April 22nd, 2018 at 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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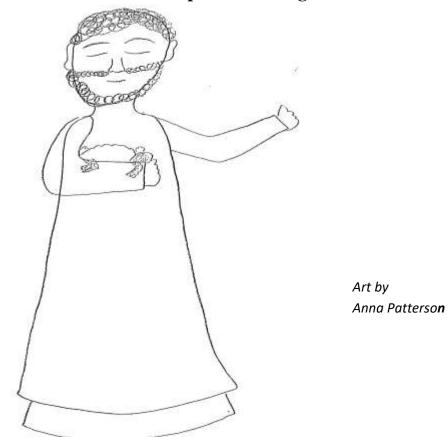
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

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PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Tena Rackow

Announcements & Community Concerns

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

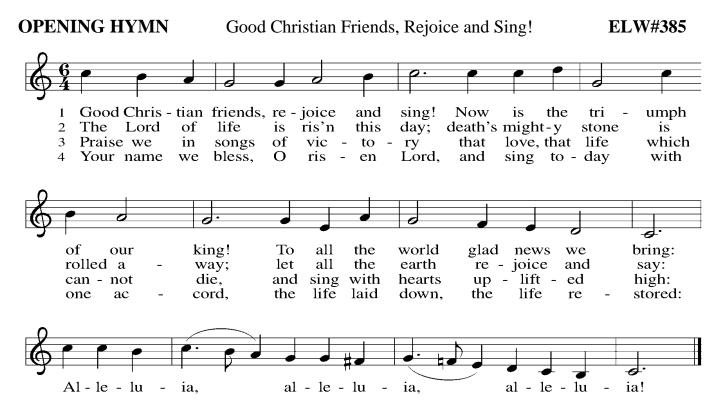
C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

L: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

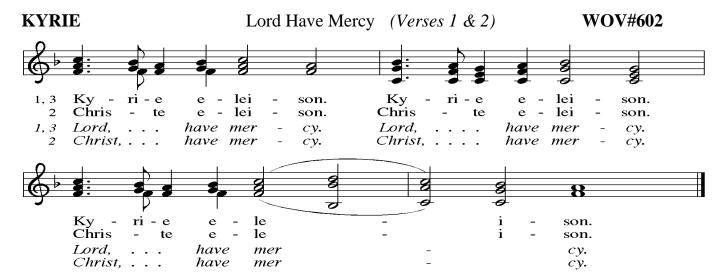
P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.



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.**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (*Verse 4*)

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Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

4 God has proclaimed the just reward: Life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. ³He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. ⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 10:11-18 C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

SERMON Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

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- My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
- When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro vi sions of my God at tend me all my days;



pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream. breath drives all my one word of your sup-port-ing fears a way. your house be my a bode and all work be praise. may my



wan-d'ring spir - it You bring my back when I for - sake your ways, Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; Here would I find set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come; a



paths of me, for your mer-cy's sake, in truth grace. lead with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil head. mv cup a - noints my guest, but like no more a strang - er or a child home.

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.

THE PRAYERS

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

WA: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: Bless all who shepherd your sheep and guide them in their serving. We pray for church custodians, office managers, Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, baptismal sponsors, deacons, pastors, youth workers, and bishops. Lord in your mercy. C: hear our prayer.

WA: Restore natural environments damaged by our hands. We pray for river valleys and grassy plains, coral reefs and arctic ice, mountains, deserts, and marshlands. Lord in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Protect and guide first responders. Bring mercy and justice with their presence. We pray for military personnel, firefighters, paramedics, and police officers, and for disaster relief and crisis intervention teams.. Lord in your mercy. C: hear our prayer.

WA: Heal and renew all who ache for a better tomorrow. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, the forgotten, the nameless, and the outcasts; for our enemies; and for our loved ones. Lord, in your mercy. C: hear our prayer.

WA: Give to all who are restless, reckless, or uncertain the peace you promise that is deeper and richer than anything we can imagine. We pray for all who live with chronic pain, who live with anxiety, and who are ill or hospitalized especially for Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Gene Hesselbacher, Verl Price, Kayla Runkle, Donna Euler, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Lucy, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jean, Nick, Pam, Bruce, Jeff, Diane, Darren, Jerilyn Strohecker and. Strengthen and encourage Fern Harnish and Carol Wybourn. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: Nourish us with the testimony of all the disciples who have gone before us. We give thanks for the faithful departed and their witness in every ageLord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer P: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you

OFFERING What a Friend We Have in Jesus 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

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray, C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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;

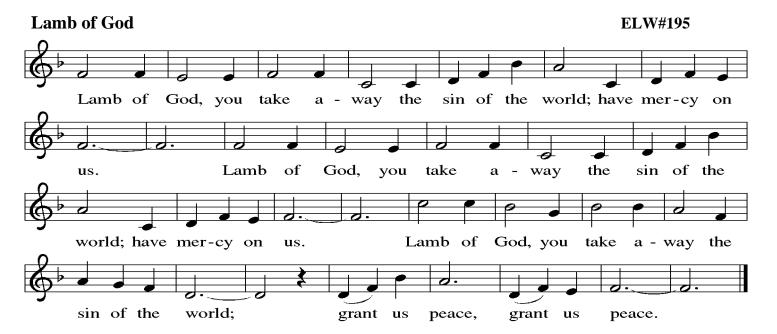
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.





COMMUNION SONG

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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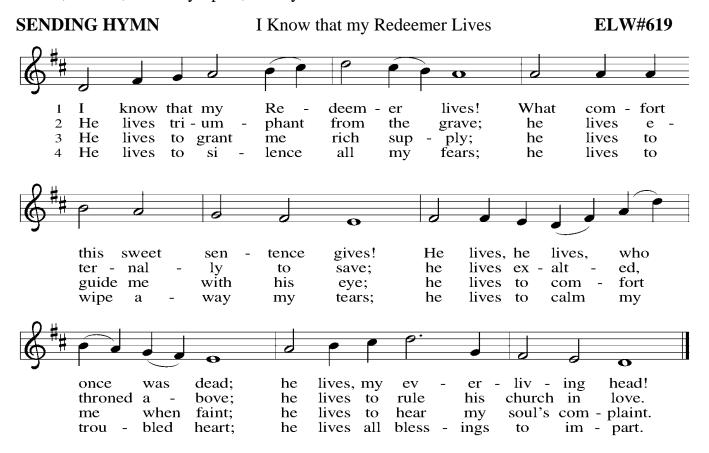
- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

BLESSING P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + 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 Tena Rackow

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

<u>Pianists:</u> Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker <u>Organist:</u> Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr Lector: Marybeth Brinker Acolyte: Hanna Brinker

<u>Assisting Minister</u> Wayne Kurth <u>Worship Assistant:</u> Sheila Keene

Communion Usher: Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon Communion Set-up Troy and Cindy Doubler

Communion Asst: Shirley Fox and Marybeth Brinker

<u>Elevator Operator</u> Donna Gullickson <u>Sound System:</u> Ethan Fye and Troy Doubler

Greeters: Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Curt and Sue Diddens

Ushers: Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Dennis Luke, Larry Fulfs

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD		April 22 nd thru April 29 th 2018
Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at PLC Committee Meeting LOMC	10:00 am-12:00 pm
	Pastor Miho Text Study	2:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	NW Conference Pre-Assembly meeting St. Johns, Pearl City	6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday	Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry	
	Men's Group	4:30 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service – Guest Speaker from NIU "Grace Place	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
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	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
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Children's Worship Bulletin is Available

Total Offering 04/15/2018 - \$915.00 Amount needed \$2915.73

Children's bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at the both entrances.

Updates on the Stubbs Family

See the bulletin board for an updated newsletter from the Stubbs' family and you can also link to the Caring Bridge page for updates on Carol Stubbs at https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs

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

BAKE SALE April 22

Krista's 4-H project to raise funds for Puerto Rico

FUNDRAISING FOR YOUTH GATHERING

April 22, 9am-12pm, Little John's pancake breakfast. Tickets are available from Anna, \$5.00/per person

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS for April

Personal hygiene items: Shaving cream, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner