

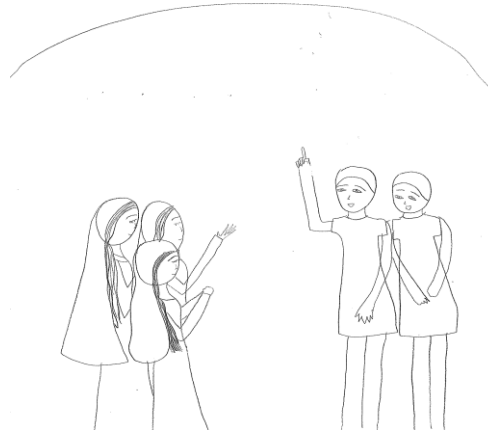
March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am & 9:30 am Easter Sunday  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

**WELCOME!** We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

**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.

**Nursery** Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Michelle Andrews/Taylor Bastian
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Hanna Brinker, Ashtyn Brinker/Coltin Coonts, Braden Diddens		
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Wayne Kurth/Denny Luke	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Tena Rackow/Denny Luke
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Troy Keene, Krista Keene/Paul and Shirley Fox		
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Donna Gullickson/Wayne Kurth		
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlachter		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Colton Brinker, Sheila Keene/Marybeth Brinker, Eugene Hesselbacher		
<u>Elevator Operator:</u>	Jean Engel/Willie Kayser		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian/Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Darlene Aurand, Denny Luke/Neal and Cyndy Shumaker, Curt and Sue Diddens		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Jay and Michelle Andrews/ Paul and Shirley Fox, Dana Diddens, Jim Swain		

## ORDER OF WORSHIP – ELW SETTING 3

PREDULDE

Karen Niemeier

Chime Choir

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER DAY

Processional Hymn:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (*Verses 1 and 2*)

ELW# 365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*(At the end of the second verse, the people turn to the aisle to face the minister)*

Minister: Christ has risen.

**People: Christ has risen, indeed!**

Minister: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: For those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.**

Minister: In him was life, and the life was the light to all people.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Minister: I am the light of the world.

**People: Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Minister: Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

## HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (*Verses 3 and 4*)

ELW#365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

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**GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and say, "Peace be with you," or similar words*

**KYRIE** *Stand (p 138 ELW) dialogue sung between Assisting Minister and the assembly*


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



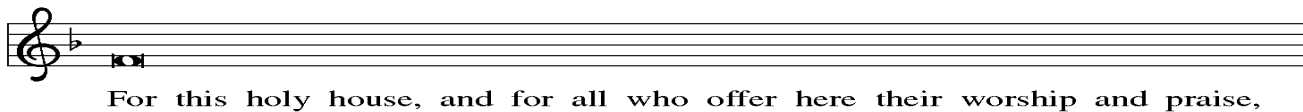
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



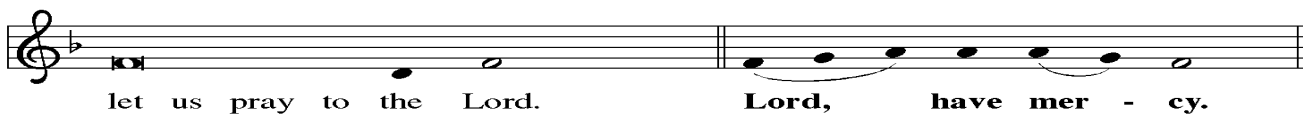
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



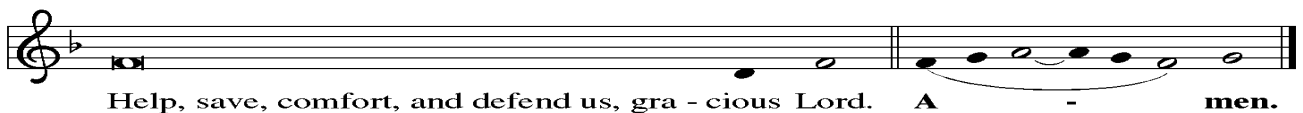
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## This is the Feast

ELW#140

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,  
 glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. **C:** **Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Acts 10:34-43

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

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively)**

<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.

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in

vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe. **L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Please Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P: THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Luke 24:1-12 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**THE CHILDRENS' MESSAGE WITH Mr Furr**

**SERMON**

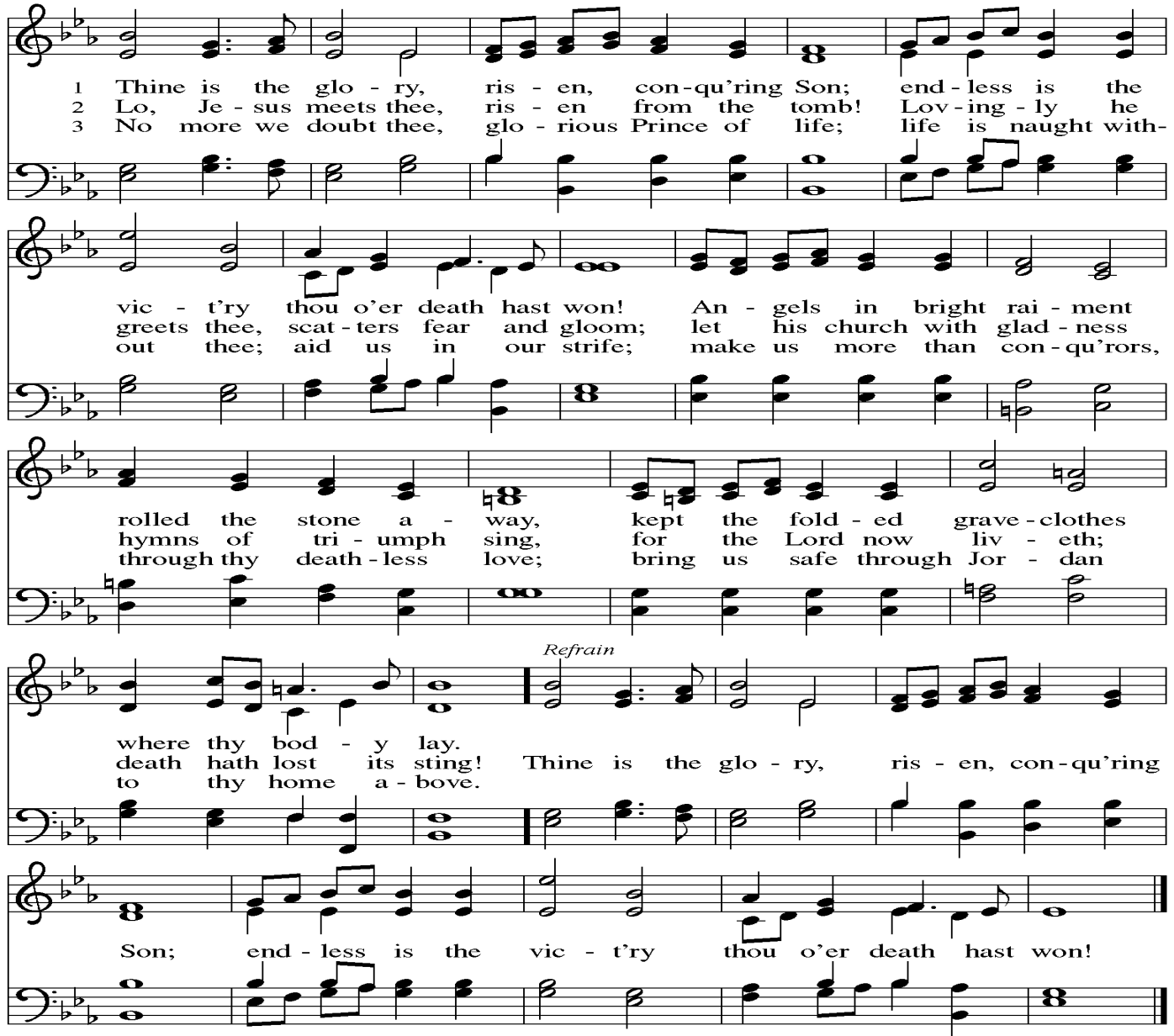
Pastor Art Stees



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Thine Is the Glory

ELW#376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
where thy bod - y lay. death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**APOSTLES CREED** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give. *A brief silence.*

WA: O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Grant to all nations your life of peace. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. We pray especially for *especially, Bob Lyvers, Jean Wenzel, Steve Fahr, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Bruce, Jane Parks, Ardie and Mike.* Strengthen and encourage *Gerry Harnish, Ray Stamm,* Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING** (*Sunrise Service*)

**Karen Niemeier**

**OFFERING** (*Festival Service*)      *Consider the Lilies*

**Anthem**

*During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup.*

*Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.*

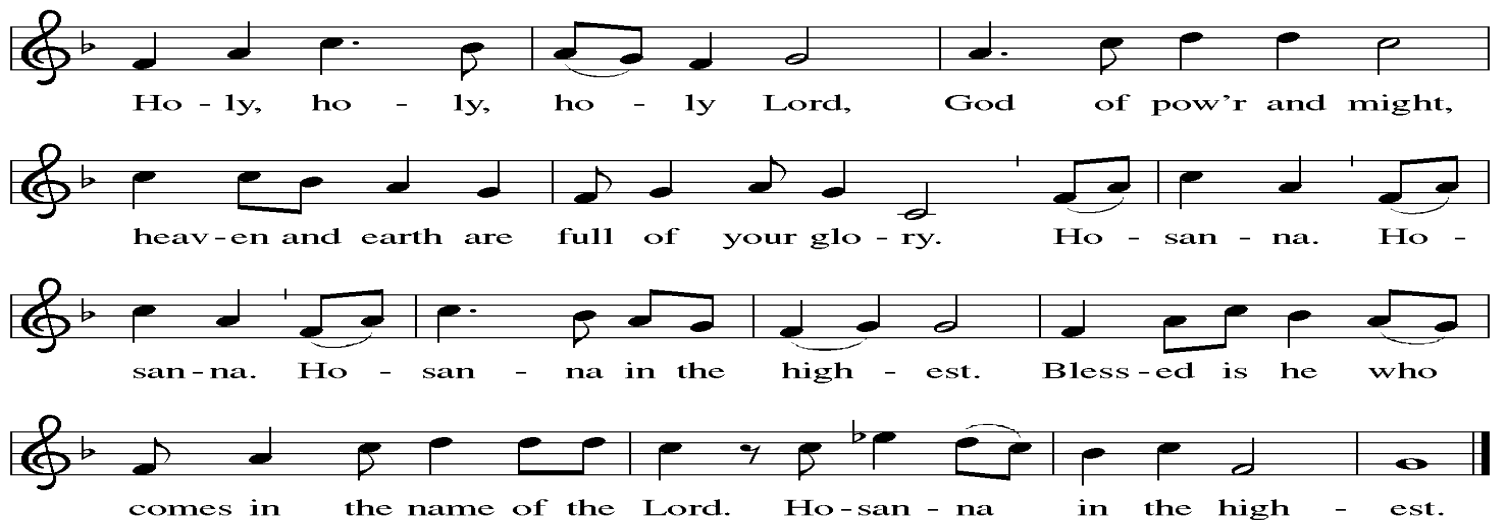


**DIALOGUE** (presider and congregation)


The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

**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**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The ministers say: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Those not yet receiving communion may be offered a blessing such as: Jesus loves you*

**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all)**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG****Now the Green Blade Rises****ELW#379**

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,  
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,  
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth he like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

**TABLE 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 resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen**

**BLESSING**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Announcements &amp; Community Concerns

## SENDING HYMN

## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW#382

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day;  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

DIMISSAL (*from back*)

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****March 27<sup>th</sup> thru April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
	<b>Easter Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30</b>
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Call Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance March 20 was 68

Total Offering March 20, 2016: \$1,636.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,828.64

**Prayer Requests**

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, especially **Bob Lyvers, Jean Wenzel, Steve Fahr, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kim, Kelli Huneke, Bruce, Jane Parks, Ardie and Mike** and homebound members **Gerry Harnish, Ray Stamm**.

**MONDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

there will be an organizational meeting for VBS 2016 at Good Shepherd. ALL interested adults from Good Shepherd and Lena United Methodist Church are invited to learn about plans for VBS which will be held from **Sunday, July 17th through Thursday, July 21st**. Any assistance you can provide will be so very appreciated. Thank you for your continued support in sharing God's never ending Love with our Children.

??? Call Marybeth Brinker

**NISWO - WELCA 2016 Spring Retreat is Saturday, April 9, 2016 at LOMC**

Program: "Created in God's Image - Restoring the Circle" presented by Inez Torres Davis, Director for Justice, Women of the ELCA. Registration and Coffee from 8:15-9:00am. Cost is \$35.00 which includes morning coffee, lunch, snacks, and materials (please bring a Bible). Registration Deadline is March 20, 2016. Pre-reading materials at [nisynod.org/women](http://nisynod.org/women). Information Flyer, Registration and Scholarship forms on WELCA bulletin board.

***Easter Lilies Given by...***

- *Lee Wenzel – in memory of Marjorie Wenzel*
- *Gullickson family – in memory of Loved ones*
- *Ethel Lobdell – In memory of Bill and Rita Lobdell*
- *Kristy, Anna, Taylor Patterson – in honor of all our friends and loved ones*
- *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*
- *Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher – in memory of loved ones and to the Glory of God*
- *Karen Niemeier – in memory of parents & grandparents*
- *Ellen Kyles – In memory of all my family*
- *Gary, Coralyn and Jon Hudik – In memory of Norma and Erwin Schafer*
- *Wayne and Janis Kurth – In memory of loved ones*
- *Paul and Shirley Fox – In memory of loved ones*
- *Tim Gordon– in memory of Janell Gordon*
- *Laura Derr and family – in memory of William Derr*

