

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00

April 14, 2024

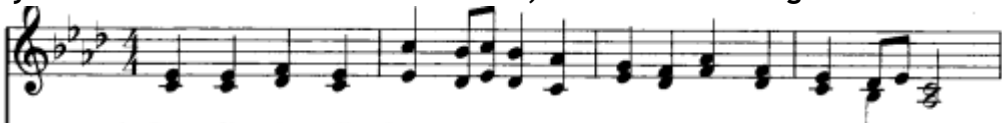
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Personal Prayer before Worship - See back of bulletin

Welcome

*Stand*

Hymn of Invocation: TH 92 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;  
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov-ing Spir-it In - to ev - 'ry trou-bled breast!  
3. Come, al-might-y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot-less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith-ful mer - cies crown.  
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find that prom-ised rest.  
Sud-den-ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect-ly re - stored in Thee:



Je - sus, Thou art all com-pas-sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art; Vis - it  
Take a - way our bent to sin-ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of  
Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and  
Changed from glo-ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we



us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem-bling heart.  
faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
praise Thee with-out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise! A - men.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Gloria Patri

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**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."



on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day: TH 232 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hail the day that   | sees Him rise,    | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 2. There for Him high  | tri - umph waits; | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 3. See, He lifts His   | hands a - bove!   | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 4. Lord, be - yond our | mor - tal sight,  | Al - le - lu - ia! |



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| To His throne a - bove         | the skies;        | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| Lift your heads, e - ter - nal | gates,            | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| See, He shows the              | prints of love!   | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| Raise our hearts to            | reach Thy height, | Al - le - lu - ia! |



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 He hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 There Thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



En - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Bless - ings on His church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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*Sit*  
**Sermon**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

**Offering**


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*Stand*  
**Offertory**

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way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, and Josh, our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### 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.**

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: TH 76 O for a Thousand Tongues



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can - celed sin, He sets the pris - oner free;
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;
5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,



The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.  
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.  
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.  
To spread thro' all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name. A - men.

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- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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## *Altar Flowers*

(If you'd like to dedicate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one,  
the flower chart is posted in the hallway.)

**NEEDING OUR PRAYERS for body, soul, and spirit:** Adams family, Hester Allen, Josh & Perley Allen, Frank Altland, Sonya Alwine, Tina Bell, Michelle Blevins, Tammy Bosley, Bonita Brungart, Bill Bucher, Gary Cable, Chris Candisky, Dawn Coley, Dona Dellinger, Joyce Devan, Drew Dreyer, Judy Eckenrode, Denise Eckert, Dave Eicholtz, Bob & Marge Filangeri, Jack & Donnalene Gingerich, Bob Hahn, Terry Harrison, Lindsey Hegedorn, Wayne, Allyson & Christopher Hoffmann, Bob Jakupciak, *Jennifer Jones*, Sandy Knisely, Randy Miller, Neenan family, Norma Orsie, Sandi Peiffer, Jo Reese, Pat Reichel family, Yvonne Rudacille, Pauline Schaefer, Tom Shearer, David Sindlinger, *Donna Siple*, Bernard Smallwood, Bill Smith, Carol Sollenberger, Louann Stetler, Sally Thomas, Beth Ann Thompson, Joe & Donna Toomey, Marilyn von Schlichten, Shonna Weidner, Ella Weisbord, George Yovich, all persecuted Christians, Jewish people around the world

**Homebound:** Will & Chris Candisky, Denise Eckert, Patty Hoshall, Jo Reese, Doris Ruesskamp, Sally Thomas, Sharon Warnecke

**Please keep Donna Siple in your prayers. Her husband Roger passed away on March 27.**

**OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL:** LifePath Christian Ministries offers a homeless shelter, hot meals to the community, etc. If you'd like to contribute, just write "Local Mission" as a memo on your check or online donation.

**CRAFTS** has started up again on **Tuesdays** at 2pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Please bring your ideas and be prepared to have a wonderful time. No experience necessary. Items made will be sold at our annual bazaar Nov. 1st and 2nd. For details, contact Shirley Dreyer.

**"PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"** is an apt description of the Epistle of St James, the half-brother of our Lord. Perley Allen invited you to join him Tuesday at 6pm for a study of this practical and personal epistle. The study continues through May 21.

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

***TODAY, April 14 following the 11AM worship service***

In accordance with our Constitution, Article 11, para B, the two Trustees on the council, and the president, have called for a special meeting of the Congregation. The sole purpose of this meeting will be for consideration of quotes for replacement of the HVAC unit #2 (the hallway near the restrooms), and voting on the recommendation of the Trustees. The Trustees received two quotes, one from our contracted maintenance provider Haller for \$27,070 and the other from Stambaugh Heating and Plumbing, for \$16,988 (which would require removal and reinstallation of the drop ceiling tiles & frames in the hallway by us). The Trustees recommend contracting Stambaugh Heating and Plumbing. Their offer is good until May 21st.

**LADIES FRIENDSHIP TEA: Sat. April 20 @ 10:30am.** Purchase your ticket today from Marva Matz before or after the 9:00 service or Carolyn Goodling before or after the 11:00 service. **Today is the last day to purchase tickets for this fun-filled event! Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.** Proceeds benefit LWML Missions. Bring your favorite hat and tea cup. No hats or tea cups? That's OK! A selection will be provided. We want you to come and enjoy the teas, foods and fellowship! Please sign the reservation form in the narthex and purchase your \$5 ticket. All ladies of the church are invited. **We will need help after the meeting today to set up tables for the tea. This is appreciated.**

**CELEBRATING A 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!** Norma Orsie turns 90 this month and she would like to celebrate this special occasion with her church family. She will provide a cake for us on **Sun. April 21** after the 11am service. Please stay to help her celebrate and bring a smile to her face.

**PRETZEL ROLL SALE:** Good Shepherd Quilters are sponsoring a Ham & Cheese Pretzel Roll Sandwich Sale. Pick-up date is Thurs. April 25 between 4 & 6 pm. Cost is \$4.50. Please use the Sandwich Form in the Narthex to sign-up. **Order cut-off date is next Sunday, April 21.**

**MEN AND BOYS!** Your help is needed to prepare, cook, serve and cleanup for the Daughters In Christ Banquet. We will be preparing the dinner on **May 6 and 7** and serving at 6pm on Tues. May 7. You will also partake in the dinner that you prepared. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex. Contact Larry Kaetzel if you have questions.

**DAUGHTERS-IN-CHRIST BANQUET** is being held here on **Tues. May 7** at 6pm. Our Men in Mission are serving! This event is for all ladies and girls so bring your friends. Reservation form is in the narthex and deadline to register is Sun. May 5.

**PENTECOST IS MAY 19:** We are celebrating this special Sunday commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles. We will be offering Red (4.5") Geraniums for sale at a cost of \$7. Order forms will be available at the Information Center. Deadline for orders is **Sun. May 5**. Flowers can be taken home after either service.

**CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS:** LWML will be collecting phones during the months of **May, June & July** for this non-profit organization that provides free communication services (gift cards) and emergency funding to active-duty and veteran military. A basket is placed on the table at the office door for collection of your old, unwanted cell phones.

**COMING SOON:** *The Fire and the Staff* – by Klemet I. Preus, is a book on biblical Lutheran doctrine and practice. Days, times and location to be determined. Please contact David Firlik for further details and/or to express interest.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024:** Plans have begun for VBS this summer. The first step is to see if we have enough volunteers to move forward. We have selected 2 different dates: **July 15-19** or **July 22-26**. The date will be determined by the number of people available to help. It will be held in the morning with volunteers arriving at 8:30am and leaving at 12pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Prayerfully consider how you can help. If you have any questions, see Kathleen Firlik, Jack Gingerich, or Joy Williams.

**ADOPT A GARDEN AND SPRING CLEANING:** “God’s house should shine because it is well loved!” On the narthex table, you will find two sign-up sheets: one to adopt a garden for the season and another to spring clean a small area of the church. Spring cleaning can be completed **anytime now through June!**

**GOOD SHEPHERD QUILTERS:** We have finished 30 quilts since this past fall. We need a few more people to help tie. This is an easy process and can be done at home so just check with one of our quilters for directions. We would like to thank everyone for their donations of sheets and fabric. Questions? Contact Carolyn Goodling.

**PRAY FOR YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THIS WEEK:**

Monday-Snell; Tuesday-Snook; Wednesday-Sollenberger; Thursday-Stetler;  
Friday-Stoner; Saturday-Street

**The Week Ahead**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sun. 4/14	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
Sun. 4/14	10:00 am	Sunday School
Sun. 4/14	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Sun. 4/14	12:00 pm	Special Congregational Meeting
Tu. 4/16	9:30 am	Good Shepherd Quilters
Tu. 4/16	2:00 pm	Crafts
Tu. 4/16	6:00 pm	James Bible Study
Th. 4/18	9:30 am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
Th. 4/18	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Th. 4/18	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 4/20	10:30 am	Ladies Friendship Tea
Sun. 4/21	9:00 am	Alternative Worship Service
Sun. 4/21	10:00 am	Sunday School
Sun. 4/21	11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
Sun. 4/21	12:00 pm	Birthday Celebration

## *Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

<sup>2</sup> O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin;

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

<sup>7</sup> You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## **Personal Prayer before Worship**

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for his sake. Amen.

**Officiant: Pastor Brian Smith**

**Organist: Rachel Booz**

**Acolyte: Nathan Street**

**Scripture Reader: Jeanette Allen**

**Ushers: Ron & Carolyn Goodling, June Downs, Kim Meyer**

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