

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



***John 14:1***

*[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."*

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

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Thank you for joining our service today.

*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.*

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.*

*You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

**Karen Niemeier**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**C. Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\* Gathering Hymn**

**“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives”**

**ELW #380**

**\* Greeting**

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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.**

**\* Kyrie**

**ELW page 138**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Canticle of Praise**

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**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**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 of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\* Prayer of the Day**

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P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> But [Stephen], full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up-on your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### \* Gospel Acclamation

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

### \* Gospel: John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

<sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

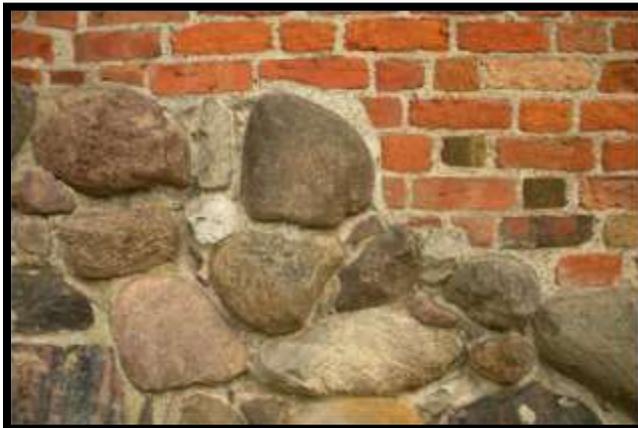
**Sermon**

**Vicar Thomas Mosbo**

**\* Hymn of the Day**

**“The Church is One Foundation”**

**ELW #654**



**\* Nicene Creed**

**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 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,  
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

*Congregation responds to each petition with the following:*

**L:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Paul Fahr, Trina Green, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, 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, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, and Sharon Janicke. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Lois Paulsen and Flo Chapin.*

## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Peace

**ELW page 143**

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

*The people share a sign of peace with one another.*

## 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

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P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. 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...  
... We remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P. O God of resurrection... Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P. Reveal yourself to us... Send us forth, filled with peace and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places...

... We praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven... Amen.**

## Lamb of God

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**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, grant us peace.**

## Communion

P: The body of Christ given for you. *(eat the body of Christ)*

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(drink the blood of Christ)*

## Prayer

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

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

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.**

**\* Sending Hymn      “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”      ELW #389**

## \* Dismissal

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



TODAY

*Chime Practice* 10:45am-11:15am

11:15am-11:45am *Choir Practice*



*Piece Corps Quilting Group  
Meets every Wednesday  
from 8am-11:30am  
In Fellowship Hall*

*Attendance April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
In-person-30 Online -63*



## Announcements

### Friendship Club

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

Potluck/Meeting followed  
by entertainment from  
Tyger Johnson-One Man Band

**Newsletter deadline, Monday, May 15th.**

*Good Shepherd*

*Council Meeting*

*May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*