

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

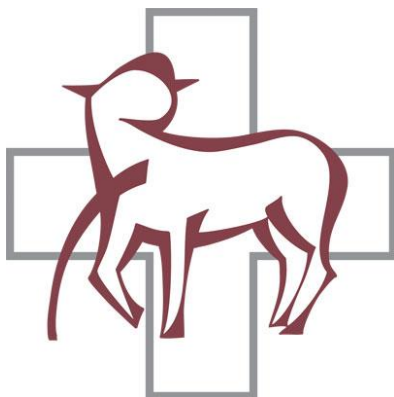
We'd like to welcome all our guests and members to worship this morning. For worship, we follow the settings of the Divine Service and hymnody out of the hymnal, Lutheran Service Book (LSB). The page numbers and propers are indicated for you in the bulletin. Men's and Women's restrooms are located just outside the sanctuary on the right-hand side as you exit. If you need assistance at any point in the service, ushers are available in the back to help you. If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd or becoming a member you can speak to the Pastor.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34



The People stand.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INTROIT

Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*
 and again a little while, and you will | see me.

℣: I will extol you, my | God and King,*
 and bless your name forever and | ever.

℟: Every day I will | bless you*
 and praise your name forever and | ever.

℣: The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*
 slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

℟: All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*
 and all your saints shall | bless you!

℣: My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
 and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

℟: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;
 and again a little while, and you will | see me.*

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE: THIS IS THE FEAST

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O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The People are seated.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



CHRIST has risen | from the dead.*
 God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor.
R: He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
 he has put all things un- | der his feet.

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–21

The People stand.

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1–8

The People are seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY - *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (sts 1-6)*

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SERMON

The People stand.

NICENE CREED

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with the following response:

℣: ... Lord in your mercy:

℟: Hear our prayer.

The People are seated.

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The People stand.

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The People are seated.



DISTRIBUTION

Private prayer before communing:

LORD Jesus, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. We now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children on earth. Preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope, and assure us a place at Your heavenly table, where we will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of Your pleasure forever and ever. Hear us, Jesus, for Your own sake.

HYMN - *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

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Private prayer after communing:

ALmighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The People stand.

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HYMN - *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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NOTES:

IN OUR PRAYERS

Greg Greco, Geri Wash, Geoff Goodwin, John Kuhnast, Karen Holms, Karen Ratlewicz, Lowell Milhaus, the family of Ron Moore, the family of Michael Parana

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study – Every Sunday at 9:15am
Lectionary Study – Every Thursday from 7-8pm
Tri-Church Youth Event – April 26th from 7-9pm (CTK, Newtown)

SERVING YOU TODAY

Presiding Minister – Rev. Philip Bartelt
Interim Music Director – Heather Palkewick
Acolyte – Michael Soto
Lector – Rich Smith
Communion Assistant – Liz Smith
Usher – Nate & Joshua Palkewick
Greeter –
Altar Guild – Liz Smith
Teller – Barbara Szaley

BIRTHDAYS

April 1 – Andrew Davis
April 1 – Duane Kish
April 2 – Tyler Ellertson
April 9 – Diane Dube
April 10 – Pauline Schneider
April 12 – James McGowan
April 27 – Beverly Breeger
April 27 – Eric Schonenberg

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