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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](http://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.

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer** (on the screens or in the back of the hymnal)

**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**

- “We Know That Christ Is Raised” LSB 603
- “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” LSB 531
- “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB 700

**Post-Communion Collect**

- P** Let us pray.  
 Grant that Your Son’s body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Hymn** “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” LSB 464

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Hymn "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813 vv. 1-2

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king. (Refrain)

Ref: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
The psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)

Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** The hymn text by Edward Plumptre, an English clergyman who lived in the nineteenth century, reminds us that we are part of the much larger assemblage of those who praise God, including "all the angel choirs" and "all the saints on earth." The hymn writer sees God's people as part of an endless procession steadfastly proceeding from the darkness of the world to the brightness of heaven. In its final stanzas, the hymn celebrates the pilgrims reaching their final heavenly destination by God's grace and gives praise to "the Lord whom we adore." Together we sing stanzas 6 and 7 of "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng."

Hymn "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

LSB 813 vv. 6-7

6 At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)

Ref: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. (Refrain)

Third Sunday of Easter

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (66:1-2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "For the Lord comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

Hymn "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

LSB 483

Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8*

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**C** death no longer has dominion over Him.

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.  
**C** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

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

Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
**C** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we

serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- ☐ God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!
- ☑ Amen.

## ☩ WORD ☩

### Hymn Sequence

- ☐ The psalmist writes, “Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him” (98:1). The strains of Easter joy echo through all the services of the Easter season. Each Sunday is a “little Easter” for us to celebrate as together we sing of the victory of our God. We are amazed Easter people, and our amazement is best expressed in our songs of joy. One of the oldest hymns in our hymnbooks is “The Day of Resurrection,” written by John of Damascus in the eighth century. Together we sing stanza 1 that celebrates “the passover of gladness.”

Hymn “The Day of Resurrection”

LSB 478 v.1

- 1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin’s dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

- ☐ Paul writes: “When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57). The victory of Christ is the lasting source of joy that gives hope to the grieving and assurance to all the faithful. We rejoice as we sing the second stanza of “The Day of Resurrection.”

### Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
☑ Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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

### Nicene Creed

(on screens or back cover of hymnal)

Hymn “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

Sermon: “Children of God”

1 John 3:1-7

### Offering

### Special Hymn Sequence

- ☐ Many hymns in the hymnal contain the words “joy,” “joyful,” “joyfully,” and “rejoice.” One of these, “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” was inspired in part by Psalm 20:5, a psalm of David, which exhorts: “May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners!” As a superscript to the poem from which the hymn text was taken, author Edward Plumtre wrote, “In the name of God, we will set up our banners.” Rejoicing in our salvation, we sing the first two stanzas of “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng.”

## First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C** Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

## Hymn "The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478 v.2

**2** Let hearts be purged of evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

**P** John writes in the book of Revelation: "And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast . . . standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, 'Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!'" (Revelation 15:2-3). The celebration of the victory of Jesus, the Lamb of God slain for our salvation, goes on throughout eternity. We join in the joyful praise as we sing the third stanza of "The Day of Resurrection."

## Hymn "The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478 v.3

**3** Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end!

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.