



GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 10th & 14th, 2024

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.
- Children's bulletins, sermon notes sheets, digital offering cards, offering plates, and hand sanitizer are located on tables in the church entryway.
- If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please ask an usher for assistance. If you are looking for a church home or have questions about what we believe and teach, please speak to our pastor.

Theme of Today's Worship:

Resurrection Reality: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share

The Order of Service¹

The Service, Setting 4 ~ Christian Worship: Service Builder

♪ The Opening Hymn: #742, On Galilee's High Mountain

The hymn is printed on p. 13 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 Lutherans have historically referred to their weekly worship opportunities as the "Divine Service." This term has a double meaning. The primary function of weekly worship time is for the Divine (God) to serve us with his Word and Sacraments, and then the natural response is for us to serve the Divine with our loving, thankful hearts and lives. The Divine Service maintains for God's people a cycle of receiving from God his Gospel message in Word and Sacraments, and giving to God in return our prayer, praise, and thanksgiving for his free and faithful grace in Christ.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

C: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

M: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

C: In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

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

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

C: This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.

M: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

C: And those who live by believing in him will never die.

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

C: I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

M: Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.

M: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!

C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Sunday) *Inspiration* Choir Anthem: Christ Is Risen

The Confession of Sins

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Psalms 32:1-2

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Sunday) Hymn Response: #938, v. 1, 4-5, This Is the Feast²

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

² This canticle, the “*Dignus Est Agnus*” (Latin, “Worthy is the Lamb”), is taken from Revelation 5:12-13, 15:3, & 19:5-6. It seems to have its origins in American Lutheranism in the late 19th century, and has commonly been used during the Easter season in place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*. Jesus’ Easter victory – and all the eternal spiritual blessings that come with it – fills us with worshipful praises toward the one who alone has proven himself worthy to receive them all.



1 † Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 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!

The Word of God

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.³

The Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

³ This salutation dates from the 2nd century AD and marks the beginning of the Word and Sacrament sections of the service. Here minister and members declare their unity in doctrine and practice and joyfully remember that when we gather together to worship our Savior-God, the Lord is truly with each of us in faith and in the Means of Grace, just as he promised: "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20).

The First Lesson: Acts 3:11–20

Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150B, CW:Psalter p. 811

The Congregation will sing the psalm together.

Refrain



Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
praise him in his mighty / heavens.

Praise him for his acts of / power;
praise him for his surpassing / greatness. **Refrain**

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
praise him with the / harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
praise him with the / strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the Lord.
Praise / the Lord.

Glory be to the **Father** and / to the **Son** ~ *Gloria Patri*
and to the **Holy** / **Spirit**,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Christians have the meaningful message to share that because Christ died and rose for us, we have been justified through faith and so we have peace with God and hope for eternal life.

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!⁵

♪ The Hymn of the Day: #459, Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

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

The Sermon: Romans 5:1-11

Hope You Can Boast About

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Sunday) St. Stephen's 5th-6th Grade Anthem: Sing Praise to the Lord, You People of Grace

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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⁵ Spiritually refreshed and reinvigorated by the Gospel, the congregation responds in a burst of glorious praise and joyful acclamation to Christ our Lord.

♪ **Offering Verse: #748, v. 1, Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly**

As the offering is brought forward, the Congregation will sing the verse together.

**Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best:
Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion, Come before him with a song.**

The Prayer of the Church⁶

M: Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. *[We pray especially for...]* Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them

⁶ Here the congregation prays in response to the sermon and themes of the day, as well as about specific joys and troubles in our church, community, nation, and around the world.

and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

C: Amen.

♪ Hymn: #451, See, What a Morning

The hymn is printed on p. 15 in the service folder. A soloist will introduce v. 1, the Inspiration Choir will sing v. 2, and the Congregation will join to sing v. 3.

The Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer⁷

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.

⁷ When the disciples asked Jesus' how to pray, he responded by teaching them this model prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4). Primarily focusing throughout on spiritual needs rather than physical needs, we close our prayer with a "doxology" (a phrase of praise) which shows trust that God can and will do all we ask.

The Lord's Blessing⁸

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.

♪ The Closing Hymn: #747, Christ High-Ascended

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



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⁸ The Blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for nearly 3,500 years. When pastors give this blessing, the Lord promises, "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:22-27). The congregation expresses their trust and confidence in the Triune God by responding with a hearty, "Amen," which comes from the Hebrew for "Yes, it shall be so!"

Hymn #742, On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -
 2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and
 3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions in far - a - way re -
 5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, wher - ev - er they may



mand in words of strength and prom - ise which
 died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for
 say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -
 treats, but ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast his
 be, and lead them on to heav - en to



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is
 us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing
 forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -
 love through crowd - ed streets. The lives that my life
 live e - ter - nal - ly with you, our lov - ing



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -
 broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has
 nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my
 touch - es, how - ev - er great or small— let
 Fa - ther, and Christ, our broth - er dear, whose



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use."
 cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.
 tongue-tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.
 them through me see Je - sus, who served and saved us all.
 Spir - it guards and gives us the joy to per - se - vere.

Hymn #459, Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!

Hymn #451, See, What a Morning



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of
2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

Hymn #747, Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high-as-cend-ed, now in glo-ry seat-ed, throned
2 Christ, from the Fa-ther ev-'ry pow'r pos-sess-ing, who
3 Christ, who in dy-ing won for us sal-va-tion, lives
4 Christ in his splen-dor, all do-min-ion gain-ing, Christ
5 As at his part-ing, joy shall ban-ish griev-ing, faith



and ex-alt-ed, vic-to-ry com-plet-ed, death's dread do-
on his cho-sen lift-ed hands in bless-ing, sends forth his
now the first-born of the new cre-a-tion; to win dis-
with his peo-ple ev-er-more re-main-ing, Christ to all
in his pres-ence strength-en our be-liev-ing; filled with his



min-ion fi-nal-ly de-feat-ed, we are his wit-ness-es.
ser-vants, still in faith con-fess-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
ci-ples out of ev-'ry na-tion, we are his wit-ness-es.
a-ges, glo-ri-ous-ly reign-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.
Spir-it, love and pow'r re-ceiv-ing, we are his wit-ness-es.

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Last Week's Use of the Means of Grace

Wednesday – 11

Sunday – 129

YouTube Service Views – 16+

April Usher Team

Captains: Aaron Gruenewald & Jason Luedtke

Max Luedtke

Merlin Goss

Colin Gruenewald

Liam Gruenewald

Curt Gruenewald

Aaron Zastrow

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.

Our Gifts to Jesus

April 7th, 2024

General Fund	\$ 2,262.00
Direct Deposit	\$ 1,565.00
Plate	\$ 45.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,872.00

Missions \$ 361.00

Mixed Choir Fund	\$ 5.00
Church Repair	\$ 20.00
Debt Fund	\$ 5.00
Flower Fund	\$ 20.00

Memorials

In memory of Larry Kohrt

\$20 for the Flower Fund from Donna Kohrt

Good Shepherd Monthly Financial Summary – March				
Yearly Expenses	YTD Expenses	YTD Income	Current Debt	Difference
\$445,113	\$371,700	\$387,689	\$0	\$15,989

- 1) **Guest Preacher This Week:** Mr. Justin Schroeder, the second-year student at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary who guest-preached for us last year, is preaching for our services again this week. Please be extra welcoming and encouraging! We are also taking a freewill donation to support his ongoing training if you'd like to contribute – look for the box in the narthex. Thanks!
- 2) **LWMS Rally Carpool:** You're invited to join the ladies of our congregation on Saturday, April 27th in supporting our WELS missions. Attend the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally with us! The meeting is at Zion Lutheran Church in Kingston, beginning at 10:00am. Refreshments & lunch will be served. Registration is at 9:30am. A carpool is leaving from Good Shepherd at 9:00am. Sign up in the narthex if you wish to join the carpool.
- 3) **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. Culver's 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 Culver's gift card at the SCRIP table. \$10 & \$25 will be available. This will provide an additional 10% for the Preschool. Culver's cards will be available at the SCRIP table each Sunday and on Communion Wednesdays in April. Come to support the Preschool and enjoy some fellowship!
- 4) **75th Anniversary Committee:** Next week, we will begin the 75th year of Good Shepherd's existence. We are looking forward to officially celebrating our 75th anniversary in spring/summer of 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 14th – 21st

- 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
- 4/15, Monday	5:30pm	Education Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Mixed Choir Practice
	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
- 4/16, Tuesday	6:30pm	Adult Bible Class (Psalms)
- 4/17, Wednesday	3:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	Worship with Communion (SCRIP)
- 4/18, Thursday	10:00am	Adult Bible Class (Whole Bible Project)
	2:00pm	Elders Committee Meeting
- 4/19, Friday	1:30pm	St. Stephen's Worship at Good Shepherd
- 4/20, Saturday		LWMS Spring Rally at Zion, Kingston
- 4/21, 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

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