

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday March 31, 2024 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

At last! The day of Easter is finally here! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ’s resurrection victory. Satan stands defeated, and death is destroyed. The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus, nor does he have claim over your life either! As you bow in faith before Jesus and rise to sing your praises to Him early this Easter morning, may the joy of this day inspire you to find joy in your Savior every day. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there’s no better way to begin our Easter celebration than at the break of day, joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again. “This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24

- ⲡ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⲅ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- ⲡ This is the day that the LORD has made;
- Ⲅ let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation

- ⲡ In the name of the Father and of the ⲛ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Ⲅ Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- ⲡ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Ⲅ But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on the promises of God’s Word.

- ⲡ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Ⲅ 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.

- P** As we bow before You in faith at the break of day, we take refuge in the mercy You provide for us through Your Son's victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- C** **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Enliven us by Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with joy that we may walk by faith this day and always to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has raised Christ from the dead and crowned Him with glory and honor. Because the risen King has conquered death and delivered us from our sins, we stand forgiven in His sight. As your pastor, it is my joy this Easter morning to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

✠ WORD ✠

Kyrie

- P** Risen Redeemer,
C have mercy upon us.
- P** Conquering King,
C have mercy upon us.
- P** Victorious Lamb of God,
C grant us Your peace.

Hymn of Praise “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LSB 465 vv. 1, 4

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You defeated death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
- C** **Take away all gloom and sadness, and fill us with the joy of His resurrection victory;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Renewing Spirit of truth, grant joy to all who receive Your Word this day. With hearts restored and minds at peace, help us to cling to Jesus and hold fast to His promises. We pray for all who are sick and troubled, weary and downtrodden, [*especially . . .*]. Be their sure defense and help them to know that nothing can ever sever them from You, O Lord! All we need, You will dispense, for Jesus is our confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

Hymn “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” LSB 490 v. 5

- 5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Lord's Prayer (on screens of back cover of the hymnal)

Proper Preface

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Our Communion Practices

If these are your beliefs:

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.
I believe that Christ is really present in the sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.
I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.....
please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion.

Distribution Hymns

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”	LSB 633
“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”	LSB 466
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”	LSB 461
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”	LSB 475

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

P Conquering King, by Your rising to new life from the grave on Easter morning, You shattered the rod that oppressed us and the burden that weighed us down. You lifted the curse of death from our backs and set us free from the chains that once had bound us. Risen Redeemer, because You have set us free, we are free indeed! Help us to live in the freedom, joy, and peace of Your resurrection victory. Satan has no authority over us because we have been named and claimed by You in the water of Baptism, which unites us to Your saving death and resurrection. Because You live, we shall live also—now, by faith, and on the future Day of resurrection, we shall live face to face with You in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!

- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.
⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.
⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

- Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

(on Screens or back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

Sermon: “I have seen the Lord”

Text: John 20:1-18

Offering

Offertory “He’s Risen, He’s Risen ” LSB 480 vv. 1, 5

1 He’s ris - en, He’s ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death’s pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:

And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray.
Gracious Father, You have made this day to be a day of rejoicing! As Your sons and daughters, we rejoice before You as we stand at the empty tomb of Your Son. Much like the ancient children of Israel rejoiced before You after You led them through the Red Sea and drowned their enemies who pursued them, we praise You for the deliverance You have given us from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. You provide well, O God, for all of our needs of body and soul, and we entrust the cares of our personal lives, our families, our community, and our congregation to You. Because Jesus lives, victorious over death and the grave, we are confident that there is no obstacle that can ever keep us from experiencing the life and love You give. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer and fill us with Your joy!