



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.
First communion for eligible children.
Contact Pastor Andrew if you are interested.
Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
8:15—9:00 a.m. Breakfast (FAB)
Service at 9:30 a.m.



REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

Even though the Flowering of the Easter Cross will be on Saturday, April 4, we would like to re-start an old tradition. We are asking you to bring a flower on Easter morning to put on the cross in memory of a loved one.



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

In the church where my father was baptized and where my grandmother was a member until her death, there is a gathering space called the Emmaus Room. As a child, I always thought this was an odd name. As I learned more about that room and about the Scriptures, I began to realize that the name was actually a perfect fit.

That room is not unlike some of our spaces here at Good Shepherd: The FAB, the Narthex, the Youth Room, the classrooms—all of those spaces can serve the same purpose. They are places where families gather for funeral meals and visitations. They are places where the congregation gathers for fellowship and prayer and celebration. Every church family needs a room or rooms like that.

But what about the name? Emmaus was a village about seven miles from Jerusalem, according to Luke 24:13. We know almost nothing about this town. We don't know its exact location in relation to Jerusalem. We don't know of anything else that happened there. What we do know is what Luke tells us in Luke 24. Emmaus was the destination of two of Jesus' disciples—Cleopas and his unnamed companion. We wouldn't even know about Cleopas if it weren't for this Emmaus story.

The two of them set out from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the night of Jesus' resurrection. We don't know why they were making this Easter evening journey, but they set out and as they were walking they talked about the sorrow and confusion of the past days. Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, his being betrayed on Maundy Thursday, his suffering and death on Good Friday, and the unconfirmed reports of his being raised on Easter morning.

Jesus himself appeared among them as they walked and talked, but Luke tells us their eyes were kept from recognizing him. They share with him what they know about Jesus' life and death, including the rumors of the Resurrection. Jesus then teaches them about himself using Scripture. When they arrive in Emmaus, Jesus begins to leave them, but they ask him to stay. When they get inside the place they were staying, Jesus sat at the table with them, blessed and broke bread, and gave it to them. At that moment their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. Then he vanished from their sight. They excitedly discussed what had happened and then set out that same hour to go back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples that Jesus was indeed alive. So they walked (or ran) the seven miles back to Jerusalem to go and share the good news. When they arrived, Jesus had already appeared to Simon Peter and the other disciples knew Jesus was raised from the dead.

That is the story of Emmaus. It is the story where God's hope, joy, and blessing meets our despair and doubt. And so it is that in my grandmother's church, they have the Emmaus Room. That place where families gather on the hardest days of their lives to receive care, support, and the breaking of bread. It is there that their eyes are opened to see Jesus in their midst.

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We all need an Emmaus Room. In our congregation, as I said, we have many of these spaces. The FAB, our classrooms, our Narthex, our Sanctuary, and more. But also, think of our small group Bible studies. Are these not Emmaus places? Think of our Lenten meals and services. Do we not see Christ as our bread is broken and shared? Think of your own home. You carry the Emmaus experience with you wherever bread is broken and a table is shared. Wherever the Word of God is received and lived out is your Emmaus place. Wherever you journey, whether it's seven miles or seven hundred miles away, you carry the love, the peace, and the hope that our world needs with you. Go and be that eye opening, heart lifting, soul restoring presence in someone's life this week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Andrew



FLOWERING OF THE EASTER CROSS SATURDAY, APRIL 4

The Evangelism Committee will sponsor the flowering of the outdoor cross for Easter Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pat Quattlebaum at 803-446-1945, or simply join us with your pruning shears on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m.

All members are encouraged to bring flowers and greenery to be placed on the cross. Please bring these to the church on Good Friday or the morning of Saturday, April 4. Buckets and tarps will be provided for the flowers.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 RECEPTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

We are deeply grateful for the many years **Deborah Mitchell** has faithfully served as our Parish Administrator. While we are sad to see her leave this role, we also celebrate with her as she begins a new chapter—serving alongside her husband at a Christian camp that holds special meaning for them.

Please join us as we honor and thank Deborah with a reception following worship, on the sidewalk outside the narthex, weather permitting.



GRADUATION IS ALMOST HERE!



If you or someone in your family, who is a Good Shepherd member, is graduating from high school, college or other school, please let us know. We want to congratulate and acknowledge this accomplishment. Let us know the school, any degrees or honors, college or future plans (if applicable). Call the office at 803-787-4413 or email parishadmin@gslc.com. Please contact the office by April 15, for publication in the May newsletter.

Remember to provide a current picture and answer these questions:

Who is graduating?

From where are they graduating?

What are their plans for the future?

Did they have any special accomplishments in school?

Did they participate in any clubs or service organizations?

Please contact the office by April 15, for publication in the May newsletter.

GSLC MUSIC FESTIVAL SUNDAY, APRIL 19 4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY



Do you want to experience the depth of musical talent that we have at Good Shepherd? Come join us on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our second annual Music Festival. We will hear choir music, piano and flute, child pianists and instrumentalists, brass music, rock guitar, popular vocals, cello and more. Lite refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Festival making for a great afternoon as a church family for music and fellowship. If you would like to perform please contact Jim Johnson, Director of Music, at jimjohnson51@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS



The April Social Ministry monthly emphasis was chosen by children in Sunday School classes as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Entertainer Danny Thomas founded the organization in 1962, and no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. Most of the funding for St. Jude comes from donations which is unlike typical hospitals. To help this worthy cause chosen by our compassionate children, you may contribute any time during April by putting your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and designated for St. Jude.

SOCIAL MINISTRY GIVING UPDATE



Due to the generous contributions from the GSLC congregation for our January and February monthly emphasis, we were able to send \$1,395.00 to the Woodyard Fund which is managed by The Salvation Army. Historically, the Woodyard Fund has helped residents in crisis in nearby counties to pay utilities bills, but the fund has now been expanded from utility assistance to a holistic approach that provides family stability. How wonderful that we are able to support our community during their times of need!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in February for 52 families serving 144 individuals.



*Bon
Appetite*

ATTENTION SMALL GROUP SUPPER CLUB PARTICIPANTS

Your Host or Hostess will be contacting you directly, before April 5 (Easter) to set up plans for your first get together to be held after Easter. If you signed up but are not contacted, please let Deb Whitlow or Kappy Steck know. Bon Appetite!
ENJOY!

MORE JUSTICE

MORE Justice will hold its annual Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, April 27, 6:00 p.m., at *location to be announced*. Columbia and Richland County Council members and state legislators are invited to appear. They will be asked to commit to action on these issues:

- Pass legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate to seal records of eviction filings that are dismissed or older than five years
- Implement the Richland County Housing Trust Fund to rehabilitate housing and provide down payment assistance
- Provide long-term support for mobile markets in areas of Columbia without grocery stores

The Nehemiah Action brings together members of the faith community to hold public officials accountable for doing justice. In 2025 over 700 people participated. Good Shepherd had 17 members present; we want to double that number this year. More details will be announced in the weekly bulletins, including carpool arrangements from the GSLC parking lot.

WELCA News



WOMEN'S RETREAT AUGUST 28-30, 2026

All women age 18 and older are invited for a weekend of fun and relaxation at Camp Kinard. Sister D'Etta Broam will help us discover how to be intentional with our time and prayer life. Saturday evening's dinner will be at **Shealy's Bar-B-Que**. The retreat cost is \$125 including lodging, bed and bath linens, breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Payment can be made to Laura Leigh Smith by July 19. Please make checks payable to **Good Shepherd WELCA**.

Please reach out to Leigh Ann Tollison with any questions,
LATollison@hotmail.com or 803-546-0257



FUN FRIDAYS - APRIL 10

Fun Fridays participants will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, April 10, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. All members of Good Shepherd are welcomed to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at 788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com or just come to the FAB on April 10 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

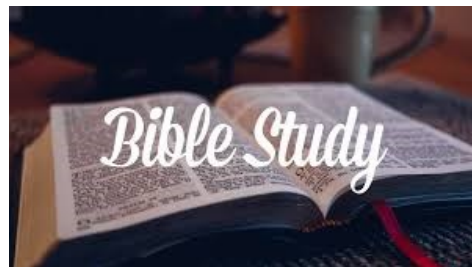
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

We are still in need of helpers for Children's Sunday School. No preparation is needed--just come spend time in the class and lend a hand as needed. If you are willing to come help one or more Sundays, please sign up on the board in the Narthex, or contact Lisa Sanchez by email (mikelisasanchez@gmail.com), phone 803 736-2070 (leave a message if no answer) or text 803 463-5754.



Sunday School Classes

- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes
Come and See (CL 1) and Fellowship (CL 2)
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 - 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111)
- 11:05 - 11:20 a.m. Preschool Children's Music (E-115)
- 11:25 - 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Meet in the Conference Room on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study.

There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, April 7.

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Join us virtually on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. for a Microsoft Teams meeting. A link is sent in a weekly email on Tuesdays.

There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday, April 8.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 9:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Confirmation Class (E-112)
- 10:45 - 11:25 am Children's Sunday School (E-111)
- 11:05 - 11:20 am Preschool Music (E-115)
- 11:25 - 11:45 am Children's Music (E-115)



Sun	Mon	Tue
 <p>5 Easter Sunday 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:15-9:00 a.m. Breakfast (FAB) 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>6 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>7 <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>5:00 pm Congregational Retreat planning meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE 10:30 am Reception after service (Courtyard)</p>	<p>13 <i>5:30 pm Parish Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</i> <i>5:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>14 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i> <i>3:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i> <i>5:00 pm Finance Committee meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>
 <p>19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday 4:00 pm Music Festival (Sanctuary) <i>6:30 pm Council meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>20 <i>6:30 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conf Rm)</i></p>	<p>21 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE <i>2026 GSLC Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge</i></p>	<p>27 <i>6:00 pm MORE Justice event (off-site)</i></p>	<p>28 <i>11:30 am Bible Study (Conf Rm)</i></p>

April

Please see an updated church calendar
and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:15 am Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mary Group meeting (off-site)</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Flowering of the Cross</p>
<p>8</p> <p>No Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 noon POGS luncheon & meeting (FAB)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>FAB set up for Fun Fridays</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00-9:00 pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:15 am Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>5:30 pm Learning Committee meeting (CL 2)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 am Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)</p> <p>6:00 pm Tamar Group Charity (off-site Donna Foster)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:15 am Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>3:00 pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 1)</p> <p>5:30 pm Mutual Ministry meeting (Conf Rm)</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2026 GSLC Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2026 GSLC Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:15 am Virtual Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>		



We are thrilled to announce that the February Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$535.00 for the GSLC Food Pantry. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Thank you!

The church extends heartfelt thanks to **Lauren Chandler** for his perseverance and dedication in ensuring the roof over the narthex was properly repaired. Though the process was challenging, his commitment and diligence have paid off, and we are truly grateful for his efforts.

Thank you for the many cards, calls, and kind expressions of sympathy following the death of my husband, Ed Woodward. Your thoughtful words, prayers, and support have brought me great comfort during this difficult time. I am truly grateful to be part of such a caring and compassionate church family.

Marcia Woodward

Dear Good Shepherd family,

When my sister suddenly died in January, I felt the loss tremendously because she was my only surviving sibling and we were very close. Your kind thoughts and sympathy through your calls, beautiful cards and notes, generous memorials, and prayers have brought me more comfort than you can imagine. I am so grateful to all of you.

With love,
Diane Smith

Dear Good Shepherd Church family,

I wish to express my thanks to the congregation for the cards, calls, flowers, visits and especially for the prayers offered up for my sister, Billie Jones, during her illness and passing.

Celeste Heisel

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To our GSLC Family,

The enormous outpouring of love and support has covered our family. From calls, texts, emails, meal trains and your presence, we have been so very blessed by each of you.

All of our love,
The Snodgrass Family _____

Dear Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Your ongoing support and commitment to our mission is the heartbeat of our work. Thank you for the sheet sets and the shoes, they are much needed items.

Also, the pizza.... what an awesome treat for us. Having you as a partner with us as we both shine to serve others means the world to us. Thank you for being a group we can count on!

My Gratitude,
Angie
The Women's Shelter

GSLC FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The GSLC Foundation is accepting grant applications for the 2026 spring grant cycle. Grants must be for either: Outreach into the community, to institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA, to members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending an ELCA seminary, for church-related leadership conferences, etc., or for non-budgeted special projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

- All grants must have a Congregational Shepherd - an active member of our congregation who has knowledge of the proposed grant use and is able to ensure grants are used appropriately.
- Please see the application for complete details and grant criteria.
- Maximum amount awarded per grant is \$3,000.00.
- The grant application form is located on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website: <http://www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026

Printed copies are available on the table outside church office.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: BECKY SHEALY

<p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday – April 2</p> <p>Ushers: Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Jason Fowler, Frances Plyler, Minot Stanton</p> <p>Lector & Communion Assistant Charlene Fink</p> <p>Acolyte & Crucifer James Isenhower, Becky Shealy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday – April 3</p> <p>Ushers: Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Jason Fowler, Frances Plyler, Cindy Cummings</p> <p>Lector Don Caughman</p> <p>Crucifer Mike Sanchez</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday – April 5 7:00 a.m. Sunrise</p> <p>Greeter Nancy Hyatt</p> <p>Usher Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Jason Fowler, Cindy Cummings, Frances Plyler</p> <p>Lector & Communion Assistant Barbara Rowell</p> <p>Acolyte Anna-Marie Plyler</p> <p>Crucifer Becky Shealy</p> <p>Torch Bearers Barbara Rowell and David Lucas</p> <p>Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday – April 5 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Greeter Karen Lucas</p> <p>Usher Mike Brown, Jason Fowler, Minot Stanton, Frances Plyler</p> <p>Lector & Communion Assistant Becky Shealy</p> <p>Acolyte Madelyn Snodgrass</p> <p>Crucifer Amanda Snodgrass</p> <p>Torch Bearers William Snodgrass and James Isenhower</p> <p>Banner Bearer Mike Sanchez</p> <p>Tabulators Mary Margaret Hoy and Becky Shealy</p>
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DATE	4/12	4/19	4/26	5/3
GREETER	Frances Plyler	Cathy Milejczak	Earline Suydam	Pat Quattlebaum
USHERS	Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Minot Stanton, Steve Fink, Jason Fowler	Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Cindy Cummings, Frances Plyler Jason Fowler	Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Minot Stanton, Steve Fink, Jason Fowler	Wade Wingard Team
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector: Jim Johnson Communion Assistant: Marcia Woodward	Lector & Communion Assistant: Ben Haigh	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector: Karin Culp Communion Assistant: Amanda Snodgrass
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER	A: Natalie Ferlauto C: Kate Ferlauto	A: William Snodgrass C: Amanda Snodgrass	A: Blake Gross C: Savannah Gross	A: Anna-Marie Plyler C: Jan Haigler
ALTAR GUILD	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum	Marcia Woodward, Anna-Marie Plyler
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler, Donna Foster	Kate Ferlauto, Rebecca Richardson	David Lucas, Steve Steck	Karen Lucas, Rick Storey

APRIL MEETINGS

Since some of the committee chairs were rotating off council, committee meetings were not carried over to the new year. Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

- April 2 Mary Group (off-site)
- April 7 5:00 p.m. Congregational Retreat Planning (5:00 p.m.)
- April 13 Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
- April 14 Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.)
Finance Committee (5:00 p.m.)
- April 15 Learning Committee (5:00 p.m.)
- April 16 Dorcas Group (11:30 a.m.)
Tamar Group (off-site)
- April 19 Council (6:30 p.m.)
- April 22 Worship Life (3:00 p.m.)
Mutual Ministry (5:30 p.m.)



PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD (POGS)

**April 8
12:00 Noon in the FAB**

Pathfinders of Good Shepherd will meet April 8, 2026, in the FAB at 12 noon. We will share a covered dish lunch and learn about the Epworth Children's Home from our speaker, Cathy Jones. Epworth Children's Home has been our monthly emphasis in the past. Come, fellowship and learn with us. See you at the FAB on April 8.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 3 | Rose Butterfield | 14 | Harper Shelton | 25 | Lillie Wilson |
| 3 | Verna Sawyer | 14 | Greer Crow | 26 | Karen Lucas |
| 5 | Lucas Ferlauto | 15 | Brock Tollison | 27 | Lewis Cromer |
| 6 | Sarah McFarland | 17 | Alex Nagy | 27 | Mark Jakiela |
| 7 | Anne Mueller | 19 | Daniel Mueller | 29 | Amanda Snodgrass |
| 9 | Joe Lockhart | 20 | William Foster | 29 | Andrew Alton |
| 11 | Debra Trostle | 21 | James Isenhower | 30 | Debi Powell |
| 12 | Jason Ortiz | 23 | Chris Herrmann | 30 | Suzanne Sanders |
| 12 | Russell Slice | 24 | Diane Smith | | |

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 2026

APRIL 5 – RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

PSALM – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

SECOND READING – Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

APRIL 12 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today’s gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

PSALM – Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ’s resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

APRIL 19 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today’s gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord’s day.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today’s reading is the conclusion of Peter’s sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

PSALM – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

APRIL 26 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

FIRST READING – Acts 2:42-47

Today’s reading is a description of life in the community following Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God’s people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

PSALM – Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

GOSPEL – John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

WITH PRAYER

Joey Allison	Dot Correll	Judy Hoy	Justine Parker
Gwen Barnes	Sylvia Anne Derrick	Sara Hydrick	Frances Plyler
Trisha Benson	Bud DePriest	Richard Inman	Barbara Sutton
Grace Boozer	Marianne De Werdt	Lisa Lehman	Linda Van Duys
Steve Bowden	Larry Evans	Sara Loyd	Peter & Elaine Zornow
Victoria Brown	Violet Fetner	Mary Clare McAbee	
Alice Buckner	Bob Fortner	Joyce Mobley	
Charles Buckner	Bonnie Hammond	Joann Nagy	
Lavina Chandler	Trisha Holman	Harry Oakes	
Cheryl Christian	Kitty Howard	Gloria Oakes	



PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to **renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name. Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.**

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Shawna Ashton—friend of Bryson Palmer, Verna Sawyer's great grandson	Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell
Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family	Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley
Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush	Joe Roche – brother of Ronnie Roche
Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler	Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders
Cameron Browder—grandson of Frances Plyler's friend	Schulze Family—friend of Sandy Gundlach
Betty Cox—former member	Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee
Larry Dobransky – cousin of Barbara Nagy	Caroline Crow Seymour – friend
Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass	Smith Family—friends of the Lawson-Nabors Family
Burke Drew—cousin of Ben Haigh	Butch and Jean Smith – brother and sister-in-law of Mark & Laura Leigh Smith
Idona Erwin—friend of member	Cindy Snellgrove – friend of Terri Tokaz
Susan Fisher—cousin of Penny Sox	Linda Stearns—friend of Frances Plyler
John Flitter—friend of Leigh Tondini	Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer
Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson	Leslie Taylor – friend of Terri Tokaz
Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow	John Tokaz – brother of Terri Tokaz
David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew	Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson
Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum	Tim Walker – friend of Frances Plyler
Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard	Gayle Watts—friend of Leigh Tondini
Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law	Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler
Sylvia Kelly—niece of Gaye Tucker	Zelma Winbourne—mother of Deb Whitlow
Dawn Kingsley—friend of Shepherd's Visitors	Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow
Naomi Lambert—sister of Laura Leigh Smith	
Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman	
Robert Nagy – brother-in-law of Barbara Nagy	

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Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes

Come and See (CL 1) and Fellowship (CL 2)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111)

11:05 – 11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)

11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (E-115)

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April 1
April 2
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April 5

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross

Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (FAB)

9:30 Worship Service & Live-Stream (Sanctuary)

Church Office Closed

12:00 noon POGS luncheon (FAB)

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fun Fridays (FAB)

Second Sunday of Easter

Reception following Worship Service (Courtyard)

Sunday Schedule above

May Newsletter Deadline

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Third Sunday of Easter

Food Pantry Sunday

Sunday Schedule above

4:00 p.m. Music Festival (Sanctuary)

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

GSLC Congregational Retreat (Lutheridge)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Schedule above

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)

April 6
April 8
April 10
April 12

April 15
April 19

April 22
April 24-26
April 26

April 29