
April 28th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the Holy Communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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.

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

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.

–*ORDER OF WORSHIP* –
WOV SETTING 5 BREAD OF LIFE

PRELUDE

TENA RACKOW

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Rejoice Song Book)

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The power of death is broken.

C: God's people are free.

L: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Let us pray: Lord God, all creation rejoice in the resurrection of your Son. We praise you for the gift of new life in our Savior Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Glory to God (Melody: Liechtensteiner Polka)

Chorus

Yes, (clap, clap), this is a great day to give to glory to God!

Glory to God! Glory to God!

Oh, Yes, (clap, clap), this is a great day to give glory to God!

Glory to God! My Lord!

For when we see the wondrous goodness of His grace and Love and Peace,

Oh, let us thank and praise him for it all so happily!

Oh, yes (clap, clap) this is a great day to give glory to God!

Glory to God! My Lord!

Verse

O God, You are so wonderful! Yes, You are!

Your blessings are so bountiful! Yes, they are!

You gave salvation through Your Son! Yes, You did!

When we were lost and full of sin, Your love has set us free,

Your love has set us free, Your love has set us free! (chorus)

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



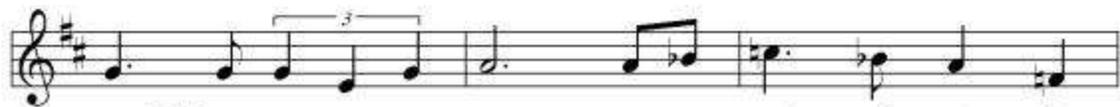
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 ☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A: Let us pray.

C: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

L: A reading from Acts.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader

and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 150 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

²**Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to John. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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.” ²⁶A 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY “LORD, LORD” (Melody: Du, Du, Liegst Mir im Herzen)

1. Lord, Lord, we do all praise You, Lord, Lord, You are the Christ!
 Lord, Lord, we do all praise You. Great is Your love to us all.
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your love to us all!
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your love to us all!
2. Lord, Lord, we do all thank You, Lord, Lord, You are the way!
 Lord, Lord, we do all thank You. Great is Your grace to us all.
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your grace to us all!
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your grace to us all!
3. Lord, Lord, You are our Savior, Lord, Lord, You are our Prize!
 Lord, Lord, You are our Victor. Great is Your peace to us all.
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your peace to us all!
 Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes. Great is Your peace to us all!

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

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

WA: Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world,
 and all of creation.

A brief silence

WA: Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs of your grace so others see your goodness and come to believe. Empower global mission organizations and partners who provide for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Breathe life and peace into your creation. Protect homes, fields, and communities from damaging winds. Bless environmentalists, engineers, and legislators who work to curb pollution and to ensure clean air for us and for future generations. We pray for farmers who are starting to plant in the field. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: By the resurrection of the wounded Christ, draw near to those wounded in body or spirit. Liberate all who are bound by grief, abuse, addiction, or pain. Restore faith to the despairing and hope to the suffering *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessorf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, Fred, Don Hoge, Vicky Gobeli, the Heimann family, Aleta Broge, Richard Gordon, Shriley, Steven DeHaven, Jim and Susie, Jean, Cathy Stouffer, Pr. Miranda and Jesse's baby boy, and our friends in Pine Ridge community.* Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Fern Harnish**. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and resurrection hope for the family and friends of **Steve Fahr**. Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: God of new life, we mourn the lives of those killed in the attacks in Sri Lanka this Easter Day. Lord, pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we might work as instruments of peace in the face of violence and division. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We pray for our ministry partners in Christ. We rejoice with LOMC as they welcome their new executive director Bob Gieraltowski. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We give you thanks for all the saints who believed in you and who now enjoy eternal life in your name. Sustain us with your everlasting presence, for you are Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

OFFERING HYMN

THANK YOU, LORD

(Melody: Edelweiss)

Sing Twice

Thank you, Lord, On this day, For our many good blessings.
 Thank you, Lord; On this day, For the friends all around us.
 Glory to God, May you hear our prayers; guide us on forever.
 Thank you Lord; On this day, For our blessings and friendship.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

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 (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 and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION HYMN****LAMB OF GOD**

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☞ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN “Christ the Lord” (Melody: the Happy Wanderer)

Christ the Lord has come to us to save us from our sins
 On the cross he died for us to show us love of God
 Christ arose, Christ arose, Christ arose, Christ arose
 He’s risen, he’s risen, Halleluiah Amen

Christ the Lord forgave our sins and gives new life us all
 The grace of God makes us new to live in love of Christ
 Christ arose, Christ arose, Christ arose, Christ arose
 He’s risen, he’s risen, Halleluiah Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**BLESSING**

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN “THERE’S A BLESSING” (Melody: Beer Barrel Polka)

1. There's a blessing, what a blessing, from our loving God and Father,
 And there's love and grace abounding for all people in all places.
 Oh, there's music and there's dancing and a lot of joyous praising.
 When we join together to thank the Lord above.
 Every time we sing a Hosanna, or we join to shout Alleluia,
 Hear us as we sing Your praises, Help us live our lives for You!
2. As we go our ways into the world,
 There to live our lives by God's true Word;
 Our lives to live to be an offering; And now our final praise we sing.
 Praise God from whom, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise Him all creatures, all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above, above you heav-n'ly hosts.
 Praise to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

DISMISSAL (from the back)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**TENA RACKOW**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena Rackow

Lector: Tena Rackow Acolyte: Sunday School Children

Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews

Worship Assistant: Cora Hudik

Communion Asst: Troy and Cindy Doubler Communion Usher: Shirley Fox and Tim Gordon

Communion Set-up: Bob and Sharon Schlachter

Sound System: Denny Luke and Sunday School Youth

Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Ushers: Don and Lisa Weinand and Sunday School Children

Elevator Operator: Sue Diddens

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**April 28st through May 5th, 2019**

Today:	Christ is Risen! Polka Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday:	Hannah Circle at the home of Rene’ Johnson	9:00am
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance: April 21st Easter Sunrise Service – 33

Easter Festival Service – 84

Maundy Thursday-13 (5pm), 23 (7pm)

Good Friday-18 (3pm), 14 (7pm)

Total Offering 04/21/2019 - \$2907.50; amount needed - \$2570.85

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.

Graduating?

If you or your family members are graduating this year, please let the office know. We will recognize them in the worship service in May.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications must be filled out and returned by **April 30th**

ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION, 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are invited to an unforgettable evening of celebrating men and women whose lives have been transformed, on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm. Rockford Rescue Mission, 715 West State Street, Rockford, IL.

Rockford Rescue Mission will be hosting a Dessert Soiree to honor these men and women. Ms. Tonier Cain will be guest speaker; she will stand before her audience as a testimony to how God can restore lives and the resiliency of one's spirit to survive. Individual tickets are \$30, Table Sponsorship is \$300. Please RSVP by April 26, 2019 at: rockfordrescuemission.org/latest/events

Thank You

For those who help with Easter worship services and Easter Breakfast last Sunday to make our Easter celebration special. You are greatly appreciated!

If you ordered Easter lilies, please remember to take it home. Thank you for making Easter service special.

Don't forget your jackets



There are a few jackets missing their owners in Fellowship Hall, please check to see if one may be yours, they want to go back home with you.

