# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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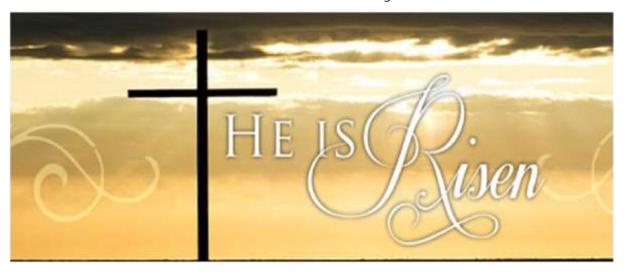
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Easter Sunday



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 3, page 138 Please leave your offering in the plate at the door You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude** Karen Niemeier

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font.

**P:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and Sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all Most merciful God.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

\* Greeting

ELW page 138

**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

#### This Is the Feast

ELW page 140

C: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast...

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast...

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast...

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast...

# Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

#### WORD

# First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

**L:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said [to the people]: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

- <sup>18</sup>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: I Corinthians 15:1-11

**L:** A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. IESVI

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Choir Anthem Lord of the Dance

\* Gospel Acclamation

ELW page 142

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

\* Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

**P:** The holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

<sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [ESV]

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

**Pastor Thomas Mosbo** 

\* Hymn

Low in the Grave He Lay

TFF # 94

\* Nicene Creed

ELW page 104

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

C: 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 whom 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, 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**

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

## We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle and Maci Diffenderfer.

**P:** 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.

C: Amen.

#### **MEAL**

Peace ELW page 138

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

\* Hymn

Day of Arising

**ELW # 374** 

Chime Anthem

Easter Celebration

# **Great Thanksgiving**

ELW page 144

**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.

#### **Preface**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 144

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

**P:** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P:** ... grace our table with your presence:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

**P:** ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

**P:** ... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

ELW page 145

**P:** Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.

#### Lamb of God

ELW page 146

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood or you may come to receive a blessing

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

ELW page 146

**P:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

#### **SENDING**

Blessing ELW page 146

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

\* Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW # 367

\* Dismissal ELW page 146

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

The April, May, June copies of "Christ in Our Home" and "The Word in Season" are now available in the magazine racks by the entrances of Good Shepherd.

Mobile Market Pantry
Will be at St. John's Lutheran Church,
625 Country Lane, Lena,
On Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
from 3:00pm-4:30pm

Friendship Club
Will meet on Thursday, April 11th
Potluck at 12:30, Meeting at 1:00pm
Entertainment by;
Tyger Johnson, One Man Band
Blood pressure screenings from
11:30-12:30

Good Shepherd Council Meeting, April 11th at 6:30pm

Attendance March 17<sup>th</sup>
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