

# **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

*To reach out to all, proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ*

1600 Fowler Avenue, Berwick, PA (570) 752-3737

Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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**Easter Day**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
**April 20th, 2025**  
**8:30 am**

## ***Good Morning and Welcome !***

### ***About our church***

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

### ***About our worship***

*Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question asked in the sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!*

### ***Navigating our bulletin***

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable! We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!*

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

The Congregational Council is in active discussion with our Synod representatives and our colleagues at Christ Episcopal Church to begin the Call process. If anyone has questions please feel free to contact John Widger via phone 570 204-1286 or email at [jwidg54@gmail.com](mailto:jwidg54@gmail.com).

Anyone interested in becoming a Council Member -please submit your name to Dr. John Widger, the office, or any Council Member.

***Music Prelude***

***Call to Worship***

*Rise in body OR spirit*

**Processional Hymn - Green 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.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**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**

*Please be seated*

**Word**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "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, 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**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**  
The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will

be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Rise in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th Chapter

**Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



*Sermon - Pastor Wayne Muthler*

*Choir Anthem "Christ is Alive"*

*Rise in body or spirit*

*The Confession of Faith - 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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.**

### ***Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

**And also with you**

### **Oh God, we pray for your healing**

Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Bonnie Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught, Kristian Keefer, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Kim Nespoli, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Lucas Walker, Mary and Jan Hoida, Monte and Bettyanne Kishbach, Lori Stehle, Wayne Kemp, Gloria Kundrat, Brad Pruiett, Mary Lou Whitmire, Emma Shaffer, Hope Laubach, Doug Dows, Diane Wasser, Tammy Garrison, Ashlyn Spiker, Lisa Shellhammer, Family of Rose Mensinger, Chris and Jennifer, Jamie Raski, Family of Bonnie Bandics

### **MEAL**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**  
P Life up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary..... Therefore, we angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' is written in G-clef, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a triplet in the second staff.

### *The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

### *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

*Please be Seated*

***Invitation to Communion***

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.  
**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!**

***Communion Hymns***

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

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

*Rise in body or spirit*

***Post Communion Blessing***

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you to live in His grace **Amen**

***Post Communion Canticle***

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

***Post Communion Prayer***

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and  
proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

***Sending Blessing***

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection  
dawn, now and always,  
**Amen**

***Dismissal***

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The worship is over, now let the service begin!*

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***Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations***

**Birthdays**

Kim Scheirer 4/20

John Bardo 4/26

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The Sanctuary Candle for April  
is sponsored by the Wark Family  
In Memory of their Father, Walter Wark

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The Love Offering for April will go to Sunday School

**We welcome this morning Pastor Wayne Muthler who will  
be presiding over our worship service today**

***Leaders in Worship Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025 8:30am***

Presiding Minister	<b><i>Pastor Wayne Muthler</i></b>
Assisting Minister	Vance Ouimet
Communion Assistant	Lois Lingousky
Lector	Beck Dows
Usher	Lisa Walker, Brent Walker
Acolyte	Chris Kemp
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	David DeHaven, Cheryl Collins
Depositor	Beck Dows
Lock/Unlock	Jan Hoida
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

***Leaders in Worship Sunday, April 27th, 2025 8:30am***

Presiding Minister	<b><i>Father Fred Stevenson</i></b>
Assisting Minister	Romona Ritter
Communion Assistant	Peggy Yeastedt
Lector	Jan Hoida
Usher	Marilee Ungemach, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	Carson Witner
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	David DeHaven, Cheryl Collins
Depositor	Beck Dows
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Last Week's Offering	4-13-25
Budgeted Offering	\$ 1,538.46
Actual Offering	\$ 2,216.00
Difference	\$ +677.54
Attendance	88

### **Weekly Announcements**

- **Wednesday, April 23rd - 5:15pm - Embracing God's Family Meeting in the Parlor**
- **Wednesday, April 23rd - 6:00pm - Choir Rehearsal**
- **Wednesday, April 23rd - 7:00pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal**
- **Thursday, April 24th - 6:00pm - Prayer Walk - Garden**
- **Thursday, April 24th - 6:45pm - Walking with Jesus**
- **Sunday, April 27th - 10:00am - Children's Sunday School**  
Lead by Theresa Wark
- **Sunday, April 27th - 10:00am - Youth Sunday School**  
Lead by Linda Romanak
- **Sunday, April 27th - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Vacation Bible School**  
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

### **Announcements**

**Parish Survey for Calling a New Pastor is available online.**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GoodShepherdBerwicksearch>**

**There is also a hard copy on the table in the Narthex.**

**Completed surveys are due today - April 20th**

**Anyone in need of Pastoral Care - Please contact the office**

**Monday Bible Study with Vance Ouimet will begin on April 28th in the Parlor. He will be exploring the Book of Deuteronomy**

**Tuesday Bible Study with Amber Keefer will resume May 6th at 10:00am in the Parlor. Bible Study will be taking a NEW approach. Each week we will explore the life of a different biblical figure. Please contact Amber at 272-226-8245 if you would like to learn more about a particular Bible character.**

**Sunday April 27th Community Vacation Bible School is having a Spaghetti Dinner (take out only) fundraiser from 4:00 pm - 6:00pm. Cost is \$12. Please sign up at the Table in the Narthex**

**Tuesday, May 6th - WELCA "Tea"- All ladies from Good Shepherd and Christ Church are Invited to the Annual WELCA Tea which will be held in the Narthex at 6:00pm.**

**A huge "THANK YOU" to the many who contributed in some way to making Good Shepherd's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt another successful community outreach event. Everyone had a great time!**