

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

*You are invited to stand

GATHERING

Gathering Music

"With Praises Ring"

Bells of Good Shepherd

-By Barbara B Kinon

Welcome

***Easter Proclamation** *(repeat three times)*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***Thanksgiving at the Font** *(turn and face the baptismal font)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

G Amen.

P Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

*Gathering Song

"He Lives"

Words and Music by Anthony Skinner, Chris McClarney and Jonathan Smith; © Bethel Music Publishing SESAC |
Thirsty Boots Music | Capitol CMG Genesis | Tiny Hits | Be Essential Songs | Cashagamble Jet Music

Verse 1

See the tomb where He laid
See the stone rolled away
He is risen He is risen He's alive
See His hands see His feet
Touch His scars and believe
He is risen He is risen He's alive
Oh He's alive

Chorus

He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus lives

Verse 2

Hear the shackles breaking free
Hear the song of the redeemed

*Greeting

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.**

*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

L A reading from Acts

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 8:26-40
Pew Bible, Page 1000

Second Reading

📖 A reading from First John.

At conclusion of reading

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God

1 John 4:7-21
Pew Bible, Page 1112

Children's Message

*Gospel

📖 The holy gospel according to John.

At conclusion of reading

📖 The gospel of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God.

John 15:1-8
Pew Bible, Page 983

Meditation

Pastor Karen Boda

*Song of Day

"Branches"

Words and Music by Rachael Coad, Blaire Sanders, Jonathan Cole Novak, Jonathan Prickett and Josh Coad;
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Verse 1

I'm here separated apart and torn away
Broken branches in need of Your grace
There is no life apart from You
You're here in my failing
Your word makes me pure in my weakness
Your strength is secure
All of my life is found in You

Chorus 1

You are the vine
We are the branches
I am nothing without You
It's all for Your glory
All for Your purpose
Less of me and more of You

Verse 2

I'm here fully grafted inside of Your love
In ev'ry season Your grace is enough
You are in me as I'm in You
I'm called and appointed showing Your life
I am chosen
A co-heir with Christ
Your word inside me now bearing Your fruit

Chorus 2

You are the vine
We are the branches
I am nothing without You
It's all for Your glory
All for Your purpose
Less of me and more of You
(Repeat)

***Baptism Song**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Words: by Anna B. Warner; Music: William Bradbury; @ Public Domain

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Verse 2

Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. (Chorus)

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

***Prayers of Intercession**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "God of grace," worshippers respond with the words, "hear our prayer".

***Peace**

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **☑** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God's peace.)



Offering

The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received. For online giving, see the QR code on the back page.

Offering Anthem

"Abide"

Praise Team

- Words and Music by Nate Moore, Mia Fieldes and Jonathan Smith

***Offering Prayer**

☐ Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **☑** **Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

☑ 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.

***Invitation to Communion**

Communion/Communion Songs

"Behold Our God"

Words and Music by Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird and Stephen Altrogge; © 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise | Sovereign Grace Worship

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign
(Chorus)

"The Greatest Commandment"

Words and Music by Paul Zach; © Integrity's Alleluia! Music | Paul Zach Publishing

Chorus

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself
(Repeat)

Verse

Let us be known let us be known
By the way we love
Let us be known let us be known
By the way we love

Chorus

Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind

And love your neighbor as yourself
(Repeat)

Verse

Let us be known let us be known
By the way we love
Let us be known let us be known
By the way we love

Bridge

Love love love the greatest commandment is
Love love love the greatest commandment is
Love love love the greatest commandment is
love

"Your Are My Vision"

Words by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Eleanor Henrietta Hull and Rend Collective Arr. Rend Collective; Music Ancient Irish Melody ; © 2011 Thankyou Music

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light
Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high
tower
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my
power
Oh oh oh

Verse 3

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are
Oh oh oh

Verse 4

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's
Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

*Post Communion Blessing

☞ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☩ Amen.

*Prayer After Communion

☩ Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. ☩ Amen.

Announcements

 SENDING 

*Blessing

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☩ Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☞ The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. ☩ Amen.

***Sending Song**

"Jesus Is Alive"

Words and Music by Ron Kenoly; © 1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Chorus

Hallelujah Jesus is alive
Death has lost its vict'ry
And the grave has been denied
Jesus lives forever
He's alive He's alive

The curse of sin is broken
And we have perfect liberty
The Lamb of God has risen
He's alive He's alive
(repeat chorus and verse)

Verse

He's the Alpha and Omega
The first and last is He

Ending

Hallelujah Jesus is alive

***Dismissal**

- A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
- G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Music

Praise Team

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