# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*


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## May 3rd, 2026 9:30am

## Fifth Sunday of Easter



*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 (*)*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Prelude

Karen Niemeier

## Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*ELW page 94*

**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.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: 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.**

## * Hymn *We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW # 479**

## * 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.**

## * Kyrie *ELW page 138*

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## * 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.

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.**

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

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

55 [Stephen], full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed with one mind at him. 58 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. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 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. *[ESV]*

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**L:** Let us read responsively from Psalm 31.

1 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

2 **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!**
**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

3 For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

4 **you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,**
**for you are my refuge.**

5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

15 **My times are in your hand;**
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies**
**and from my persecutors!**

16 Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love! *[ESV]*

## Second Reading: *I Peter 2:2-10*

**L:** A reading from the first letter of Peter.

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may
grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is
good.
4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of
God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being
built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in
Scripture:

> "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
> a cornerstone chosen and precious,
> and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

> "The stone that the builders rejected
> has become the cornerstone,"

8 and

> "A stone of stumbling,
> and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to
do.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people
for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you
were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not re-
ceived mercy, but now you have received mercy. *[ESV]*

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## * Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 142*

**C: 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.**

**14** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5
Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How
can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the
truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If
you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now
on you do know him and have seen him."
8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9
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'? 10 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. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or
else believe on account of the works themselves.
12 "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. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that
the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my
name, I will do it. *[ESV]*

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

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

## * Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* **ELW # 384**

## * 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

*ELW page 143*

**L:** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** … Merciful God,
**C: Receive our prayer.**

**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.**

*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Jamie Maier and Amy.

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## 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.*

## Setting the Table

## Responses *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. Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

## Canticle *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.**

## 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 ***The Day of Resurrection!*** **ELW # 361**

## * 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

*** Hymn** ***The Day of Resurrection!*** **ELW # 361**

*** Dismissal** *ELW page 146*

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**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Karen Niemeier

## Bible Study on First Peter

What does it mean when good people suffer?

*Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30am at Good Shepherd*
*April 22th through May 20th*
*Everyone welcome.*

## Hannah Circle

*Today*

*After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.*

Friendship Club

Thursday, May 7th

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

May 7th at 6:30pm

## Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, May 30th 4:30pm

Piece Corps Quilters

Stitching together friendships every Wednesday



Memorial Day

May 25th

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## Word Search

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# Spring Promise

**Poet: Mary C. Plummer**

*You promised you would come back again,*
*With your balmy air and beauty;*
*You promised to bring the dear little birds,*
*O, Spring, how well you attend your duty.*

*'Tis now I feel your near approach,*
*As I walk along life's pathway,*
*The chirping birds and fragrant flowers,*
*The swaying trees, and budding bowers.*

*The rippling brook and peeping grasses.*
*Romping boys, and laughing lasses,*
*Cupid, with her magic power.*
*Playing upon the hearts of men.*

*Sunbeams dancing in the places*
*Where the winter's frost has been;*
*Tells me, happy, joyous Springtime,*
*That you're gently coming in.*

