GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3



April 7th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

As you enter the Sanctuary, you are invited to make the transition from "getting here" to "being here". Take a moment to silence phones. You may use these moments of quiet time to listen to the Prelude as you prepare to come fully into the presence of God and our community of faith.

Worship Books are in the Pews

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (**ELW**) - red book

All Creation Sings (**ACS**) - purple book

Page numbers (p.) in front of the books; hymn numbers (#) in back of books.

Congregational responses are in **bold**. An * indicates a time to rise in body or spirit.

Worship Window Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

The Season of Easter allows for the mystery of God's presence mostly through the gospel of John. Today we gather with the other disciples and experience Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship — follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

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. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at **goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement** or by scanning the code.



GATHERING

PRAYER BELL

PRELUDE: "Spring", mvt. I – Antonio Vivaldi

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #363 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" vs. 1, 3, 5



- 1 Come, you faith ful, raise the strain of tri um phant glad ness!
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls to day: Christ has burst his pris on,
- 3 Now the queen of sea sons, bright with the day of splen dor,
- 4 Nei ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por tal, 5 Al le lu ia! now we cry to our Lord im mor tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in joy from sad - ness, to and from three days' sleep in death has ris - en. as sun a rov - al feast of with the feasts comes its to ren - der: joy nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you mor - tal: as a who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja cob's sons and daugh-ters; All the win - ter of sins, and dark, fly - ing our long is glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion comes to but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing Al - lu - ia! with the God Fa - ther prais - ing; Son the



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters. from the Light to whom we praise un - dy - ing. laud and un - wea - ried strain res - ur - rec - tion! wel-comes in Je sus' your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass es hu - man know - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! yet Spir - it rais - ing. a - gain to the

*APOSTOLIC GREETING:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

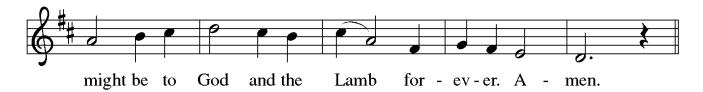
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE:







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



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray together... Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 133

¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is, when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

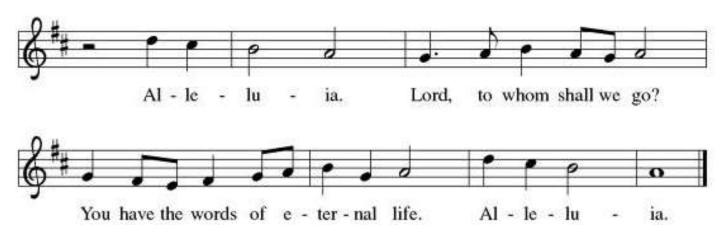
SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-4

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

- The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas

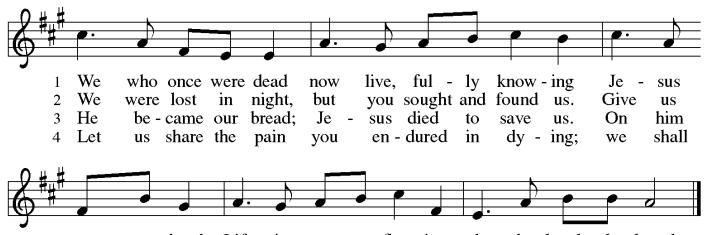
answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #495 "We Who Once Were Dead"



Life our head. is o - ver-flow-ing when he breaks the bread. as strength to fight: death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light. eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead. fed, we liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, then re - main we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead, but you rose and, living, made yourself our bread, in your goodness giving life though we were dead. 6 This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Each petition ends... God of grace, hear our prayer.

*PEACE OF CHRIST: The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary. Bows, signs, fist bumps, handshakes, are all honored!

MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC: "Hear the Sound of Joy" - Lodovico Viadana

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*OFFERING SONG: ELW #461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" vs. 1, 3



- 1 All who hun -ger, gath-er glad ly; ho ly man na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth er, Je sus Christ is liv ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and Come from rest-less - ness and Come from lone - li - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast. long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food. We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

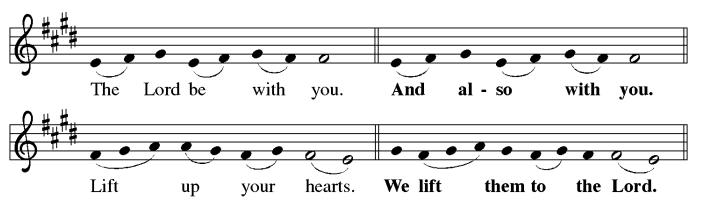


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

*OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray together... Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING - HOLY HOLY:



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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise... with every breath. We praise you, O God. Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future. We bless you, O God. We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now. We thank you, O God. In the night in which he was betrayed... we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again...Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: 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.

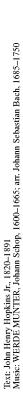
HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. As Lutherans we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord. All who desire to receive the gifts of grace, forgiveness, and new life are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. You do not need to be Lutheran or a member of Good Shepherd to receive these gifts.

- Ushers will direct you to the altar rail.
- Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.
- If you prefer only blessing, indicate by placing your hands in front of your heart.
- Prepackaged servings of bread and wine are available.

COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God, p. 154









*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray together... Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

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*SENDING SONG: ELW #377 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"



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PRAYER BELL

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" - Wilbur Held

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!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: GREETER: Karin Martin-Hiner; USHERS: Dave Judisch, Lance Wood; READER: Allie Scott; ASSISTING MINISTER: David Scott; FELLOWSHIP: Gail Judisch, Sharon Drew, Marilyn Rue, Doris Barnaal, Jill Wood

SECOND ADULT FORUM ON PRAYER TODAY: Join Jane Jakoubek and Kris Peterson for their second (of three) Adult Forums on prayer. Today is on intercessory prayer, or prayers when we need God's help. Together we'll learn about a prayer practice that draws on the Quaker practice of listening, and from the experience of one person's struggle to pray beyond the fears that they couldn't get beyond. Please, join us!

ITEMS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BABY CARE KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS NEEDED THIS MONTH

- **Personal Care Kits** newly purchased items only: dark-colored bath towels (20" x 40" 27" x 52"); any brand 4-5 oz wrapped bars of soap; adult-sized tooth brushes in original packaging; metal nail clippers.
- Baby Care Kits: sleepers without feet; cloth diapers, flat fold; dark-colored hand towels.
- Containers for items are in the Gathering Space, with donation examples in the Fellowship Hall.

THRIVENT INFORMATION: Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know how to direct your choice dollars to GS or any nonprofit? Or put your action team dollars towards krumkake, baby, school, and personal care kits, or other projects of Good Shepherd? If you don't have a 9-year-old to help you navigate the website, there is info in the gathering space to help you!

THANK YOU FROM GS YOUTH: Thank you for the support and generosity in our recent fundraisers for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering! The Brunch raised \$681. We have raised \$7,869 so far and we still need \$8,230—almost halfway there!

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY APRIL DATES: While Rev. Ginny Olson recovers, Linda Groe will lead Thursday AM Bible Studies in the GS Library from 11-12:00 April 11th, 18th, and 25th.

JAZZ WORSHIP AND RACIAL JUSTICE REAFFIRMATION SUNDAY: Sunday, April 14th

ST. GRUBBY'S DAY: Sunday, April 21st

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: Tristan: 9 AM - 12 PM M-F.

Erica: 10 AM - 5 PM M-Tues.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

People will be kept on the "medical concerns" prayer list for 4 weeks. After that they will be cycled off and you will need to alert Pr. Dave or the Office to have them return to the Prayer List for another 4 weeks. Those listed under "hospice" will remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted. Grieving folks are listed for 2 weeks.

Those with medical concerns...

- Stephanie Hoff awaiting kidney transplant
- Bonnie Flora Parkinsons and troubling back pain
- Jutta Anderson Chordoma, rare cancer of the spine
- Randy (friend of Dan Raney) broken ribs, cancer
- Sonja and Braelyn health concerns
- Anni Weilgart health concerns
- Ginny Olson new pacemaker
- Brielle (granddaughter of Tom & Connie Buresh) recovery from knee surgery, torn ACL
- Claude Hayes hospitalized in Rochester

Those in hospice...

- Ed Hover, Eastern Star
- Mirium Plaatz, Melanie Folkerts' aunt; In California
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law, Buffalo, NY
- Bob and Eileen Fahrenkrug, grandparents of Sarah Wicks
- Janet Gall, Eastern Star

Those who grieve...

• Rev. Daryl Thompson, Calmer & Springfield Luth churches, grieving the death of wife Mica

Those serving on Good Shepherd's Call Committee...

 Megan Buckingham (Convener), Anne Clausen, Steve Holland, Karin Martin-Hiner, Bob Larson, and Leah Holland

Those who serve the wider church...

- Maryn Olson (daughter of Ginny Olson), Director for Disaster Response for the ELCA
- Rev. Stacey Nalean-Carlson Wartburg Seminary, Director of Contextual Education
- Rev. Susan Friedrich, Interim pastor in Maynard, IA
- Rev. Allie Scott, regular pulpit supply at Decorah UCC
- Rev. David Scott, Director of Theology of United Methodist Church
- Rev. Melissa Bills, Luther College Campus Pastor
- Rev. Matt Larson, SE Minnesota Synod Staff

<u>Prayers for the Church, the Nation, and the World...</u>

- Pr. Lauren Wrightsman, Pr. Dave's wife, as she begins her new call as Transitional Senior Pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, WI
- For those who support our church's ministry with their tithes, offering and gifts.

To have a prayer request added to the Prayer List, please email Pr. David Wrightsman at: (pastordavid@goodshepherddecorah.org) or Tristan/Erica at: office@goodshepherddecorah.org

^{*}Missionaries and Seminarians listed on the 1st Sunday of the month; those who serve in the wider church listed on the 2nd Sunday of the month; Eastern Star and Arlin Falck residents listed on 3rd Sunday of month; Aase Haugen & Wellington listed on 4th Sunday of the month.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, April 7: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Marion Pruitt-Jefferson

Special Music: Choir

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

Adult Forum: Intercessory Prayer with Jane Jakoubek and Kris Peterson

Sunday, April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Jazz Worship and Racial Justice Sunday

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon title: "Where is Emmaus?"

Special Music: Jon Ailabouni and the Jazz Ensemble

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21: 4th Sunday of Easter; St. Grubby's Sunday *Come to church dressed

in your grubbies! Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon title: "The Abundant Life"

Special Music: Handbells

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee & Spring Cleaning Projects around the church 10:30-11:30 am

Sunday, April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship at 9:30 am; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching: Pr. David Wrightsman; Sermon title: "Cleansing the Heart with Faith"

Special Music: Band

Sunday School: 10:20-11:00 am

Coffee/Treats/Social Time: 10:30-11:30 am; Fellowship Hall

Adult Forum: Vote Forward: Encouraging Participation in the 2024 Election

with Pr. Marion Pruitt- Jefferson and Jane Jakoubek

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