

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Regular Sunday morning worship, 8:30AM

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Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

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.

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*

Hymn Green #107 - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil - all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Foot-washing and Anointing

Fellow servants of Christ, on this night Jesus set an example for the disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service.

That service continues tonight as we wash our feet. Therefore, I invite you to come forward as you wish. As your feet are washed remember that strength and growth in God's reign come by a lowly service such as this. *(Please come forward to the altar)*

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

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1– 14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall stay in the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my
supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the
LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that
the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of
bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This
is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the
same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is
the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink
the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ¹⁸"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ¹⁹If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ²⁰Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ²¹I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ²²By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon - Pastor Wayne Muthler

Hymn - Blue 664 “A New Commandment”

Rise in body or spirit

The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days . God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord 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, David & Sandy Campbell, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Kim Nespoli, Bonnie Bandics, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Lucas Walker, Jenny Murray, Mary Hoida, Monte and Bettyanne Kishbach, Lori Stehle, Wayne Kemp, Gloria Kundrat, Brad Pruiett, Josh Rossario, Susan Watts, Mary Lou Whitmire, Emma Shaffer, Oliver Couley, Susan Ayers, Family of Dawn Baer, Family of Henry Newman, Hope Laubach, Doug Dows, Bruce Gilbert, Michelle Burd, Family of Sharon Vinciguerra, Family of Lee Adams, Dianne Wasser, Family of Keith Bangs, Tammy Garrison

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others. Through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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, with angels and arch-angels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

We come to receive Christ.

Please be Seated

Communion Hymn - No. 114 (Green) "There is a Green Hill"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing and dismissal are omitted. All depart in silence

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - Psalm 22 - Jan Hoida

The service may conclude with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. The Liturgy continues on Good Friday.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

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Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

We welcome this evening Pastor Wayne Muthler who will be presiding over our worship service tonight.

Leaders in Worship Maundy Thurs.- April 17th, 2025 - 7:00pm

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	<i>Pastor Wayne Muthler</i>
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Kyler Krumenaker
Lector	Addy Berlin
Usher	Peggy Yeastedt, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	Josh Feudale
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 Good Friday, April 18th, 2025 - 7:00pm

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	<i>Pastor Wayne Muthler</i>
Assisting Minister	Marilee Ungemach
Lector	Susan Cragle
Usher	Skip Gogle, Kim Scheirer
Acolyte	Kyler Krumenaker
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 Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025 8:30am

<i>Presiding Minister</i>	<i>Pastor Wayne Muthler</i>
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

Weekly Announcements

- **Friday, April 18th - 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service**
- **Sunday, April 20th - 7:30am- Easter Breakfast**
- **Sunday, April 20th - 8:30am - Easter Worship Service**
- **Tuesday, April 22nd - 6:00pm - Brighter Light Rehearsal**
- **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**
- **Friday, April 25th - Synod Assembly Registration Deadline**
- **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 for this unable to fill out online.

Please return completed survey to the office by Easter- April 20th

Anyone in need of Pastoral Care - Please contact the office

Bible Study Monday April 28th - 6:00pm - Vance Ouiment will be presenting a bible study on the book of Deuteronomy in the Parlor

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. There is a sign up sheet on the Table in the Narthex.