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Second Sunday of Easter
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Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd!

It is our privilege to have you here today! We are especially delighted to welcome any guests who are with us. May the Holy Spirit bless your worship and fill your heart with peace, joy, and faith in your Savior Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself, complete your Connect card, and worship with us again soon!

- Restrooms (with changing stations) are located in the hallway toward the gym, and the nursery is located right next to the sanctuary entrance.
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Theme of Today's Worship:

Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

The Order of Service

The Service, Setting 1 ~ Christian Worship 2021

Easter Greeting from WELS President Mark Schroeder

♪ **The Opening Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong
Bands¹**

Koine

The hymn is printed on p. 14 in the service folder.

The Invocation

M(inister): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

¹ Martin Luther wrote this strong Easter hymn to emphasize that Jesus' death and resurrection were the fulfillment of the Passover celebration. Just as Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper to fulfill the Passover meal; just as Jesus shed his blood on the cross to become the true Passover Lamb; so also Jesus rose from the dead to deliver Passover's greatest promise: salvation from death and hell and new life with God forever.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

M: I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

C: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♫ **Hymn: #442, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia²**

The hymn is printed on p. 15 in the service folder.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

² The original Latin text of this hymn dates from the 11th century. It was used as a sequence during the Mass on Easter and daily throughout the following week. With its strong imagery of substitutionary ransom and reconciliation, it was included in many Easter miracle plays, especially the ceremony of the Easter Sepulchre, where various questions of an officiating bishop were answered by singing successive stanzas of the hymn. The German chorale "Christ Is Arisen" (CW #458) and Luther's "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (CW #439/440) reflect inspiration from this hymn.

The Word of God

The First Lesson: Acts 18:1-11

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

¹ After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #445, He’s Risen, He’s Risen³

The hymn is printed on p. 16 in the service folder.

³ C.F.W. Walther, founder of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and perhaps the greatest figure in the history of American Lutheranism, composed both text and tune of this hymn on a journey he took in 1860 to Germany for recuperation. Originally 11 stanzas, this hymn depicts the opening of two doors: the door to death’s prison, so it can’t hold believers in anymore; and the door to “Eden,” which, once closed because of sin (Genesis 3:22-24), now leads to life in Paradise with God forever.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-4

St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead. This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #465, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today⁴

The hymn is printed on p. 17 in the service folder.

The Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Refrain



M: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia! *Refrain*

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy

⁴ This text by Charles Wesley was first presented in 11 four-line stanzas, including 55 “Alleluias!” Originally titled “Hymn for Easter,” it was written for the first worship service in the Wesleyan Chapel in London, a deserted iron foundry.

Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

♪ **The Hymn of the Day: #456, v. 1-4, O Sons and Daughters of the King⁵**

The hymn is printed on p. 18 in the service folder.



⁵ This Latin poem from the 15th century retells the story of Easter morning and the story of our Gospel lesson in song and verse, praising God for the physical resurrection of Christ and for the spiritual resurrection of faith. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we are truly sons and daughters of the King of heaven and earth!

The Confession of Faith

On Easter evening, Jesus appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" (John 20:21-23). This is the work to which the risen Christ has called his Church on earth: the work of faithfully and publicly sharing his message of Law and Gospel, repentance and forgiveness. This forgiveness from God comes to us because Jesus "was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

The Congregation will speak the Confession responsively with the Pastor.

V. The Use of the Keys and Confession

According to Martin Luther's Small Catechism

M: What is the use of the keys⁶?

C: The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

M: How does a Christian congregation use the keys?

C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

M: What is confession?

C: Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

M: How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?

C: He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

⁶ What are these "keys"? Jesus said of his Church in Matthew 16:19: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (also Matthew 18:15-20). Repentant sinners who are sorry for their sins and trust in Jesus for forgiveness are "loosed," that is, unlocked or released from their sins, so heaven is open to them. However, impenitent sinners are "bound" or locked into their sins and guilt, so heaven is closed to them.

The Prayer of the Church

The Offering

*The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church give offerings to show love and thanks to God for doing so much for them, as well as to support the Lord's work here in Beaver Dam and around the world. **If you have an offering to give, please place it in one of the plates at the doors to the sanctuary as you leave after the service. Thank you!***



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♪ **The Hymn of the Day: #456, v. 5-9, O Sons and Daughters of the King**

The hymn is printed on p. 18 in the service folder.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Preface⁷

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁷ Along with the Word of God section, the Sacrament is the high point in our worship service because here God is at work for us, giving us his greatest spiritual gifts of forgiveness, new life, and eternal salvation. The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Holy Communion section of the service and lift the worshippers' hearts in praise. This is not a somber procession – this is a thankful celebration! The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy, dating from the second century AD.

Holy, Holy, Holy ~ *Sanctus*⁸

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

⁸ "Sanctus" is a Latin word that means "Holy." Like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:3), the heavenly angels (Revelation 4:8), and the Palm Sunday worshipers (Matthew 21:9), we are in the presence of the living God and witness his glory as Jesus comes to give us his very body and blood for our forgiveness. Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

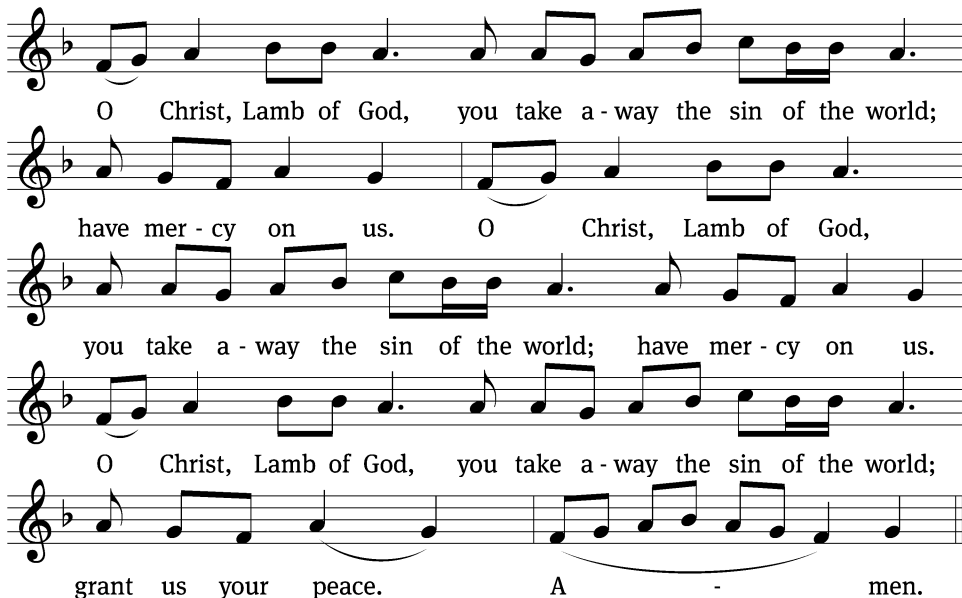
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.⁹

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God ~ *Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

⁹ Through Jesus' body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, we have peace for our consciences before God and peace for our relationships with our fellow believers.

The Distribution

God's Word tells us that Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and confession with our God and with our fellow communicants. As such, our congregation and synod follow the historic Christian practice of Close Communion, celebrating the Lord's Supper only with those who have declared their agreement with us in doctrine and practice. We respectfully ask our visitors to wait to commune with us until we have studied God's Word together, so that we may all receive the Lord's Supper on that basis (as our Lord intends) and so be fully blessed through it.

♪ **Distribution Hymns: #455, Alleluia! Jesus Lives¹⁰
#665, What Is This Bread
CW93 #314, O Living Bread from Heaven**

The hymns are printed on p. 19-21 in the service folder.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen.

¹⁰ Throughout the season of Lent, we bid farewell to "Alleluia" (Hebrew for "Praise the Lord!") as a way of humbling ourselves for the penitential remembrance of our Savior's journey to the cross to pay for our sins. But in this Easter hymn and many others, we exult with "Alleluia!" because Jesus has completed our salvation, won our forgiveness, and still lives to bless us and bring us eternal life.

♪ **The Closing Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide**¹¹

Koine

The hymn is printed on p. 22 in the service folder.



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Sunday School Memory Work for April

Acts 5:29: We must obey God rather than human beings!

John 14:6: I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Last Week's Use of the Means of Grace

Palm Sunday – 129
YouTube Service Views – 33+

Maundy Thursday – 116
YouTube Service Views – 31+

Good Friday Afternoon – 132
YouTube Service Views – 27+

Good Friday Tenebrae – 59
YouTube Service Views – 27+

Easter Vigil – 69
YouTube Service Views – 69+

Easter Sunrise – 80
YouTube Service Views – 20+

Easter Festival – 211
YouTube Service Views – 54+

¹¹ Written toward the end of the 19th century by George R. Woodward, this hymn echoes 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!" And "since Jesus crossed the river" – a picture of death and resurrection that remembers Israel crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land – we can joyfully look forward to eternal life in our Promised Land of heaven.

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of -
fens - es giv - en; But now at God's right hand he stands
And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
Loud songs of Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us
Into bondage from of old And ever grew more strong and bold
And held us as its captive. Alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver;
Destroying sin, he took the crown From death's pale brow forever.
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended.
The victory remained with life; The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly says That death is swallowed up by death;
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—So strong his love—to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

Hymn #442, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!



see the place where he was laid; Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
 while, in strange and awe - full strife, Al - le - lu - ia!
 throned in end - less might and pow'r, Al - le - lu - ia!



praise him for the ran - som paid. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met to - geth - er death and life. Al - le - lu - ia!
 lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn #445, He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.
for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

Hymn #465, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
 fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -
 burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
 death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 cclipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
 foll'wing our exalted head.
 Made like him, like him we rise;
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to you by both be giv'n!
 God has now fulfilled his Word;
 praise the resurrected Lord!

Hymn #456, O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
 that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
 he doubted that it was the Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen
 and yet whose faith has constant been;
 in life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
 "my hands, my feet, my body see;
 and doubt not, but believe in me."
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 to God your hearts and voices raise
 in laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn #455, Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;

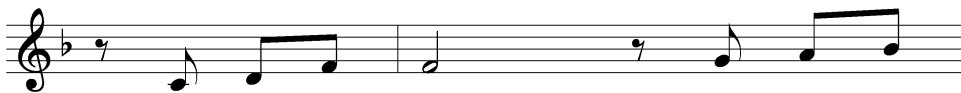


from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;

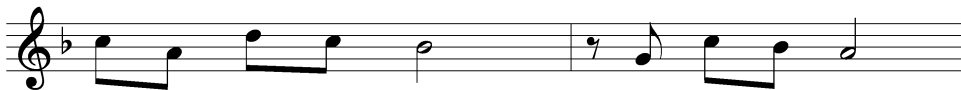


bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Hymn #665, What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	that	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	this	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	the	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	die	un -	der	the
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	in	mouth	and
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -	lieve



this	life	we	take,	was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
brings	his	em -	brace	of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	why	have	you	not	for -	sak -	en
he	makes	us	whole -	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
that	I	re -	ceive	his	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	his



lease.	O	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see -	the	Lord	is	good.

CW93 Hymn #314, O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you
2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your
3 You gave me all I want - ed— This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed your guest! The gifts that you have giv - en
ho - liest place And here have kind - ly fed me
death de - stroy— And you have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
With trea - sures of your grace, For you have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when you call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor you have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,

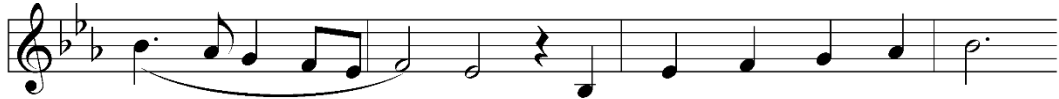


gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.
through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

- 1) **Thanks!** Thanks to everyone who donated, sang, and served for all our suppers and services throughout Lent and Holy Week! Your contributions were a blessing to all of us!
- 2) **April Calendar & Forward in Christ Available:** Check the counter in the narthex if you'd like to get copies of your own, or check the Google Calendar link on our website!

- 3) **Welcome, New Members!** Welcome to our new members who officially joined Good Shepherd recently: (retired) Pastor Bruce & Diana Wietzke, and Kara Sandley. We're glad to have you here with us, and God's blessings to you!
- 4) **WELS Seniors Dinner:** Area seniors 55 and older are invited to Friedens Lutheran Church in Randolph on Tuesday, April 9th. We will have a potluck dinner in the basement at noon. After the meal we head upstairs for a devotion by Pastor Mike Plagenz. Our guest presenter is Pastor Mark Jeske, retired from St. Marcus in Milwaukee and "Time of Grace." Pastor Jeske is a historian and will speak about a forgotten episode from our synod's history that took place exactly 100 years ago, "the Protestant Controversy." Friedens is handicap-accessible and located on the corner of Germania and Jones, on the south side of Randolph. All are welcome.
- 5) **Wally Nelson Taken to Heaven:** Recently, Wally Nelson received the fulfillment of his faith when the Lord's angels carried him to Jesus' side in heaven. He was 88 years old. A visitation period for Wally will take place on Thursday, April 11th at Good Shepherd from 4:00-7:00pm. On Friday, April 12th here at Good Shepherd, there will be another visitation period from 10:00-11:00am, followed by the funeral service at 11:00am and a meal and committal service thereafter. In the meantime, please offer your prayers and words of comfort and encouragement for his family and friends. "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*" (Revelation 14:13)!
- 6) **Guest Preacher Next Week:** Mr. Justin Schroeder, the second-year student at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who guest-preached for us last year, will preach for our Sunday service again next week, April 14th. Please be extra welcoming and encouraging! We will also be taking a freewill donation to support his ongoing training if you would like to contribute. Thanks!
- 7) **Culver's Share Night:** Culver's of Beaver Dam will be donating a portion of their dine-in and drive-through sales from 5:00-8:00pm on Monday, April 29th to the Preschool. Culvers will donate 10-15% percent of the sales to the Preschool. Proceeds will help purchase equipment for the new Preschool play area. Maximize your support for the Preschool by purchasing a Culvers gift card at the SCRIP table. \$10 & \$25 will be available. This will provide an additional 10% for the Preschool. Culvers cards will be available at the SCRIP table each Sunday and on Communion Wednesdays during April. Come to support the Preschool and enjoy some fellowship!
- 8) **75th Anniversary Committee:** Two weeks from now, we will begin the 75th year of Good Shepherd's existence. We are looking forward to officially celebrating our 75th anniversary on Good Shepherd Sunday the week of May 11th, 2025, and we are looking for interested individuals who would like to plan special events and commemorative festivities. Is that something you would like to be a part of? Contact Pastor Reichert or Curt Gruenewald.

The Week of April 7th – 14th

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| - 4/7, Sunday | 9:00am | Worship with Communion (SCRIP) |
| | 9:30am | St. Stephen's Radio Service (WBEV-FM 95.3) |
| | 10:15am | Adult Bible Class (A Light for My Path)
Youth Sunday School |
| - 4/8-9, Monday-Tuesday | | Pastors Conference in Oconomowoc |
| - 4/8, Monday | 6:00pm | Mixed Choir Practice |
| - 4/9, Tuesday | 6:30pm | Adult Bible Class (Psalms) |
| - 4/10, Wednesday | 3:30pm | Public School Confirmation Class |
| | 7:00pm | Worship |
| - 4/11, Thursday | 10:00am | Adult Bible Class (Whole Bible Project) |
| | 4:00-7:00pm | Wally Nelson Visitation |
| - 4/12, Friday | 10:00-11:00am | Wally Nelson Visitation |
| | 11:00am | Wally Nelson Funeral Service (Mean & Committal After) |
| | 1:30pm | St. Stephen's Worship at Good Shepherd |
| - 4/14, Sunday | 9:00am | Worship |
| | 9:30am | St. Stephen's Radio Service (WBEV-FM 95.3) |
| | 10:15am | Adult Bible Class (A Light for My Path)
Youth Sunday School |

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Our Gifts to Jesus

Week of...	March 24 th	March 31 st
General Fund	\$ 3,656.38	\$ 9,122.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,020.00
Plate	\$ 74.00	\$ 647.15
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 4,240.38	<hr/> \$ 10,789.15
 Missions	 \$ 577.92	 \$ 626.00
 Mixed Choir Fund	 \$ 5.00	
Flower Fund	\$ 30.00	
Debt Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
QCD		\$ 3,000.00
Church Repair Fund		\$ 10.00

Memorials

In memory of Barbara Ann Zick

\$20 for the Flower Fund from Donna Kohrt