

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

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

☞ GATHERING ☞

PRELUDE

“All Through the Night”

Anna Kate Peed

-Stephen Burtonwood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

☞ Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

☞ Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

☞ **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

☞ **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

☞ **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN “The Head That Once Was Crowned” ELW #432 vs 1-4

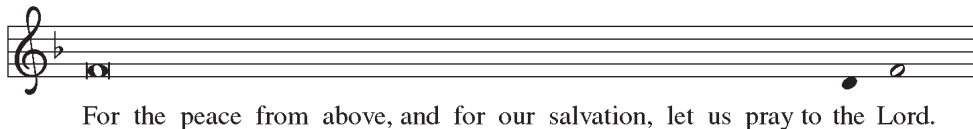
*GREETING

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

*KYRIE



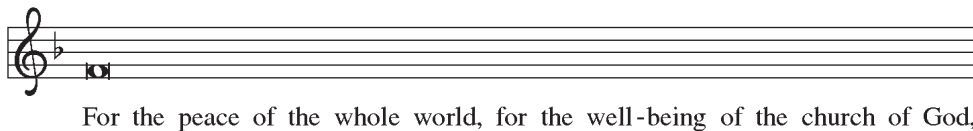
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



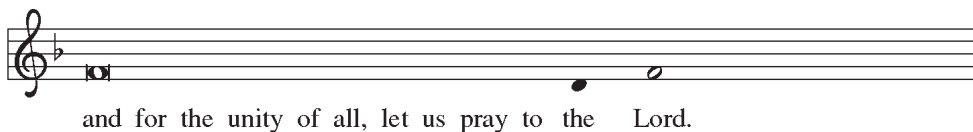
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



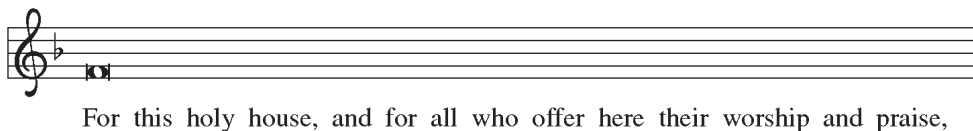
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



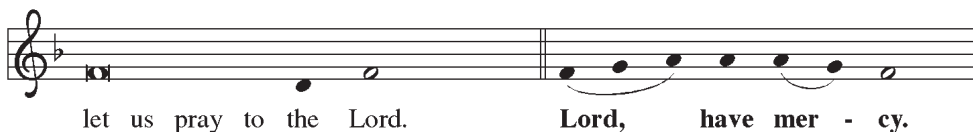
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



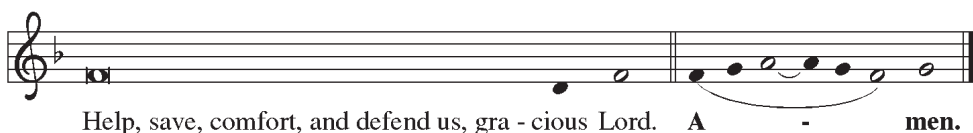
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

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Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through 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

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

Acts 1:6-14
Pew Bible, Page 991

PSALM *(please read responsively)*

- A** Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
- C** **As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**
- A** But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
- C** **Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the cloud. His name is the Lord. Be exultant before him.**
- A** Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- C** **God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**
- A** O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

SECOND READING

L A reading from 1 Peter.

At conclusion of reading

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- C** **the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- A** Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;
- C** **your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**
- A** Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,
- C** **O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**
- A** Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.
- C** **Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Pew Bible, Page 1106

*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to John.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At conclusion of reading

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

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible, Page 985

SERMON

“He Prayed”

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

“I Come with Joy”

ELW #482

*APOSTLES' CREED

G 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, “Merciful God”. Worshippers respond with the words, “receive our prayer.”

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **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

“My Hiding Place”

Chancel Choir

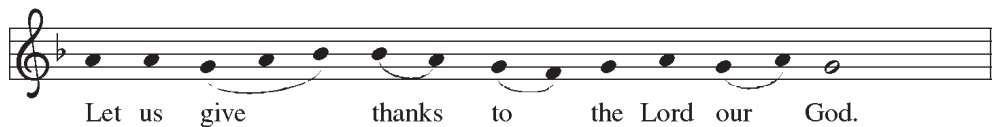
-Tom Fettke

*OFFERING HYMN “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW #884

*OFFERING PRAYER

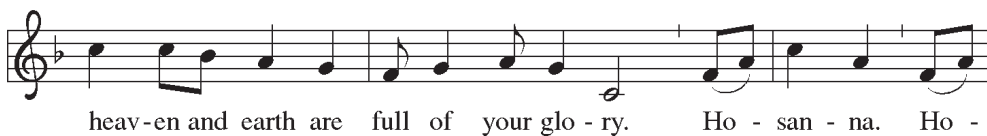
A Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **G** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*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

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.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION HYMNS

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

ELW #470

“Evening and Morning”

ELW #761

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

High School Graduates and their parents may come forward for a blessing.

▮ Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that *name/s* have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ☩ Amen.

▮ Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. ☩ Amen.

BLESSINGS FOR NEW DRIVERS

Those receiving their driver's permit or license in the last year may come forward for a blessing.

▮ O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: surround us/them with your loving care; protect us/them from every danger; and bring us/them in safety to our/their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

BLESSING FOR TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO SUMMER

All teachers, those working in the school system and students may come forward for a blessing.

▮ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you speak to us and through us. Increase in us a desire for wisdom and insight that we may use what we have learned for the sake of the common good. We pray in the name of the one who taught disciples and told stories, Jesus our Savior. ☩ Amen.

▮ You have learned and taught. ☩ Thanks be to God!

▮ You have grown and matured. ☩ Thanks be to God!

▮ You have explored and created. ☩ C Thanks be to God!

▮ Now, enter into rest and pray, the re-creation of summer. And all God's people said: ☩ Amen!

***BLESSING**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord God, We Praise You”

ELW #558

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in Peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

G Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Anna Kate Peed

-Henry Thomas Smart

WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | 10:45 AM Praise Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies

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