

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

**Pastor Amy Larson**

**Pastor Marion Pruitt-Jefferson**

**Brooke Joyce, Music Director**



**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 30, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Stand as you are able; Congregation responses are in **bold**;*

*Page numbers (P.) found in front of red book in pew; hymn numbers (#) in back*

### GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC:** “Christ lag in Todesbanden” - Johann Pachelbel

**PRAYER BELL**

**WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** #391 This Joyful Eastertide

**\*GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**\*KYRIE:** P. 147-148

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** P. 149-150 “This is the Feast”

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### WORD

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14A, 36-41

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

18| will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,  
19| **in the courts of | the LORD's house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-23

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*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.

**\*GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** # 374 Day of Arising

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** P. 234

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** ... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**\*PEACE:** The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" - Ralph Schultz

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** Congregation sings only verse one

## Praise and Thanks and Adoration



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY:** P. 152-153

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 154 *Our Father who art in heaven ...*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:** P. 154 Lamb of God, #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues

Employ, #484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**\*TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING SONG:** # 379 Now the Green Blade Rises

**\*PRAYER BELL**

**\*DISMISSAL:** Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Christ lag in Todesbanden" - Samuel Scheidt

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(the postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!)

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation.

**WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE.** Guests and members please sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you're welcome to take the information cards about Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd members invite you to coffee and conversation following worship in our Fellowship Hall (down the east hallway).

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** Ushers will direct you to the communion line which forms at the back of the sanctuary and moves up to the altar rail. If you wish to have the Pastor serve Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers. The bread is gluten-free. Receive the bread with open hands, then dip it into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape juice. Egg-free wheat wafers are available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, place your arms in front of your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew and offer prayers. We remain standing at the altar rail during the Easter Season as we remember that we are raised to new life in Christ.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE.** The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. **All children ages 4 -12, including children who are guests today, are welcome to attend Sunday School from 10:50 -11:30 am.** Listen for the bell during the Fellowship Hour that marks the start of Sunday School.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY**– ACOLYTE: Oliver & Adeline Bollinger; USHERS: Ray Torresdal, Russ Freerking; GREETER: Jane Borelli; ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Naslund; COMMUNION SERVER: Pam Torresdal; CANTOR: Daniel Raney; ALTAR GUILD: Carrie Solberg, Janeen Christy, Jon Christy; FELLOWSHIP: Lindy Moeller, Jeri Laursen, Lise Kildegaard, Sara Hanssen(F); ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Amy Larson.

## **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **Sunday, April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

8:45 a.m. - Choir Warmup

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School; Adult Forum

### **Tuesday, May 2**

4:00 p.m. - Mary Circle - Marilyn Anderson hosts

### **Wednesday, May 3**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

6:00 p.m. - Space Exploration Task Force Meeting

### **Thursday, May 4**

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Pr. Amy

12:00 p.m.- Communications Subcommittee Meeting

1:30 p.m. - Property and Management Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. - Community Meal at First Lutheran

### **Sunday, May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter, NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, BAPTISM**

8:45 a.m. - Band Warmup

9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hour

10:45 a.m. - Sunday School; Adult Forum

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY**— ACOLYTE: Leah Holland; USHERS: Jeri Laursen, Russ Freerking; GREETER: Steve Holland; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Kemp; COMMUNION SERVER: Krista Holland; CANTOR: Dennis Barnaal; ALTAR GUILD: Jerrine & Karl Jacobsen, Ann Naslund; FELLOWSHIP: Marie Freerking, Norma Refsal, Charilyn Hover; ORGANIST/PIANIST: Brooke Joyce; PREACHER & PRESIDERS: Amy Larson.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY TODAY** - We rejoice as Ava Holland and Keaton Solberg affirm the promises made to them in baptism and confirm their faith. There will be a special fellowship hour following worship to celebrate.

**ADULT FORUM TODAY** - Come and join Leboy Oltimbau and Musa Kamaika, Tanzanian men who are members of the Maasai tribe and have been in residence at Luther College this spring. Not only have Leboy and Musa served as cultural guides and translators for Luther programs in Tanzania, they have welcomed Luther students and faculty in their homes. While in Decorah, they have been sharing their culture, which has developed around the herding of cattle, sheep and goats, while experiencing American life and greeting old friends.

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOMED ON MAY 7** - If you are interested in joining the congregation, please talk with Pr. Amy or Pr. Marion.

**WE REJOICE THAT SOLVEIG BELLRICHARD** will be baptized on May 7!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for the first quarter of 2017 are available in the basket outside the Sanctuary. This is the last day for pick up. These statements will not be mailed.

**GOOD SHEPHERD PROCESSIONAL CROSS** - The new processional cross is a gift to the congregation. It was designed and created by David Faldet and Harley Refsal with input from the Art Subcommittee. Thank you, David and Harley. Thank you, Art Subcommittee. There will be a dedication of the cross on May 14.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY** will be held Friday, May 5, in the Fellowship Room of Decorah UCC church with coffee at 9:00 and program at 9:30 Ruth Palmer will be the guest speaker.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our LWR Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits. We were able to send 41 Personal Care Kits and 50 Baby Care Kits along with 5 blankets. The clean, fresh supplies in the Kits offer comfort and dignity to families in an otherwise challenging time. They will be shipped on to the warehouse on May 6. If anyone is able to help with transferring the kits to Olson Explosives for delivery to the warehouse, please contact Gail Judisch.

**ST GRUBBY'S DAY PHOTOS** - Click on the Flickr and Instagram icons at the upper right of our website's homepage to view these photos. Thank you to everyone who took part in St. Grubby's Day clean up projects!

**PLEDGE DRIVE** - This coming summer, July 15th-28th, I will be in Phang Nga, Thailand with Global Visions International volunteering at a local school making repairs on infrastructure, painting and other similar tasks. To assist with program costs, I am raising funds by volunteering 25-30 hours at several local non-profit organizations and seeking a donation or a pledge per hour volunteered. If you would be interested in supporting me, please read the April Newsletter or talk to me in person. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd with *Natalie* in the memo line. Thank you! - Natalie Tapscott

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**PRAYER LIST** - Good Shepherd Family: Donna Bahr, Erik Berg, Shirley Casebere, Drew Duffy, Louise Duwe, Diane Kvamme, Jonathon Struve, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, and Wellington Place, Nathan Wicks at Wartburg Seminary, Amalia Vagts and Daniel Grainger preparing for seminary. Relatives and Friends: Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey, Joanne Dornbush (mother of Sue Blair), Mary Joyce (mother of Brooke Joyce), David Mitcheltree (friend of Brooke Joyce), Pat Plude and family (friends of Brooke Joyce), Jiggs Sersland (friend of Judy Schoel), Lyle Steele (cousin of LaVerne Ramsey), John Tapscott (Matt Tapscott's father), Brianna Wolfs (granddaughter of Linda), Judy Zalk (grandmother of Pr. Amy), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Congregation in Tsumeb, Namibia.

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