

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Easter Day

The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024

8:30 am

## **Prelude**

**\*Processional Hymn - 151 - “Jesus Christ is Risen Today“**

### **\*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.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced : <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### The Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let Israel<sup>1</sup> now declare,**  
**"God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever."**
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength<sup>1</sup> and my song,  
and has become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents<sup>1</sup> of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**
- <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD<sup>1</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup>**I shall not<sup>1</sup> die, but live,**  
**and declare the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>**Open for me the<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**
- <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ-<sup>1</sup>teous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have<sup>1</sup> answered me**  
**and you have become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.**
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the build-<sup>1</sup>ers rejected  
has become the chief<sup>1</sup> cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has<sup>1</sup> this been done;**  
**it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.**
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- <sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.
- <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and

that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



**\*The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

### **The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 16th Chapter**

**C      Glory to you, O Lord**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body.] <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the

stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



The Sermon – Pastor Troy

Special Music - "How Beautiful" words on page 12

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*The Prayers**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for those who are in need, especially those on our prayer list and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*Peace**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**

**\*The Offering:** Offering baskets are placed on the tables at the entrance.

## Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

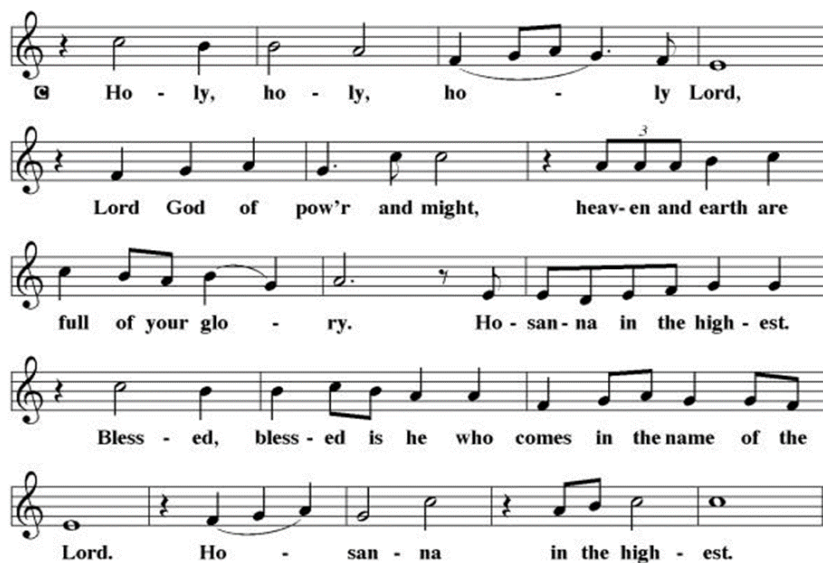
Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Holy, Holy, Holy



## \*Words of Institution

### \*The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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**

### \*Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.  
**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!**



### Distribution of Communion

*Now is the time to receive communion and you are welcome here. Should you rather receive a blessing than the sacrament, please come forward and simply cross your arms. Our bread is not gluten-free but we have a gluten free option available - please indicate your need for gluten free to Pastor Troy as you come forward. We do serve white wine as part of the sacrament. Please know if you choose to receive only the bread, you are still receiving the fullness of God's presence. Should you not be able to come forward, Pastor Troy will bring the sacrament to you.*

*Choir Anthem - "Because He Lives"*

*Hymn No. 352 - "I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Vs. 1,2,3,4,8)"*

*Piano - Diane Wasser*

*Hymn No. 128 - "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

### \*Post-Communion Blessing and Canticle

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

 Amen



Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who  
seek the Lord re-joice, re-joice and  
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us, O God, with your  
prom-ises, and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and  
this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus'  
name. **Amen.**

**\*The Blessing**

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the  
power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn – No. 131 - “Christ is Risen, Alleluia”**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God!**

***The Worship is over let the Service begin!***

We would like to thank Ron and Diane Wasser, Jackie Titus,  
Loren Collins, and Dr. John Widger for adding their musical tal-  
ents in celebration of the risen Lord !

**Our Prayer List**

Emma Shaffer, Lou Moser, Mary Hoida, Elaine Englehardt,  
Kristian Keefer, David and Sandy Campbell, Sarah, Bonnie  
Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught , Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands,  
June Swida, Sandy Tobey, Piper Sharpe, Marvin and Joanne  
Brown, Dylan Newman, Moner Ramos, Janice Divers, Dusty and  
Maz Hunter, Charlie, Pam,,Trudy Dempsey, Rachel, Glenbrook  
Residents, Pam, John L, Bonnie Kishbaugh, Dave Harner, Kelly L  
W, Joe Serafin, Bill Flook, Anne Poorbaug, Shari Slowick, Donna  
Lynn, Tammy Sandrock, Pastor Koons & Ken, Nancy Lynn, Todd  
Dzaik, Matt Picara, Cameron, Carol Bankes, Tim Coleman, John  
Untisz, Terri Shadle, Chris Cortes, Elaine ,Vicki Fink, Becky  
Hosler, Rick Ayers, Barb and Family, Beth, LuAnn L.,  
Eddinger Family, Family of Andi McDanel, Art Hosler, Morgan

### **Worship Leaders for Easter Sunday - 8:30 AM**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Troy Spencer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vance Ouimet
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Peggy Yeastedt
<b>Lector</b>	Marilee Ungemach
<b>Usher</b>	Lorraine DeFinnis, Chris Witner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Sterner
<b>Counting</b>	Dr. Widger, Amber Keefer
<b>Depositor</b>	Jackie Titus
<b>Lock/Unlock</b>	Sam DeFinnis
<b>Live Stream Tech</b>	Brenda Sterner

### **Worship Leaders for April 7th**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Troy Spencer
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vance Ouimet
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sandy Horsefield
<b>Lector</b>	Beck Dows
<b>Usher</b>	Stephanie Jones, Skip Gogle
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Amber Keefer Lois Lingousky
<b>Counting</b>	Tim Wentzel, Skip Gogle
<b>Depositor</b>	Beck Dows
<b>Lock/Unlock</b>	Barry Titus
<b>Live Stream Tech</b>	Brenda Sterner

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#### ***Birthdays***

*Diane Wasser 04/01*  
*Rev. John R. Koons 04/06*  
*Tara Lindsey 04/07*

#### ***Anniversaries***

*James and Candee Orlando 04/04/87*

## HOW BEAUTIFUL

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That choose to forgive and never despise  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

And as he lay down his life  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as he died  
Willing to pay the price  
Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the radiant bride  
Who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the King  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ