

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 11, 2025**

*8:30 AM Traditional 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—please silence your cell phones

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

**“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”**

**Chase Petersen**

*-Dale Wood*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*EASTER PROCLAMATION**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**\*LITANY FOR CREATION AND CONFESSION**

- P** Whoever we are and wherever we come from, we share the reality that this earth is our home. So we come at this moment to remind ourselves of the truth that the ways in which we live within this earth home affect for good or ill the home itself and all that dwells within it. Open to the moment, therefore, and open to one another we come before the mystery of life.

We join with the earth and with one another to bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air.

- C** **We join with the earth and with one another,**
  - P** to renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures.
- C** **We join with the earth and with one another,**
  - P** to celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.
- C** **We join with the earth and with one another,**
  - P** to create human community, to promote justice and peace, to eradicate poverty and inequality, to remember the generations yet to come.
- C** **We join with the earth and with one another.**
  - P** We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery, for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.
- C** **Amen!**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P** Let us confess our sins against creation to our creator God and to one another. 1

*Silence for meditation*

**P** Holy God,

**C** you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Sometimes we are part of the just, and sometimes we are part of the unjust. You have given us incredible gifts of water, soil, air, plants, and animals that sustain our lives. When we are ungrateful, forgive us. When we forget to take care of these resources, forgive us. When we hoard these resources and keep them from others who need them, forgive us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to refresh us and renew us so that we can use the gifts you have given us to care for each other and for our earth.

**P** By the mercies of our creator God, and by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

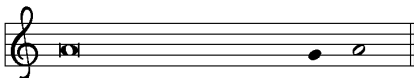
**\*GATHERING HYMN “My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”**

**ELW #782**

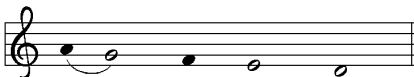
**\*GREETING**

**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.**

**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



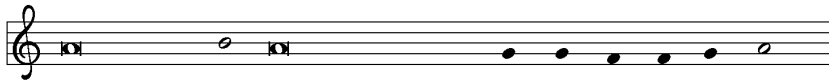
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**L** A reading from Acts

*At conclusion of reading*

**Acts 9:36-43**

*Pew Bible, Page 1001*

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

**PSALM** (*Sung responsively, R indicates Refrain to be sung by all.*)

**Psalm 23**

### REFRAIN



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

**A** The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

**G** The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in  
green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.

**A** You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for  
your name's sake.

**G** Though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no  
evil;

**for you are with me; your rod and  
your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me. R**

**A** You prepare a table before me in the  
presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my  
cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

**G** Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of  
the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever. R

## SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation.

*At conclusion of reading*

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

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*Pew Bible, Page 1122*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### \*GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John.

**John 10:22-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Pew Bible, Page 978*

*At conclusion of reading*

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

## MEDITATION

**Pastor Karen Boda**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**ELW #789**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, “Hear us, O God.” worshippers respond with the words, “Your mercy is great”.*

## \*PEACE

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you.

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

## MEAL

## OFFERING

*Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.*

## OFFERING ANTHEM

### "The Lord is My Shepherd"

Chancel Choir

-Sally DeFord

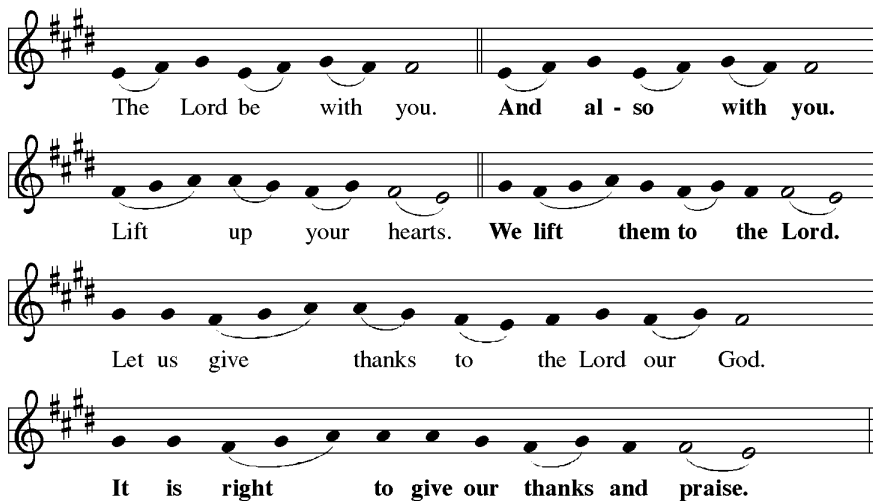
## \*OFFERING HYMN "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #884

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C** Amen.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right...praise your name and join their unending hymn

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## \*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

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

ELW #502

ELW #778

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A** Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**A** Amen.

## SENDING

## \*BLESSING

**P** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **A** Amen.

## \*SENDING HYMN “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

WOV #767

After singing the third verse of the hymn, the congregation will process (weather permitting) outside to the “Garden of Grace”.



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.



## **\*BLESSING OF THE GARDEN**

*Adapted from The Blessing of the Garden written by Joshua Paul Smith. Christ Church Cape Girardeau, The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. May 10, 2022.*

- P** Let us pray. God of earthworms and compost, God of fertilizer and dirty fingernails, God of field and furrow:

In the beginning you created human beings in your image, giving us a lush and abundant garden to be our home together with you;

When we were lost and wandering in exile you provided water and manna to sustain us;

By your prophet Jeremiah you urged your people Israel to build houses and plant gardens, even when they were uprooted and far from home; And in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus Christ to scatter the seeds of your Word, to proclaim the coming of your Kingdom, and to give your blessing to all who hunger:

We ask your blessing now upon this garden, that it may faithfully provide food for those in our community.

*A volunteer lifts a shovelful (or handful) of soil from the garden and distributes it.*

- P** Creator God, bless this soil, that it may nourish the vegetables and herbs planted here, strengthening their roots and encouraging their growth by the prayers of this community.

### **G Lord, hear our prayer.**

*A volunteer uses a watering can to sprinkle water over the garden bed.*

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, who gives Living Water so that none may be thirsty: Bless this water, the most basic necessity of life, that it may carry nutrients from the soil to the plants, making them healthy, green, and full of life.

### **G Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Set a pair of work gloves onto a garden post.*

- P** Holy Spirit, our comforter and friend, who brings near those who were once far-off: Bless the volunteers who will help tend this garden and also those who will receive its gifts, that their work may produce the good fruit of hospitality and friendship, bearing witness to your holy love, faithfulness, and service.

### **G Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P** We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ the Sower, who plants in our hearts the seeds of mercy and loving-kindness. **G Amen.**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. Care for creation!

### **G Thanks be to God!**

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