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Thank you to all who helped with the service today,
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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

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/UCpvi70sWTNOyNHngUGr1SOw>

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.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
 LSB pgs. 208-210

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

“O Sons and Daughters of the King” LSB 470 vv. 6-9
 “Make Songs of Joy” LSB 484
 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” LSB 596

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING FOUR** ✠
 LSB pgs. 211-212

Hymn “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” LSB 917

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Prayer of the Church

Acts 4:34–35

P We read again a portion of the First Reading: “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

Let us also respond to God’s Word in song and prayer using the hymn “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” as a guide.

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848 v. 1

P Lord Jesus, we pray that You would use us and the gifts You have given to us to serve anyone in need. Open our eyes to see opportunities near and far in which we may serve Your gracious plans. All that we have and are belongs to You.

C **Risen Christ, grant us to be of one heart and soul, sharing not only our common faith but all that we are and have.**

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848 v. 2

P We pray for people who are homeless, hungry, captive, and in mourning. Surround them, heavenly Father, with people of faith in our risen Savior, brothers and sisters who will tend to them with compassion and love. We pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially* . . .]. Wherever Your plans include us, O Lord,

C **open our hearts and hands, voices and resources to share the difference Easter makes for all who trust in our risen Savior.**

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848 v. 3

P We pray for those who are rich and those who are poor, those who influence our nation and those who live unnoticed. O Holy Spirit, be among our brothers and sisters—those who have vast resources; all who make, administer, and judge our laws; and parents, teachers, and counselors—all who know Christ as their living Lord.

C **Give them courage and caring hearts so that through them Your will shall be done.**

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848 v. 4

P We pray for our congregation, its programs of outreach and growth, and all who worship here. Lord over all, be with us and enliven us to do Your will in Easter joy.

C **Give us strength to show forth the difference Easter makes for us. Guide and protect us, heavenly Father, that we may serve You and the people around us in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Second Sunday of Easter

Thursday April 4, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday April 7, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

When Thomas finally met Jesus, alive again after Easter, he went from demanding proof to a personal confession of faith, “My Lord and my God.” It would have been a different story had the news been false. The rest of the Jerusalem congregation truly exhibited Easter faith when they became a welcoming community, one that shared with newcomers whatever they needed. The news was unbelievable, but so were the responses—in word and deed as faith saw the freeing truth: we need fear nothing, not even death. We have heard the news as well. How shall we respond?

Hymn “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” LSB 487

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING FOUR** ✠

LSB pgs. 203-204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to

you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



☑ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☑ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☑ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

☑ Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

(on the screens or in the back of the hymnal)

Hymn “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470 vv. 1-5

Sermon “Walk in the Light”

1 John 1:1-2:2

Offering