

Closing Song “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

1 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.

Ref: Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name.

2 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best. (refrain)

Ref: Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!”
Glorify His name.

3 “Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice. (refrain)

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*Thank you to ALL who assisted with worship today!
Your help is always appreciated!*

*Making Disciples: We baptize babies!
Growing & Equipping Disciples: We teach ALL ages
Sending Disciples: We proclaim Jesus*

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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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WELCOME

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/UCpvi7OsWTNOyNHngUGr1SOw>

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.

“We Are Called”

Verse 1

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Chorus

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another;
to walk humbly with God!

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (Chorus)

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! (Chorus)

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thursday April 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday April 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

Opening Song “Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

We exalt Thee
We exalt Thee
We exalt Thee, O Lord **(Repeat)**

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48

- P** Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”
- C** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**
- P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.
- C** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

- P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.
- C** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
- P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!
- C** And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

WORD

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Handbells (10:30): 7th grade—high school

- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord’s Prayer

(on the screens or the back of the hymnal)

Pax Domini

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 Songs

Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711 vv. 1-2

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
 Much we need Your tender care.
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Your fold prepare.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Hear us children when we pray.

Prayer of the Church

- ☞ Let us pray to the Lord
- ☛ Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

☞ Originally framed as a hymn for children, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" contains solid biblical truths. We rejoice that our Lord has bought us and that He defends us in many ways, even though we are sinful. His caring mercy is experienced in all our days. As faithful followers of the Good Shepherd, we seek to do His will in our lives as we experience His divine love. We sing stanzas three and four of the hymn.

Hymn "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711 vv. 3-4

- 3 You have promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Early let us turn to You.

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- ☞ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☛ Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- ☞ This is the Word of the Lord.
- ☛ Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- ☞ Christ has risen from the dead.
- ☛ God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

- Ⓟ He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- Ⓞ He has put all things under His feet.

Verse *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

- Ⓟ Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- Ⓞ Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *John 10:11–18*

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

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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

Apostles’ Creed (on the screens or in the back of the hymnal)

Sermon Song “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Sermon “Love in deed and truth” Text: 1 John 3:16-24

Offering “How Majestic Is Your Name”

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth

Oh Lord we praise Your name
Oh Lord we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty **(Repeat All)**

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Hymn of Preparation

- Ⓟ The image of the loving Shepherd featured in Psalm 23 reminds us that our Lord is always with us, ready to guide us and to support us. The image is one that resonates with young children and has been featured in hymns texts used in Sunday School hymnals. The hymn “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” first appeared in a volume *Hymns for the Young, selected for the purpose of being committed to memory* in England in 1832. We might well follow the directive of the hymnbook’s title and commit this special hymn to memory. We sing the first two stanzas of “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us.”