



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Second Sunday of Easter
 9:00 a.m. Worship

April 27, 2014
 * Please stand

Gathering

Gathering Music "Heaven's Gate"

Seeking Him

Worship Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We trust in the word of life given in baptism, as we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, who chose us in Christ. Let us come to the fountain of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,

In raising Jesus from the tomb, you destroyed the power of sin and death. Hear us as we confess our failure to live the good news of the resurrection. Grant us the radiant power of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, and renew us, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Song of Forgiveness "Because of Your Love"

Seeking Him

"Because of your love, we're forgiven. Because of your love, our hearts are clean. We lift you up with songs of freedom. Forever we're changed, because of your love."

***Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Song "Because He Lives"**

Gray Book #123

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Scripture Song "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Red Book #512

Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him

now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Psalm 16 *(read responsively)*

Protect me, O God, for in you I seek refuge

You have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my salvation; there is none beside you."

You have said, concerning the holy ones in the land,

"My mighty ones, all my delight is in them."

Those who lust after other gods increase their pains.

Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out, or lift up their names to my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you have cast my lot.

The measuring lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also he instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my inner being rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is complete joy; in your right hand are pleasure ever more.

***Gospel John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message "Face to Face"

***Song of the Day "Now the Green Blade Rises"**

Red Book #379

Prayers

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Choir Anthem “Let the Trumpet Sound”

Adult Choir

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,

Ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.

Sending

The Lord’s Prayer

***Blessing**

The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, + restore, support, and strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Song “Over in the Glory Land”

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Birthdays -April 27-May 3 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

27-Ryker Erickson	Kim Johnson	JoAnn Ovrebo	2-Trishel Adams
Jim Jacobsen	Al Korman	30-William Huper	Alverna Ehlert
Jadyn Lutteke	Richard Niebuhr	1-Orville Linde	Kadyn Neubauer
29-Jeff Amy			

In memory of Irene Hansen, Tom's mother, memorials have been given to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Flowers on the Altar are from the memorial service of Bruce Lorenz.

Women of the ELCA Salad Luncheon - April 30th, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are able to make a salad or a pan of bars or work that day please sign up on the sheets by the church office. Thank you.

New Members - There will be a new members orientation on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd please feel free to attend. New member Sunday is May 4th at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Are you willing to serve on a Ministry Team? Time, Talents, and Treasures and Social Concerns Ministry Teams are looking for members. They meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Church Office if you are willing to serve.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - April 30th - Cabbage Beef Roll Ups

At their Visioning Retreat Good Shepherd's Church Council, Transition Team, and Call Committee engaged in planning for the next three to five years in ministry. These leaders want to share these ideas and plans with members. You are invited to pick up a written report which summarizes this planning. (Summaries available on the table in the hall outside the office.) And you are invited to attend a presentation and conversation about this planning which will be held today, following worship at 10:30 a.m.

Call Committee will meet Sun., April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Mother’s Day is a perfect time to buy that special someone flowers. The Women of the ELCA are making it easy for you to do just that! Flowers will be available after services on Wed., May 7th and Sun., May 11th. Cost is \$2.00 each.

Daily Scripture Readings

Apr 28 - Psalm 114 Judges 6:36-40
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Apr 29 - Psalm 114 Jonah 1:1-17
1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Apr 30 - Psalm 114 Jonah 2:1-10
Matthew 12:38-42

May 1 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 25:1-5
1 Peter 1:8b-12

May 2 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 26:1-4
1 Peter 1:13-16

May 3 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Isaiah 25:6-9
Luke 14:12-14