



The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

March 31st, 2024 9:00 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, WI

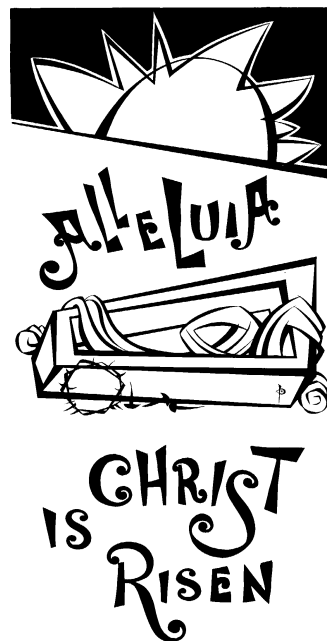
Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd!

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: All Will Be Made Alive

Thank you for being with us today to celebrate Easter. Today is the highest festival in the Church Year, because on this day Jesus Christ rose from the dead to be our Savior. When Jesus came out of the tomb, he freed us from sin and the grave and forever defeated death and the devil for us. For nearly two thousand years, Christians have remembered this victory with the special Easter greeting:
"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



The Order of Service

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

C(ongregation): Amen.

M: Dear friends in Christ, upon the hill the cross now stands empty and morning light breaks upon the tomb. Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.¹ Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

M: Come, let us worship!

♪ **The Opening Hymn: #441, v. 1-4, I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

The hymn is printed on p. 13 in the service folder.

The Invocation

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

¹ The large Paschal Candle that you see standing at the front of church is a symbol of the resurrection of Christ and the hope for a resurrection to eternal life that Christians have because of it (Romans 6:3-11). This candle is lit throughout the Easter season and at every baptism and funeral, because it reminds us that when Christ rose from the dead on Easter morning, he brought the light of life to scatter the darkness of sin and death. Now just as Christ promised, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19), so also the Christian rises, too – first spiritually in Baptism and then physically at the Last Day. The Paschal Candle is a constant reminder for us that Christ's victory is our victory.

The Confession of Sins

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Jesus, by your resurrection from the dead, you were declared with power to be the Son of God. *Romans 1:4*

C: Living Lord, have mercy on us.

M: Savior, you were delivered over to death for our sins and were raised to life for our justification. *Romans 4:25*

C: Risen Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Jesus, you give us the victory over the law, sin, and death. *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

C: Living Lord, have mercy on us.

M: Savior, because you live, we also will live. *John 14:19*

C: Risen Christ, have mercy on us and grant us your peace.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore hear the word of God through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise: #511, v. 3, Crown Him with Many Crowns

**C: Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**



The Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Mixed Choir Anthem: A Festive Introit for Easter

The Word of God

The First Lesson: Job 19:23-27

By faith Job knew that because the redeemer lives, even though Job would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

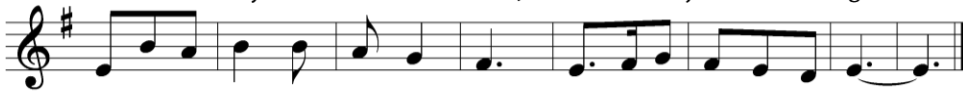
The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118

Speak the verses responsively; speak the bold "Gloria Patri" and sing the refrains together.

Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

M: The Lord is my strength and my defense;

C: he has become my salvation.

M: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

C: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

M: I will not die but live,

C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Refrain

M: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

C: you have become my salvation.

M: The stone the builders rejected

C: has become the cornerstone;

M: the Lord has done this,

C: and it is marvelous in our eyes.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

~ Gloria Patri

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:17-26

Christ gives us hope in this life, and Christ's resurrection gives us hope for eternal life to come.

¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the

dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Children & Choir Anthem: The Tomb Is Empty

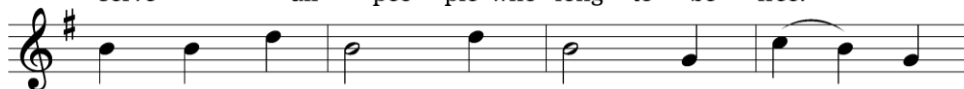
The Children & Choir will sing v. 1-3. The Congregation will join to sing v. 4-5.



1 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
 2 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
 3 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
 4 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and
 5 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Go and



see where once the bod - y lay.
 hear these words of life and peace:
 touch the stone and fold - ed shroud.
 meet the ris - en Christ our Lord
 serve all peo - ple who long to be free!



Can it be true, be true, that Je - sus
 "He is not here, not here. He lives a -
 Christ lives in - deed, in - deed. Al - le - lu -
 in whom we have, we have our vic - to -
 Raise those who sleep, who sleep in tombs of



Christ is raised to life to - day?
 gain in all your Gal - i - lees."
 ia! Be - liev - ers, shout a - loud.
 ry, in whom is life re - stored.
 fear, and give them eyes to see!

Refrain



Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

The Verse of the Day: 2 Timothy 1:10

The Congregation will speak the verse together.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Our Savior, Christ Jesus, has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

Sung Response: #472, v. 6, A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

**C: O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

Early Easter morning, an angel explains to the women why they won't find Jesus' corpse in the tomb.

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to our risen Christ!

♫ **The Hymn of the Day: #440, v. 1-5, Christ Jesus Lay in Death's
Strong Bands**

The hymn is printed on p. 14-15 in the service folder.

The Sermon: Mark 16:1-8



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.

The Prayer of the Church

The Congregation will join to speak the bold response at the end of each section.

Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, you are our God, and we will praise you. You are our God, and we will exalt you.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Your right hand has done mighty things. Be our strength, our defense, and our salvation.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let the gospel of your resurrection spread throughout the world. Drive back the devil and all his forces of evil until you have put all enemies under your feet.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us hope through your resurrection; the hope of life with you when you call us to yourself when this life is done.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

You are the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. You are the Living One, once dead, but now you are alive forever and ever. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood. Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Just as the angels told the women not to be alarmed and comforted them with the news of your rising, comfort all who are alarmed or troubled, who struggle with fear, doubts, or illness [*especially...*]. With your Word of Life, give them strength, endurance, patience, and hope.

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you were put to death so that you would become the Author of life, and you were buried that you would rise from the grave. Just as you have forgiven our sins, constantly turn our hearts to you that we may enjoy your favor and goodness all the days of our life; you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one living God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

♪ Hymn: #438, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

The Closing Prayer

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be power and praise 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.

C: Amen!

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

M: Because he lives,

C: we also will live. Alleluia!

John 14:19

♪ The Closing Hymn: #441, v. 5-8, I Know that My Redeemer Lives

The hymn is printed on p. 13 in the service folder.



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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- 1) **Do You Want to Learn More about the Bible... Jesus... Your Salvation?** If this Easter message of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection for your sake has you wanting to learn more, then FaithBuilders is the class for you. FaithBuilders is our class on the beautiful, basic truths of the Christian faith, taken straight from the Bible. In the next few weeks we'd love to start a new course for anyone interested. All are welcome, beginners to Christianity as well as veterans. Whether you want to become a member at Good Shepherd or just find out more about God's Word, we'd love to have you so we can build up our faith together! Please contact Pastor Reichert for more information.
- 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) **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 Protest'ant Controversy." Friedens is handicap-accessible and located on the corner of Germania and Jones, on the south side of Randolph. All are welcome.
- 4) **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!

Last Week's Use of the Means of Grace

Wednesday – 83

YouTube Service Views – 34+

Sunday – 129

YouTube Service Views – 26+

Hymn #441, I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Hymn #440, Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and
 5 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
 sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
 to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with
 free - ly gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.
 tree— so strong his love— to save us.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it
 it; death pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn #438, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Week of March 31st – April 7th

- 3/31, Sunday	6:30am	Easter Sunrise Worship
	7:45am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Festival Worship
- 4/1, Monday		NO Preschool or Extended Care – Easter Break!
- 4/2, Tuesday	9:00am	LOGS Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Bible Class (Psalms)
- 4/3, Wednesday	2:00pm	Hillside Manor Service
	3:30pm	Public School Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	Worship with Communion (SCRIP)
- 4/4, Thursday	10:00am	Adult Bible Class (Whole Bible Project)
- 4/5, Friday	1:30pm	St. Stephen's Worship at Good Shepherd
- 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

April Usher Team

Captains: Aaron Gruenewald & Jason Luedtke

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Sunday School Memory Work for March

2 Timothy 3:16-17: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 15:5: I am the vine; you are the branches... Apart from me you can do nothing.

Our Gifts to Jesus

March 24th, 2024

General Fund	\$ 3,656.38
Direct Deposit	\$ 510.00
Plate	\$ 74.00
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TOTAL	\$ 4,240.38

Missions \$ 577.92

Mixed Choir Fund \$ 5.00

Debt Fund \$ 50.00

Flower Fund \$ 30.00

Memorials

In memory of Barbara Ann Zick

\$20 for the Flower Fund from Donna Kohrt