

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

***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.

This service will use a liturgy *Bread of Life in With One Voice* (blue hymnal) in your pew.

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

KAREN NIEMEIER

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

A: 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

L1: We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

L2: All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

L3: Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

L4: Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

L5: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

P: Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN "ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH!" ELW#835 (verses 1, 3 & 6)



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen - dor  
grain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur - dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
care, praise God in col - o - rs bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

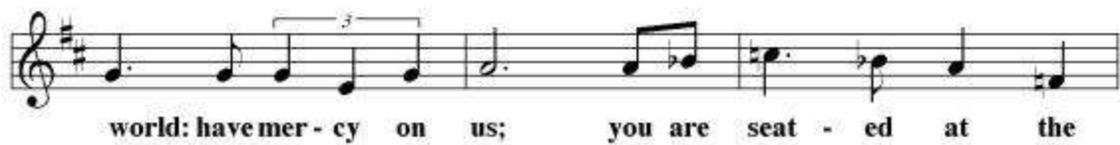
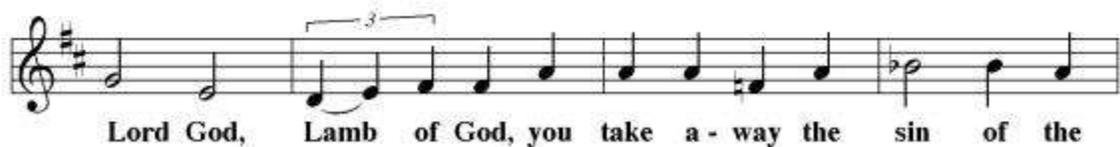
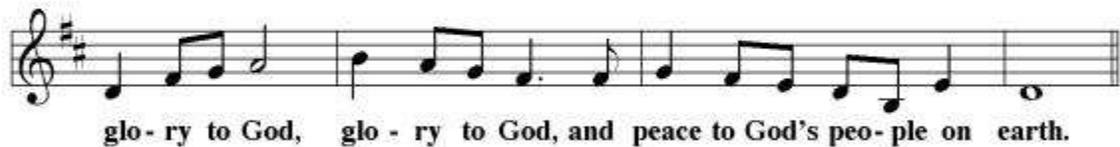
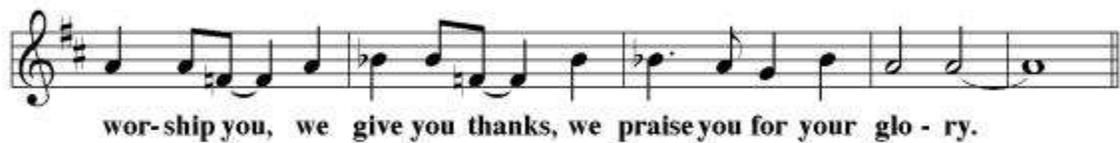
6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

WOV p. 29-30



☩ 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: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-20

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood

speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

**PSALM: Psalm 30** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all your faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p.31



## GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

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

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when

you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY “WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME”

ELW#798



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - ocs truc when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - oners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me??  
pray'r in you and you in me??  
mean in you and you in me??  
sound in you and you in me??  
grow in you and you in me.

**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:** You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by their words and works of  
love. Make your church a place of welcome and empathy for all people.

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

**WA:** Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Thank you for the vibrant  
diversity of creation and lives emerging from the earth. We thank you for sunshine, new  
leaves, bugs, fish, birds, cattle, and wild animals around us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your  
mercy is great.**

**WA:** Eternal God, we pray for our Jewish siblings at Chabad of Poway synagogue in  
Poway, Calif., following a deadly shooting on the last day of Passover. We mourn the loss  
of life, we deplore this senseless violence, and we grieve with those wounded and  
traumatized. May all houses of worship be places of refuge; may we all work as instruments  
of unity and peace in our world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**WA:** Bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice  
workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers who  
demonstrate your love in acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need *especially*  
**Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Greg Lloyd,  
Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan,  
Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy**

*Tessendorf, 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, and our friends in Pine Ridge community.* Give strength and courage and your blessing this week to **Lois Paulsen**. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**WA:** You feed us at your holy table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook, restaurant servers, school cafeteria chefs, grocery store workers, food pantry and soup kitchen volunteers, and those who love to feed their family and friends. Help us to remember your presence in every meal that we share.

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

**WA:** All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints. Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever.

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!*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS "LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL" WOV p.35

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u- nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

**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, feeding your sheep by using our gifts to tend the weary and feed the hungry, 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”****WOV p.39**

**☞ 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 "WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS"

ELW#666



1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS &amp; CELEBRATIONS

## BLESSING

P: The blessing of the living God, Father,  $\text{†}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION"

ELW#361

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

**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****KAREN NIEMEIER**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**Pastor: Pastor Miho YasukawaPianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker    Organist: Karen NiemeierChoir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena RackowLector: Marybeth Brinker                      Acolyte: Jacob RunkleAssisting Minister: Wayne KurthWorship Assistant: Janis KurthCommunion Asst: Jay and Michelle Andrews    Communion Usher: Jerry and Beth MartinCommunion Set-up: Jay and Michelle AndrewsSound System: Troy Doubler and Ethan FyeGreeters: Sue Diddens, Janis Kurth, Troy and Sheila KeeneUshers: Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Larry Fulfs and Andrew MartinElevator Operator: Jean Engel**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
	<b>Chime Practice</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Tuesday	VBS meeting at Good Shepherd	6:00pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Pr. Miho at NW conference meeting, Synod Office, Rockford	10:00am-1:00pm
Thursday:	Friendship Club Potluck, entertainment by “Gloria Linneman”	12:00pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
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	<b>Chime Practice</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
	<b>Baccalaureate Service at UMC, Lena</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

Attendance: April 28<sup>th</sup> - 36

Total Offering 04/28/2019 - \$2513.00; amount needed - \$2570.50

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.

**Thank You**

**Big** thank you to Tena, Terry, Bob and Grace Lutheran Church of Monroe, WI for their help with the Polka Worship service last Sunday. You made our polka service special. You are greatly appreciated!

**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.

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FUN - May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Attention! All children and adults! For the last day of Sunday School we are planning to have fun outside activities, such as dye my t-shirt, plant Easter lilies. Please mark your calendar and join the fun.

**SANCTUS REAL - Sunday, May 12 at 7:00 pm**

We need your help in spreading the news. Would you please share this information with your friends and church family and like us on Facebook and share concert information on your timeline? Bethel United Methodist Church is excited to host Sanctus Real on Sunday, May 12 at 7:00 pm in Shannon at 217 S. Hickory.

Their song, "Confidence" is up for song of the year and they have just released a new single, "Unstoppable God". This will be an acoustic show and we're hoping to pack the place for a wonderful evening of worship.

Tickets are \$15. general admission or \$20. for artist circle. You can purchase tickets at [itickets.com](http://itickets.com) or call the church office at 815-864-2581. We can mail your tickets to you after receiving your payment or you can pick them up the night of the concert. Tickets would make a great gift for Mother's Day.

Thank you for your support of past Leap of Faith events and we hope to see you for the Sanctus Real concert in just a few weeks!

**Update on Flooding Relief Efforts in Pine Ridge**

*Source: <https://www.facebook.com/PineRidgeRetreatCenter/>*

I have spent quite a bit of time on various conference coordinating calls over the last weeks. This is what I can share with you at this point. The damage assessments have been delayed by multiple weather events, there was an extension to submitting the reports to try and access FEMA funding (the "incident" end date was April 15th).

In the course of listening to our many partners in this effort I discovered that there are organizations (Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc...) that will take care of the muck-out buckets, emergency food boxes, and things of that nature. We do not want to duplicate efforts in these areas.

We will be helping the Emergency Manager, and the Pine Ridge Long Term Recovery Team to be able to better respond to this crisis and to any future situations that arise by helping them with some much needed equipment for conducting the damage reports and preparing the proper documents and applications. The OST Emergency Services Department currently has outdated software and computers that are unable to handle creating the data base necessary to create the documents for submitting applications to FEMA and other aid organizations. This support will be important for increasing the capacity needed to respond to these larger scale emergency situations.

I will send out updates as things change. The real work will begin after the damage assessments are completed.

THANK YOU for your support of our efforts to be of assistance to the Lakota people!

Servants Together,  
Pastor Kay