April 16th, 2017 at 7:00 am &9:30 am

Easter Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number. We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

-ORDER OF WORSHIP – God Give Us Life

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

Chime Choir (9:30 Service)

"See What a Morning"

INVOCATION (from the back)



(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world, In the name of Christ the



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ the Lord is risen.

C: The stone is rolled away!

L: Death has now been vanquished.

C: The stone is rolled away!

L: Come bow down and worship.

C: The stone is rolled away!

L: Come, let us adore him.

C: The stone is rolled away!

L: Give God all the glory.

C: The stone is rolled away!

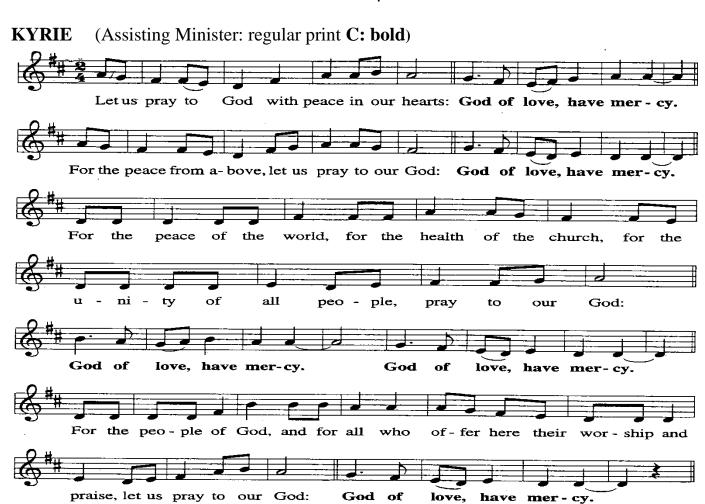
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



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Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious God.

SONG OF PRAISE



SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Empty Tomb"

Children are welcome to look for Jesus in the church

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 10:34-43

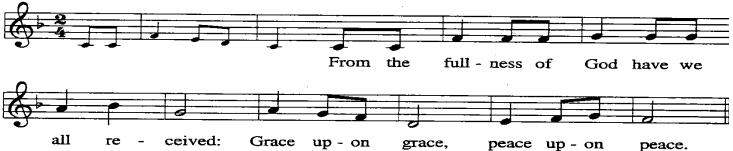
³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The 2nd READING is from Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand as you are able)



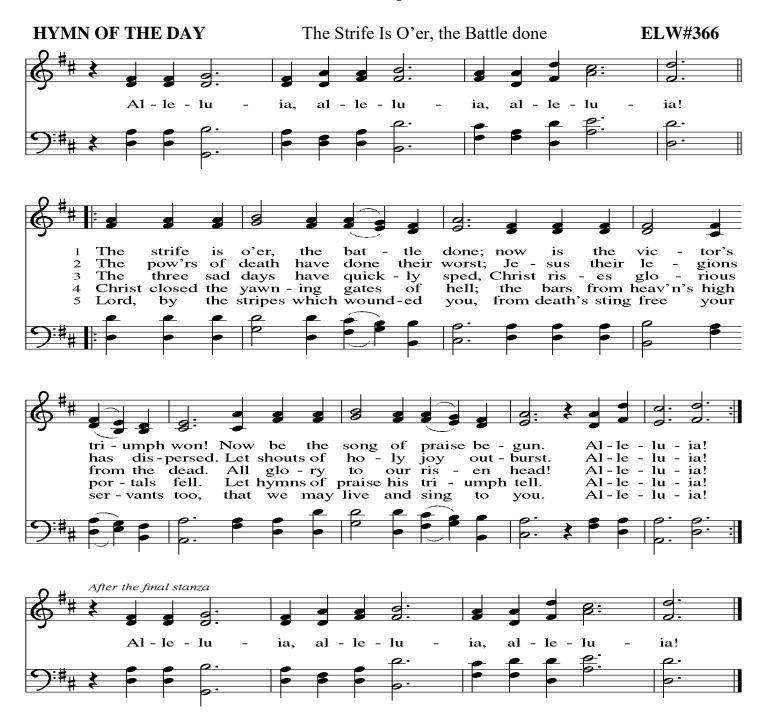
THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 28:1-10 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from

heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The gospel of the Lord! **C: Praise to you, O Christ!** *Please be seated*

SERMON Pastor Miho Yasukawa



NICENE CREED Please Stand

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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 the 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*

WA: We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For the earth. Renew your creation with seasonable weather and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare. Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Scott Bonnet, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman, Connie, Tom, Millie Anderson, Jean Otte, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Virgil, Jon Forsythe, Sandra Leroy.* Strengthen and encourage *Carol Wybourn and Ray Stamm.* Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING "The Lamb" Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please stand

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS This hymn is sung during presentation of gifts:



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray, C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

- P: Living God, Risen Christ, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine. Refresh us once again with this reality of your healing presence in all the world.
- C We break bread today and remember the brokenness throughout all the world. We pour wine today and remember the blood being shed throughout all the world.
- P: Living God, Risen Christ, through eating of this bread and the drinking of this wine, may our eyes and our hands be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts to the sharing of your gifts in all the world.

C: Amen

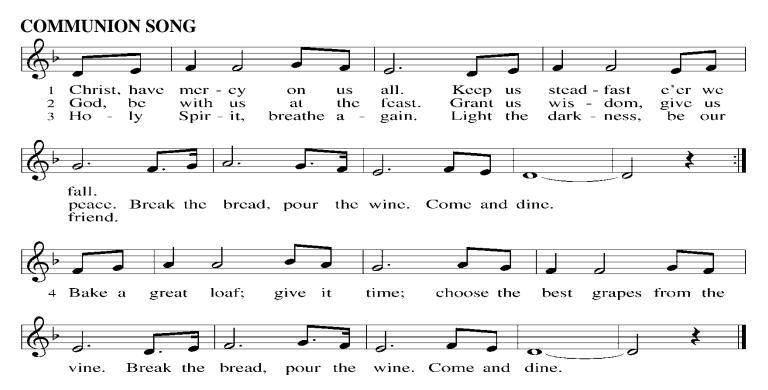
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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

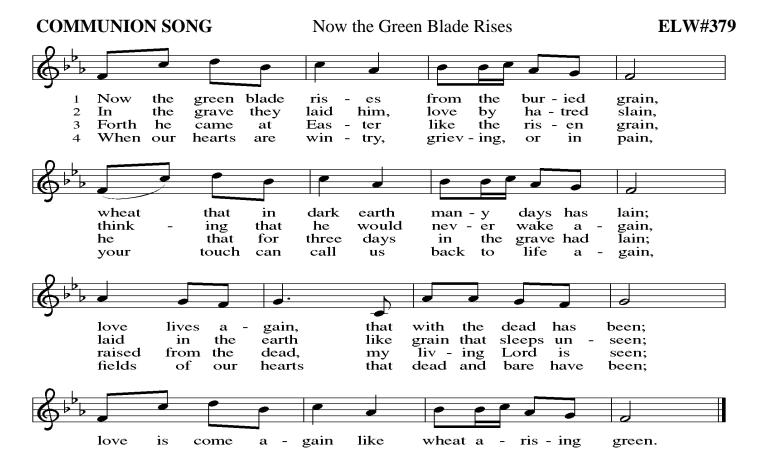
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.









POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**.



DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>Pastor</u>: Pastor Miho Yasukawa <u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u> Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr Lector Shirley Fox/Dennis Luke

Acolyte: Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker/Ethan Fye, Madilyn Diddens

Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth/Dennis Luke Worship Assistant: Tena Rackow/Sue Diddens

Communion Usher Troy Keene, Krista Keene/Paul and Shirley Fox

Communion Set-up Troy and Cindy Doubler

Communion Asst: Jay and Michelle Andrews/Colton Brinker, Sheila Keene

Elevator Operator Chris Brinker/Jean Engel

Sound System: Troy Doubler

Greeters: Dennis Luke, Donna Gullickson/Tena Rackow, Willie Kayser Ushers: Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens/

Paul and Shirley Fox, Virgil and Joanne Martin

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD		April 16 th thru April 23 rd 2017
Today	Easter Sunrise Worship Service – Holy Communion	7:00 am
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Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
Easter Festival Service – Holy Communion 9:30 am

Wednesday "Piece Corps" Quilting Group 8:00 am-11:30 am

After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout

3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Confirmation Class

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday Devotions at Friendship Center 10:30 am

Saturday Good Shepherd at Lena food Pantry

Next Sunday Youth Sunday – Worship Service – Holy Communion 9:30 am

Fellowship 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

Choir Practice 11:00 am

Chime Practice 5:00 pm

Attendance April 9 was 81

Total Offering 4/09/2017 \$2,241.00 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,506.85

Thank You

To all who made Easter Sunday special especially Beth Martin, Angie Brinker, our youth and children, the Chime Choir, Good Shepherd Choir and Brass Choir.

You Are All Invited to the

Women's Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00pm
Hosted by the Women of Hannah Circle
6:00pm potluck Supper in the Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Bingo
A Free-will offering will be taken.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Can be picked up at the church office starting **April 1**st Applications must be filled out and returned by **April 30**th

NISWO-WELCA 2017 Spring Retreat

"Making a Difference – Leaving a Legacy" is Saturday. April 22, 2017 at LOMC, in Oregon, IL. Registration and Coffee from 8:15-9:00am. Cost is \$35.00/person, which includes morning coffee, lunch, snacks and materials (please bring a Bible). Look for information flyer. Registration and Scholarship forms on bulletin board.

Favorite Hymns

As the winter is ending and spring is near, it is also time to think of your favorite hymns for the summer months. Please fill out the form think of your favorite hymn and write down the title and if possible the hymnal and page number so it can be found. We are limiting everyone to their three most favorite hymns. Please turn your hymns in by May 7th so that they may be organized and put into the hymn schedule starting in June this year.

Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Good Shepherd members are going on a Mission trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation from May 23rd to May 28th. Items that are needed for Pine Ridge are: Blankets or quilts, diapers: sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6, adult size toothbrush, toothpaste, bath size bars of soap, shampoo, combs and monetary donations will be accepted.

Please drop off your donations to the church by May 21st

Easter Lilies Given by...

- -- Lee Wenzel in memory of Marjorie Wenzel
- -- Gullickson family in memory of loved ones
- -- Kristy, Anna, Taylor Patterson —in memory of Kelli Huneke, Rita Lobdell, Dan Dalton in honor of Vicki Eakins who is currently going through treatment for breast cancer
- -- Eleanor Stalder and family in memory of Catherine, Glenn, Ira and Nelda Wire
- -- Sue and Curt Diddens in memory of Earl and Ruth Watson and Virgil Diddens
- -- Karen Niemeier in memory of parents & grandparents
- -- Karen Niemeier in memory of my friend, Nancy Farrington
- -- Gary, Coralyn and Jon Hudik In memory of Norma and Erwin Schafer
- -- Paul and Shirley Fox In memory of loved ones
- -- Krista Keene- in memory of Uncle Joey & Anthony Decker
- -- Gerene and Bari Rayner- in memory of Elwyn and Marian Brose
- --Don and Lisa Wienand in memory of Seth Margaret and Lowell Rayner and MaryAnn
- --Pastor Miho –in memory of those who died in earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan

