

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

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– Please silence you cell phones

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

PRAISE TEAM

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.

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 in 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 SONG

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

*Words and Music by Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, Daniel Carson, William J. Gaither and Chris Tomlin;
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worshiptogether.com songs | Be Essential Songs | I Am A Pilgrim Songs | Open Hands Music | So Essential Tunes | Hanna
Street Music*

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Final Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives Because He lives

*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

📖 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. 🙏 **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

📖 A reading from Acts

At conclusion of reading

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

Acts 9:1-6

Pew Bible, Page 1000

SECOND READING

📖 A reading from Revelation.

At conclusion of reading

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

Revelation 5:11-14

Pew Bible, Page 1120

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL

📖 The holy gospel according to John.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At conclusion of reading

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

John 21:1-19

Pew Bible, Page 989

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

*SONG OF DAY "Living Waters"

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Verse 1

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Verse 4

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters (Chorus)

Ending

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

***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**

☩ The Peace of the Lord be with you always. ☩ And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact 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 SONG

“The Blessing”

Praise Team

-By Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

*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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

“A New Commandment”

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Chorus

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you
That you love one another as I have loved you

Verse 1

By this shall all know that you are My disciples
If you have love one for another
By this shall all know that you are My disciples
If you have love one for another

(Repeat Chorus and Verse)

“Beautiful One”

Words and Music by Tim Hughes; © 2002 Thankyou Music

Verse 1

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Chorus 1

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Verse 2

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart
to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

“Send Down Your Spirit”

Words and Music by Will Hickl ; © 2019 NOVUM PUBLISHING

Verse 1

Though I wage war within
My broken heart cannot begin
To understand who You are
And how You love me

Chorus 1

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Verse 2

Though I fail to believe
My wandering heart longs to see
And comprehend who You are
And know Your mercy

Chorus 2

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Bridge

My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One
(CHORUS 2)

Chorus 2

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Bridge

Draw near to us
Come dwell in us
We invite You Jesus
Draw near to us
Come dwell in us
We invite You Jesus
(Chorus 2)

*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. 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.

☩ Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

☞ 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. ☩ Amen.

*SENDING SONG

“Garden of Grace”

Traditional Spiritual; Lyrics: Pam Weinelt

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

Verse 1

We're on our way
To the Garden of Grace
We're on our way to the Garden of Grace
Our God loves us it's what we do
To show he loves our neighbors too

Verse 2

God's work our hands
We plant and sow
God helps us tend the soil to grow
A bounty for all those who need food
To know that God is Great and goo.

(Repeat verses as needed)

*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.

☞ 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!**

MORE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH



We are going on a road trip with God! Why don't you come along? It might just be your best adventure of the summer. It's happening June 9 –13th, 9 AM—12 PM. We are still looking for lots of volunteers. Sign up today! Have a little one or an elementary aged child in your family? Registration is open. Go to gslutheran.org/vbs to register today. Spots are filling up fast.

All VBS leaders and helpers will require VBS Training. This will take place on Saturday, May 17th at 10 AM and again on June 7th, at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Save the date. We will also need all available hands to help decorate on Sunday, June 8th, prior to our opening on June 9th.

Upcoming save the dates:

Senior Sunday -Final Sunday School Day Event: Next Sunday, May 18th, 9:45 AM Ages K-12. (No confirmation class)

Learn more about Inspiritus: Next Sunday, May 18th, 9:45 AM

Memorial Day Holiday: May 26th; Office closed

Southeastern Synod Assembly: May 29-31

Constitution Update Q & A: June 1, 9:45 AM

Confirmation Sunday (Pentecost) - One Combined Worship Service: June 8, 10 AM

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: June 8, following combined worship service.

VBS: June 9 –13th, 9 AM—12 PM

VBS Recap Sunday/Father's Day: June 15th

Intergenerational Service Trip: June 15-20th

Funeral Planning Seminar: June 22 at 9:45 AM and June 29 at 12:00 PM— led by Pastor Karen



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