

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 28, 2024 9:30 A.M.

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our “Friendship Register” providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

**NURSERY** The nursery is open for parents to take their small children during worship service. The space is available but not staffed. Parents are invited to take their children to play. For your convenience a TV is provided to watch a live stream of the worship service. Please make yourself at home and pick up toys before leaving. For your safety, the Education Building is locked. Please see an usher to open the door if you do not have a key.

**FOR THOSE CHILDREN REMAINING IN THE SANCTUARY,** Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE.**

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord’s presence is complete in either element alone. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents.

**A PRAYER BOX** is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR** in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com).

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP,** our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for links to these services.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY** collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,** especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God’s blessings.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is [pastor@gslc.com](mailto:pastor@gslc.com).

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.*

PRELUDE

**WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED**

HOBBY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Congregation stands.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The congregation stands and turns to face the cross in procession, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

GATHERING HYMN 367

**NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

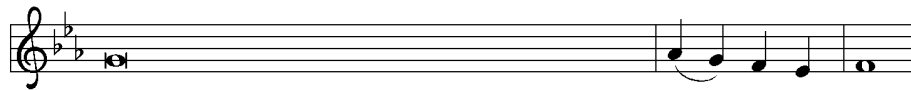
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



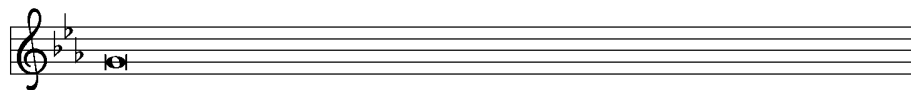
Lord, have mercy.



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



Lord, have mercy.



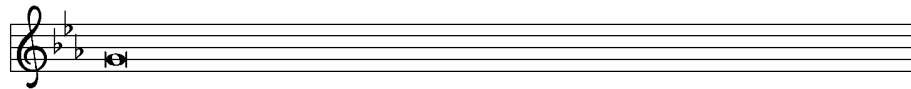
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



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



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING *Congregation sits.*

ACTS 8:26-40

A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

### SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:7-21

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation stands.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 15:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *Congregation sits.*

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 449** *Congregation stands.*

***WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED***

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Hallelujah!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
as living members of our Savior Christ.  
Hallelujah!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Hallelujah!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Hallelujah!

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**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION**

**PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Today we welcome as members the following people:

Bud and Sally DePriest                      *sponsor Earline Suydam*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*Sisters and brothers* in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**WELCOME**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Congregation kneels or sits.*

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially those whom we name at this time. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. We give you thanks for our new members, Bud and Sally, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**ANTHEM**

**O BLESSED SPRING**

**CHERWIEN**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord,  
The life laid down, the life restored.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**

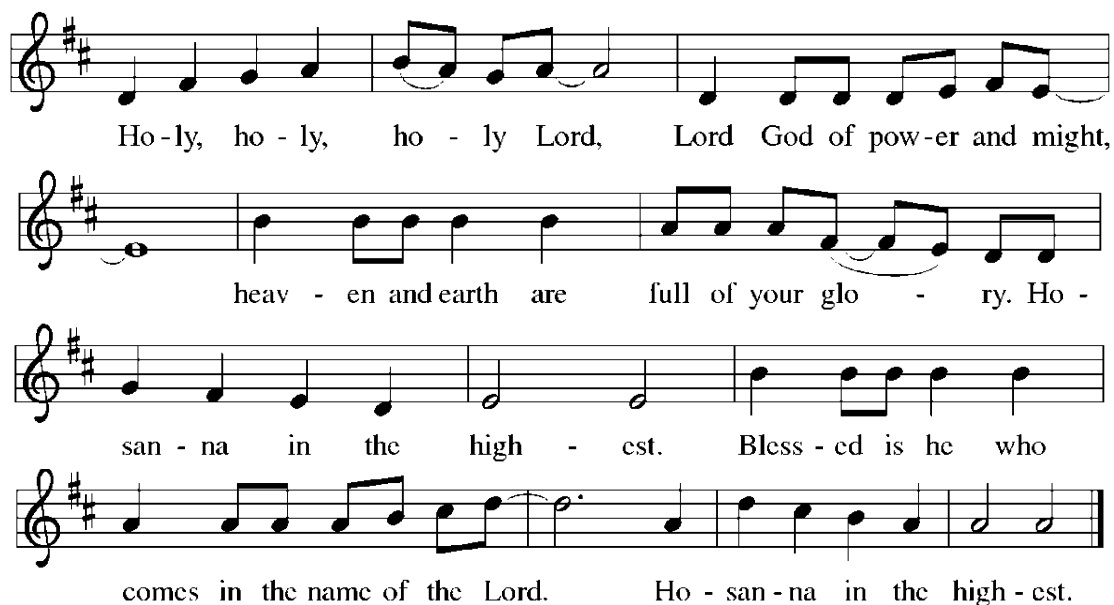
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: The cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION *Congregation sits.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,  
 mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*I AM THE VINE*

WEBER

COMMUNION HYMN

*OUR GOD REIGNS*

1. How love - ly on the moun - tains are the  
 2. It was our sin the and guilt that bruised and  
 3. Out of the tomb he came with grace and

feet of him who brings good news, good  
 wound - ed him; it was our sin, that brought him  
 maj - es - ty; he is a - live, he is a -

news; an - nounc - ing peace, pro - claim - ing news of  
 down: When we like sheep had gone a - stray, our  
 live! God loves us so: see here his hands, his

hap - pi - ness; our God reigns, our God reigns!  
 shep - herd came and on his shoul - ders bore our shame!  
 feet, his side; yes, we know he is a - live!

Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God

reigns, our God reigns!

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**BLESSING** *Congregation stands.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, Father ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary,  
following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN 881**

***LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING***

1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

***NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS***

**HOPSON**

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## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Brickmont of John’s Creek Assisted Living** – Lena Duncan  
**Lowman Home** – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Helen Derrick  
**Merrill Gardens** – Mary Clare McAbee  
**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd  
**NHC Lexington** – Margaret Hill, David Hill  
**NHC Parklane** – Jeannine Jameson  
**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer  
**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll  
**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton  
**Wildewood Downs** – Joanna Carpenter  
**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Milford Hunter, Justine Parker, Jerry Vaughn

**APRIL 21, 2024 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**  
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 91      Sunday School: 37

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,330**  
**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$5,340**

### OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Capital Improvement Fund	\$125	Sunday School – Children & Youth	\$21
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$60	Synod World Hunger	\$60
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$10	Social Ministry April Focus – Tanzania She Shed	\$250
Memorial Fund	\$20	Food Pantry	\$170
Altar Flowers	\$145	VANCO Processing Fees	\$16

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Cathy Milejczak to the Glory of God and in memory of Vic Milejczak on their anniversary and in honor of Andrew Alton on his birthday.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Rick and Bobbie Storey to the Glory of God and in memory of Rick's mother, Mary Storey, on her birthday April 28.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!** Today we welcome 2 new members into the Good Shepherd congregation. Joining are Bud and Sally DePriest. Please make an effort to meet and greet our newest Good Shepherd members!

**SEXTON JOEY ALLISON ON VACATION**, April 29 – May 3. If you need something while Joey is out, please contact Property Chair Richard Inman 803-600-5638.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY APRIL EMPHASIS** – The ladies of Tanzania are in need of a small house (She Shed) to store and maintain their farming equipment. There would be a manager for the equipment. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a tractor and planting and threshing attachments. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for Monthly Emphasis.

**GSLC FOUNDATION GRANTS** – The Foundation aims to support more local services for diverse needs. If you’re involved with an organization that serves community needs, consider sending them a grant application and offering to serve as the congregational shepherd for their proposed project.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Good Shepherd web site or paper copies are on the table outside church office. **Application deadline is May 1, 2024.**

**WELCA RETREAT OCTOBER 4-6, 2024** – Join us at the Coastal Retreat Center, Isle of Palms. Cost of the Retreat is **\$180** which can be paid in installments. The total is due **August 25, 2024**. The cost is for a room with a private bath (double occupancy, bed linens and towels furnished) and 4 meals. Dinner will be on your own Friday night. Make checks payable to **WELCA** and give to Laura Leigh Smith or put in the WELCA box.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Packets from the month’s council meeting are available on the table under the bulletin board in the Narthex. This packet consists of the current committee minutes/reports and approved prior month’s council meeting minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY** bulletins are **due by 12 noon each Wednesday**. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at [parishadmin@gslc.com](mailto:parishadmin@gslc.com).

**SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS FOR 2024** — The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up – with your phone number – for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2024. Altar Flowers are \$70, Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$50.

**PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY CALENDAR** – on the web page at [www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com) for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd.

<b>USHERS</b>	Pat Quattlebaum, Marion Eargle, Mary Stallings, Marcia Woodward, Chris Herrmann
<b>LECTOR</b>	Steve Steck
<b>COMMUNION ASST</b>	Steve Steck
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Ferlauto
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Lucas Ferlauto
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Janet Lockhart, Elaine Zornow, Anne Rush
<b>TABULATORS</b>	Steve Steck, Mary Margaret Hoy
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH</b>	Barbara Nagy

## THIS WEEK AT GSLC

April 28      9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
                 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)  
                 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
                 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children’s Sunday School (E-111, E-113)  
                 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children’s Music (E-115)

April 30      11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)

May 1         8:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study  
                 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

May 2         10:00 a.m. Mary Circle meeting (FAB)

May 5         9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
                 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1, 2, & Parlor)  
                 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
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# 2024 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Becky Shealy  
David Lucas  
Anna-Marie Plyler  
Jan Haigler

## OFFICERS

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Becky Shealy  
Chris Herrmann

## COMMITTEE

Communication  
Evangelism  
Finance  
Gifts  
Learning  
Parish Life  
Property  
Social Ministry  
Worship Life  
Youth & Children

## TERM ENDS

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### **\*\*Non-Council Members**

Cathy Milejczak & Rod Kent

Social Ministry Co-Chairs

## **OUR MISSION**

*We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace  
for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.*

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