

# **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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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2026**

**8:30am**

## **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**

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the Call Committee. The Council has selected - Addy Berlin, Michele Ouimet, Kim Scheirer, and Peggy Yeastedt as our Call Committee.

Please feel free to contact John Widger at either 570-204-1286 or [jwidg54@gmail.com](mailto:jwidg54@gmail.com). You can also contact any council member for updates on the Call Process

*Music Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

*Rise in body or spirit*

**Processional Hymn- Green No. 135 - “The Strife Is O’er”**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us  
beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the  
waters that nourish us Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our  
journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and  
resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for  
making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving  
you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the  
hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in  
you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the  
crowd <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of  
Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power,  
wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you

yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ <sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM:** Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Rise in body or spirit*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according John the 20th Chapter  
**Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with

them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Sermon - Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell*

*Choir Anthem - “The Tomb Is Empty”*

*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**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith

may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*Oh God, we pray for your healing*

**Dick Laubach, Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Charlotte Wands, All victims of violence, Pray for Peace in our Country, Doug Johnson, Glenbrook Residents, Mary Hoida, Emma Shaffer, Shari Slowick, Bettyanne, Hurley "Duke" Slusser, Brandon Knorr, Jason, Ray Sterner, Becky Hosler, Gay Weller, Kayla M., Linda V., Gunner G., Tim C., Stephanie G., Gloria K., Karen K., Matt Picara, Wade Williams, Colin Michaels, Bruce Gilbert & Family, Chase Lipinski, Ali Storm, Jim Muthler**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always

**And also with you**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 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***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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 to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

*Please be seated*

*Hymn: Blue No. 673 - "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*  
(see insert) "His Name Is Wonderful"

*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*

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - men

***Post Communion Prayer***

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

***Sending Blessing***

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Green No. 147 - "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"**

***Dismissal***

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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

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*Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations*

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**Birthdays**

*Madison Cragle* 4/13  
*Susan Confer* 4/14  
*Jennifer Yeastedt Mensinger* 4/14

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*Love offering April will go to Sunday School*

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<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>05/05/2026</b>
BUDGETED OFFERING	\$ 1,538.46
WEEKLY ENVELOPES	\$ 1,685.00
LEGACIES (Simpson, Fabian)	\$ 10,595.35
OTHER OFFERINGS	\$ 951.30
TOTAL	\$ 13,231.65
DIFFERENCE	+\$11,693.19
ATTENDANCE	10 86

**8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, April 12th, 2026**

Presiding Minister	<b>Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell</b>
Assisting Minister	Jan Hoida
Communion Assistant	Kyler Krumenaker
Lector	Jen Berlin
Usher	Marilee Ungemach, Stephanie Jones
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Cheryl Collins, Vance Ouimet
Depositor	Beck Dows
Lock/Unlock	Jan Hoida
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

**8:30am - Worship Leaders, Sunday, April 19th, 2026**

Presiding Minister	<b>Pr. Wayne Muthler</b>
Assisting Minister	Dr. John Widger
Communion Assistant	Sam DeFinnis
Lector	Stephanie Jones
Usher	Lois Lingousky, Vance Ouimet
Acolyte	Cody Welliver
Choir Director	Jan Hoida
Organist	Jackie Titus
Altar Guild	Lois Lingousky, Amber Keefer
Counting	Cheryl Collins, Vance Ouimet
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The Sanctuary Candle for April is sponsored  
by Dick and Jan Laubach  
In Loving Memory of their Daughter Kim Nespoli

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**We welcome and thank *Rev. Canon Veronica Chappell*  
who is presiding over our worship service today.**

## **Weekly Announcements**

**Monday, April 13th - 6:00pm** -Bible Study with Vance Ouimet

**Wednesday, April 15th – 6:00pm** -Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Sunday Funday-** It's time for Dinner and a Movie. There will be Popcorn, Ice Cream Sundaes and "NOAH". Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with the movie to follow.

**Saturday, April 18th - 9:00am - Friendship Circle Breakfast.**  
Morris Restaurant in Berwick. Order from the menu  
Please RSVP to Beck by Friday, April 17th.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm – Sunday Funday-** It's time for Dinner and a Movie. There will be Popcorn, Ice Cream Sundaes and "NOAH". Dinner will be served at 5:00pm with the movie to follow.

**Wednesday, April 22nd – 6:00pm –** Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 26th - Community VBS Chicken BBQ - see insert**

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm –** Service of Healing

**Tuesday, May 5th - 6:00pm -WELCA's Spring Tea - All ladies of Good Shepherd and Christ Church are Invited to the Annual WELCA Tea which will be held in the Narthex at 6:00pm.**

**Saturday, May 23rd - 9:00am - 2:00pm - Craft and Food Vendor Fair with Chicken BBQ**