

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL 18, 2021  
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*“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”*

*Romans 15:7*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

## Gathering

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

- Robin Nixon

Thomas Eisnor

GATHERING SONG

“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840

Thomas Eisnor

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting

earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

SONG OF MERCY

“Kyrie”  
ELW #152

Aaron &  
Tammy Frink

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Matt Provost

## Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:7-8

Ben Setzer

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- ℒ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
- ☞ **will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**
- ℒ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
- ☞ **he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**
- ℒ You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
- ☞ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- ℒ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- ☞ **You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

- ℒ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
- ☞ **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**
- ℒ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- ☞ **On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
- ℒ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- ☞ **Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**
- ℒ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
- ☞ **With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-13

Lori Peters

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

- ℒ The word of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Alleluia"  
ELW #170

Bill Alderfer, Karen Ferg  
and Pam Weinelt

*Music: Thomas Pavlechko Music:  
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GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-34

- ℒ The holy gospel according Luke
- ☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

- ℒ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION

"Forsaking All, I Trust Him"

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF THE DAY

"All That We Have"

Lori Peters, Pam Weinelt

*Words and Music by Gary Ault; arr/ Gary Daigle  
© 1969, 1979 Damean Music  
Musicians: Tim Ferg, Steve Frink, Pam Weinelt*

## APOSTLES' CREED

- P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was**

**buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Melinda Mundis

*(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, "Lord, in your mercy," worshipers respond with the words, "hear our prayer.")*

## PEACE

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

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- P** Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Grant that the people of this congregation, especially as we are separated, may continue to be joined together as a holy temple, a place where you dwell. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that, guided by your Word and strengthened by your Sacraments, we may plan and do things which will be for the good of your Church and the glory of your name. We give you thanks that you provide for the work of this congregation through the gifts of its members. All that we have is from your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor you with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ our Lord. Consecrate our commitments of giving to your holy purposes. Increase our faith and energy to desire and work for the salvation of all people, that they might be freed from sin and that hope may be renewed in many hearts, to the increase of the kingdom of your Son.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us**

**this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## *Sending*

## BLESSING

- P** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"We Rejoice in the Grace"  
Of God"

Lori Peters

*Words and Music by Steve Cook and Vicki Cook  
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Musicians Tim Ferg, Steve Frink and Pam Weinelt*

DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”  
- Van Denman Thompson

Thomas Eisnor

*We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.*

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**Outdoor Communion, April 18th**

**Pastor Paul offers Holy Communion outdoors, on Sunday mornings on our front porch, from 8:30 - 10:00 AM and from 10:45 AM-12:15 PM. Visit our [website](#) for more information.**

**APRIL SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE**

**We are looking for volunteers to help set-up/clean-up and serve during outdoor communion. Those shifts run 8:00 - 10:15 AM and 10:15 AM - 12:30 PM. We would like to have two people for each shift. You will be required to wear a mask. There is a sign-up sheet on our website at [Sign-Up Central Online](#).**

**Stewardship Campaign 2021**

If you have not submitted your 2021 Offering Form, it is never too late to make a pledge. Please take a moment to read these materials over and **submit your responses as soon as possible so that we can better plan for the 2021-22 budget year that begins July 1.** Please note that we are not submitting time/talent gifts at this time, these will be sent at a later date. You can also find all this information on our website under the ABOUT tab, under Stewardship or through the links to the right. If you have any questions, please contact [Janice Swinford](#).

**2020-21 March YTD Budgeted Giving Summary**

Fiscal Year 2020-2021  
Actual Income: \$421,138.61  
Budgeted Income: \$438,029.05  
Ahead/Behind: **(\$16,890.44)**

*We are now in fiscal year 2020-21. This is a great time to use [Simply Giving](#) or [GIVEPLUS](#). Click [DONATE](#) on our website for more information. The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! We are grateful for your continued giving and support. Thank you!*

**COVID TASK FORCE SURVEY**



A third survey has been sent out by the COVID Task Force in response to the reported number of cases of COVID seen declining in our regional area. Please take a moment to complete the survey. It should take less than 1 minute to fill out. You can access that survey here and a hard copy was mailed to your home address of record. We ask that every member of your household submit their own responses.

[TAKE SURVEY HERE](#)

- [Stewardship Letter/ Spring 2021](#)
- [Offering Form](#)
- [A word about Simply Giving and GivePlus](#)



April 15, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray this message finds you well and in good spirits. As you are aware, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is facing many transitions. The council and COVID Task Force (CTF) are in discussions and planning for the phased re-opening of our church doors for in-person worship. This is a significant endeavor and will involve the consideration of many individuals and committees.

Most importantly, our dear and beloved Pr. Paul will be retiring on May 31<sup>st</sup>. As you are aware, this date marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pr. Paul's ordination into congregational ministry. We are very excited for Pr. Paul and Debbie both as they take this next step in their lives together. I encourage you to take the time we have left with both Pr. Paul and Debbie to celebrate the impact they have both had in our lives. As you can imagine, we are planning a celebration / retirement party and will provide details. Naturally, this transition means a lot of work for council and the Personnel Committee as we work with Bishop Strickland and the synod toward a new call.

We are also planning for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 13th. The council is hopeful that this will be an in-person meeting, though following the CTF guidelines for the specific phase of re-opening at that time. More details to come on that but we will be discussing and voting on our '21 / '22 budget; the state of the next phase in our re-opening; where we are in the Call process for our next pastor; and hopefully an introduction of our Interim Pastor.

I am sure that you have a lot of questions. **Please join me in a Town Hall meeting via Zoom ([click on this link for your invitation to join the meeting](#)) on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM** where the council and I will look forward to providing answers and discussing next steps in our faith journey together. I have seen firsthand that the congregation of GSLC rises to challenges and trusts in the Lord's providence of our ministries.

To efficiently address your questions, please submit them to [TownHall@gslutheran.org](mailto:TownHall@gslutheran.org) beforehand.

On behalf of the church council, we look forward to "seeing" you at the Town Hall meeting.

Peace,

Tony Endozo

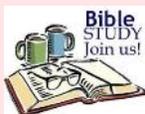
GSLC Congregation President

## Take in A Bible Study

**Monday Lunch and Learn Bible Study** meets Mondays, from 12:30 to 2 PM via Zoom. We are involved in a study titled, "With Us in the Wilderness - A Study of Numbers" by Lauren Chandler. If you are interested in joining please let [Cat](#) know and we will add you to the email list.

### Word on Wednesday Bible Study

WOW is discussing "The Acts of the Apostles" by Raymond Pickett from Augsburg Fortress. See what the Holy Spirit is up to in the development of the early church and how the Spirit continues to ACT through the church today!



If you are interested in participating, please contact study leader, Lori Peters, through the church office. We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom. At 10 AM.

### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Paul's Zoom Bible Study is on "The Revelation to John". You may participate in either the WEDNESDAY 2PM GROUP or the THURSDAY 11AM GROUP. This study is also using "The Rapture Exposed" by Barbara Rossing as supplemental reading to the Biblical narrative. All are welcome to participate. Please email your interest in joining to [Pastor Paul](#) and he will send you a schedule.

**Men In Mission** For the next several weeks, Men in Mission Wednesday Zoom meetings will be viewing and discussing selected Rob Bell videos from the twenty-four short video NOOMA series that explores our common experiences from a perspective of Jesus. If you would like to join them, please contact [media@gslutheran.org](mailto:media@gslutheran.org) so we can send you a link to the meeting.



## Sunday School News

Middle School **Sunday School Classes** meet virtually today at 10:30 AM. High School will meet at 8 PM. Meeting links will be sent via email. For elementary school ages watch our online Sunday School videos on our You Tube channel. <https://bit.ly/GSLCYOUTUBE> We look forward to seeing you all virtually.

### Adult Sunday School News

**Coffee and Conversation** is hosting a Zoom study, "The Old Testament" with Amy-Jill Levine. This is an overview (in 24 lectures) of the Old Testament, at 9:30 AM Sunday mornings. There is a new ZOOM link for this class. If you need the link and for any questions about this class or other study options, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, [Janice Swinford](#).

## Youth News

**CONFIRMATION** class meets next Sunday, April 25th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. via zoom. Meeting links will be sent via email. Our lesson will be on "Sharing Your Faith". Please make sure to have your pre-class assignment completed. Details are in your email.



**FX3** will be meeting today Sunday, April 18th from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting links will be sent via email. We have a new supply packet available on the front porch.

**FLY** Middle School Youth Group will meet today Sunday, April 18th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will be having a virtual cooking class. Please see your email for a list of ingredients and zoom links.

**SAINTS AND SINNERS** meets this Wednesday, April 21st at 7 p.m. Join us for devotion and discussion. Meeting links will be sent via email.

### TRIVIA TIME WITH YOUR GSLC FAMILY

Grab your family for our next fun virtual family game night on Sunday, April 25th at 2:30 p.m.. As voted on our last gathering our game will be Trivia. There will be questions for all ages. Grab some snacks and let's take some time to gather virtually with your church family for some fun fellowship, friendly competition. Email Cat at [youthministry@gslutheran.org](mailto:youthministry@gslutheran.org), if you're interested in joining the event. Meeting links will then be sent via email. You will not want to miss out on all the fun.



**SMILE for GOOD SHEPHERD**



Did you know that Amazon has donated nearly \$800 to Good Shepherd? Just by typing the word "Smile." before Amazon.com and choosing "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock GA" as your designated charity, will enable a percentage of your purchase price to go back to Good Shepherd. It's a win, win for everyone and certainly something to smile about. For more information, on this and other reward programs, [visit our website here](#).



Looking for an easy way to donate to Good Shepherd? Contribute offerings to Good Shepherd **using a credit or debit card**. GIVE PLUS is an online service recommended by the

ELCA and adopted by many Lutheran churches across America. They are the same vendor that processes our SIMPLY GIVING program. To obtain the most benefits, as noted below, we encourage you to set up an account through either our website by clicking the GIVE NOW button below, or utilizing the GIVE PLUS mobile app from your smartphone. You can download the free mobile app from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).

**[GIVE NOW](#)**

Prefer to have the money taken out through a **checking or savings** account? The enrollment process is easy – just fill out the [authorization form](#) and return it to the church Office Coordinator. You can modify or cancel your participation at any time by contacting the church office.

Want to mail us a check?

Our address is :  
1208 Rose Creek Drive  
Woodstock, GA 30189

All this information and more can be found on our website at [gslutheran.org/donate](http://gslutheran.org/donate)

*Thank you for your support.*

**STAY CONNECTED TO GOOD SHEPHERD**

**DON'T MISS A THING** If you do not receive our "Remind Text Messages" you can sign up on your mobile device. Text (including the @ symbol) @gslc1 to 81010 or [sign-up here](#). For more detailed instructions, [click here](#).

**STAY INFORMED**

If you would like to sign up for our Sheep Buzz e-mails you can do that [here](#), or on our website home page.

[WWW.GSLUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.GSLUTHERAN.ORG)



**[PRAYERS@GSLUTHERAN.ORG](mailto:PRAYERS@GSLUTHERAN.ORG)**

is the e-mail address for you to submit prayer concerns. Prayers will be posted to the Prayer Circle, via e-mail, during normal business hours. You can also drop us an e-mail at this same e-mail address if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Circle.



Handbell Cases and hand carts for storing and moving equipment from the Music Room to the Sanctuary	\$1,500
Handbell tables and risers	\$2,500
Foam padding and muslin covers	\$1,000
New speakers and cabling for Praise Team	\$3,200
New keyboard for Praise Team	\$2,300
Costs to repurpose the old keyboard for use in the Music Room	\$500
<b>Total to Date:</b>	<b>\$4,860</b>

*Please make any checks out to GSLC, or use GIVEPLUS via our website, and note music in the memo line. We have a goal of \$11,000 for the following:*

## FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD (MATHEW 25:35)...

We have recently expanded the garden footprint by adding six apple trees down the hillside going to Rose Creek Drive. The hope is that we will have apples by next season to share with the community! In addition, we will be adding two additional donated garden beds which will increase our produce output and let us put in some additional types of vegetables. The harvest is brought to different community organizations and served in their food pantries where the need for food has grown tremendously in the past year. If you have interest in helping in the garden contact the church office and we will put you in touch with our Garden Coordinators. If you are interested in making a monetary donation for seeds/plants/fertilizer, just mark your donation for the garden fund and deliver to GSLC.



**THE CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE** will begin having regular meetings (via Zoom for now), beginning monthly on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM. We will surely miss the leadership of Mary McCoy, but Reba Sumner and Barbara Kidder have agreed to co-chair the committee.



Thursday, April 22nd is Earth Day and we will resume collecting used toothbrushes and empty toothpaste containers as well as small batteries (no larger than D) on Sunday, April 25. Two appropriately marked containers will be on the porch during communion to receive the items. We will continue collecting at the outdoor communion services every Sunday until we can have our usual indoor services.



Also, check this out! On April 24, from 9 AM to 1 PM, the Greenstock Day Recycling and Paper Shredding Event will take place at Woodstock Elementary. Details on this event can be found at the Woodstock Parks and Recreation [website](#).

Other local recycling options include:

- RECYCLING CENTER at Hob good Park for glass, aluminum cans, cardboard, and recyclable plastic
- PUBLIX for Styrofoam egg cartons, trays, and fast food holders, think plastic, such as grocery bags, drycleaner bags, and film coverings on food items and paper including advertisements.
- WAL-MART for ink cartridges and plastic bags
- LOWES for compact florescent light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, and plastic bags
- BATTERIES PLUS for incandescent bulbs and non-alkaline batteries (They will recycle other bulbs and batteries for a charge)

## MUST Ministry Collection Available at GSLC Doorway

MUST Ministries is coordinating a MUST FOOD Rapid Response program. Family food boxes will be distributed at several points around Cobb and Cherokee Counties. They are accepting donations at their facilities seven days a week. Good Shepherd has placed a barrel outside the front doors of the church. **Most Needed Items:** New socks and underwear for children, adult toothbrushes, Mac & Cheese, Instant Oatmeal, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Rice, Canned Tomato Sauce, Canned Vegetables NO GREEN BEANS.



### LUTHERAN COALITION'S UPCOMING BUILD DAYS

- Saturday, April 24, 2021: Inside Paint
- Saturday, May 15, 2021: Landscape

There are 14 volunteer spots reserved on each build day. All build days will take place on Shady Trail in Canton, Georgia.



### BUILD DAY REMINDERS:

Volunteers park at 1498 Johnson Brady Road Canton, GA 30111  
**Bring own water and own sack lunch**

### LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

- [Volunteer Registration Link](#)
- [Registration Instructions](#)
- [Rules to Build By](#)
- [Family Profile - Meet the Miller Family](#)
- [2021 build site protocols in response to COVID-19](#)



As always, please feel free to the [church office](#) with any questions or concerns you may have!

### Used Paint Recycling Program

Do you have partially used cans of paint laying around and don't know what to do with them? The Lutheran Coalition for Habitat is working in conjunction with Timothy Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, both in Woodstock, to collect used paint to be shipped to third world countries and used to paint homes for those who cannot afford such a luxury. We can accept any latex paint (no stain) as long as the can is at least ¼ full. (Sorry we cannot accept rusted cans.) The paint will be shipped through Global Paint for Charity, to countries around the world. This will help families with the beauty and longevity of their home as well as improve sanitary conditions. **All you need to do is bring your paint to either Timothy Lutheran Church at 556 Arnold Mill Road or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 1208 Rose Creek Drive on May 8<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 3pm. (enter on Eagle Drive only.)** There is a recommended donation of \$5.00 per can of which the proceeds will go towards building a new Habitat for Humanity house in Cherokee County next year. Thank you for repurposing your surplus paint so someone else around the world can use it for their home. If have any questions, please call one of the church offices.

