

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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

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### ∞ GATHERING ∞

PRELUDE

“Breathe on me, breath of God” Bells of Good Shepherd  
*-Brian Childers*

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**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ELW #408

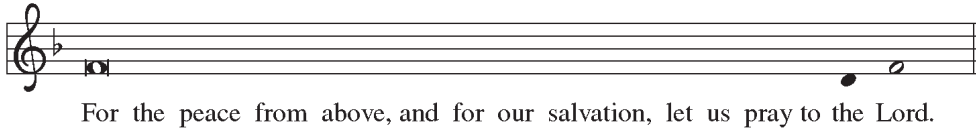
## \*GREETING

**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.**

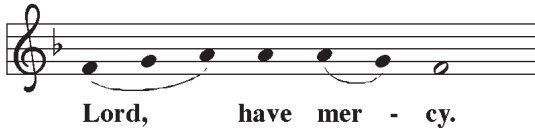
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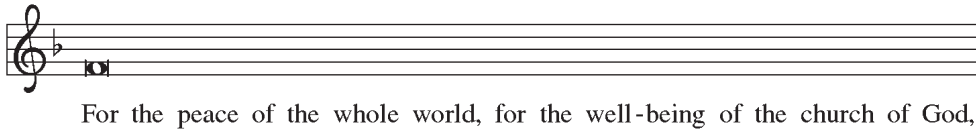
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



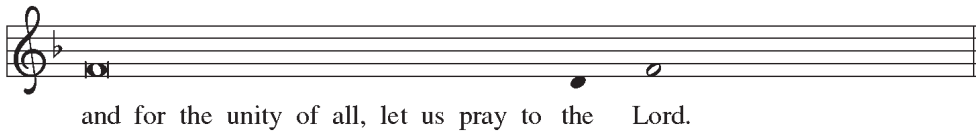
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



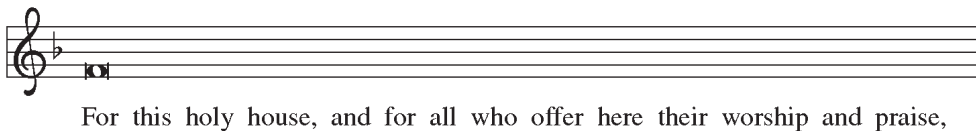
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



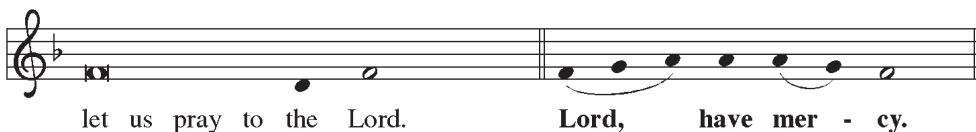
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



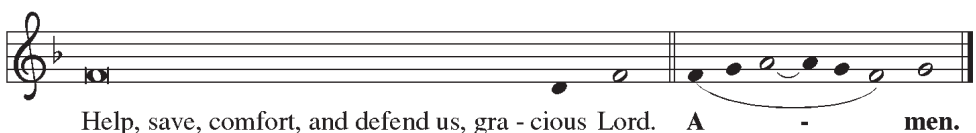
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

*continues on next page*

*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. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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*

**Acts 17:22-31**  
Pew Bible, Page 1010

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

**PSALM** *(please read responsively)*

- A** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- A** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
- C** **You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**
- A** you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
- C** **I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**
- A** those that my lips uttered and my

**Psalms 66:8-20**

- mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- C** **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
- A** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
- C** **I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**
- A** If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
- C** **But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.**
- A** Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

**SECOND READING**

- L** A reading from 1 Peter.
- At conclusion of reading*
- L** The Word of the Lord.     **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

*Pew Bible, Page 1105*

**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.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

- P** The holy gospel according to John.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- At conclusion of reading*
- P** The gospel of the Lord.     **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

**John 14:15-21**

*Pew Bible, Page 983*

**SERMON**

**“Does love really work?”**

**Pastor Karen Boda**

**\*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, “Merciful God”. Worshippers respond with the words, “receive 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**

*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**

**“Gaelic Morning”**

**Anna Kate Peed**

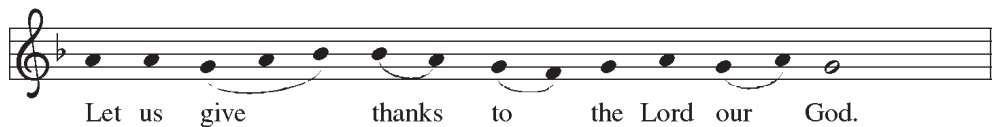
*-Dan Forrest*

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

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

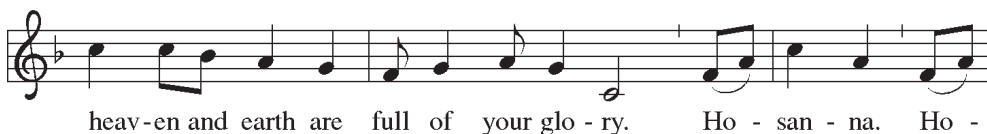
**☐ Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.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



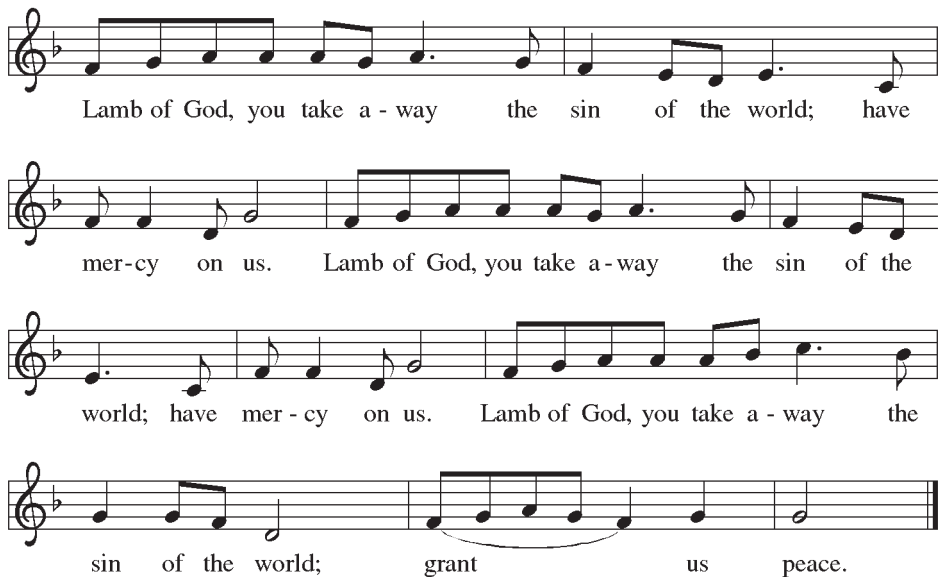
## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

☑ 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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

ELW #449

### \*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

- 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,
- G** Amen.

## ∞ SENDING ∞

## \*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

“O Zion, Haste”

ELW #668

## \*DISMISSAL

- A** Go in Peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
- G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## \*POSTLUDE

“Grace Greater than All Our Sin”

Anna Kate Peed

*-unknown*

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**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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