



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 12, 2026

9:30 A.M.

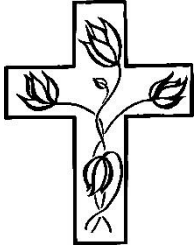
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

---

(803) 787-4413

3909 FOREST DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC 29204  
OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS 9 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.; FRI 9 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

[WWW.GSLC.COM](http://WWW.GSLC.COM)



**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**

**THE STRIFE IS O'ER**

**SHOEMAKER-LOHMEYER**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please sign the attendance sheet.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Congregation stands.*

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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

**GATHERING HYMN 366**

**THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;<br/>now is the victor's triumph won!<br/>Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst;<br/>Jesus their legions has dispersed.<br/>Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!</p> <p>3 The three sad days have quickly sped,<br/>Christ rises glorious from the dead.<br/>All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!</p> | <p>4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;<br/>the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.<br/>Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.<br/>Alleluia!</p> <p>5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,<br/>from death's sting free your servants too,<br/>that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
|---|---|

**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



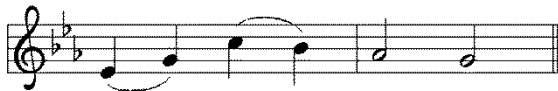
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



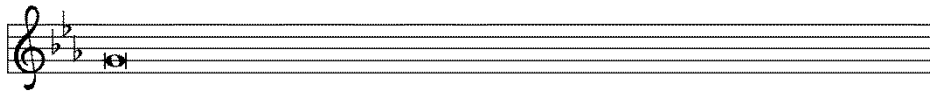
Lord, have mer - cy.



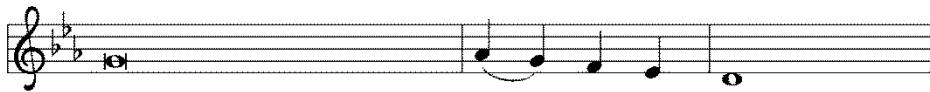
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



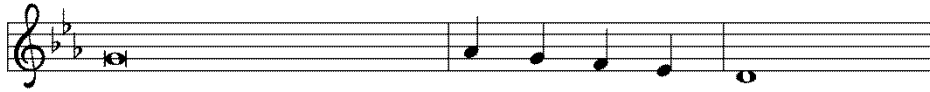
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious 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.



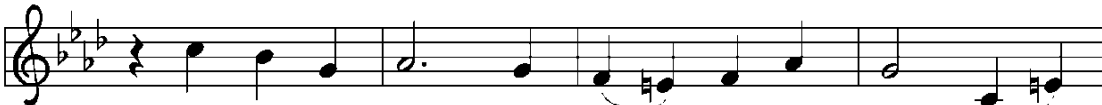
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

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:



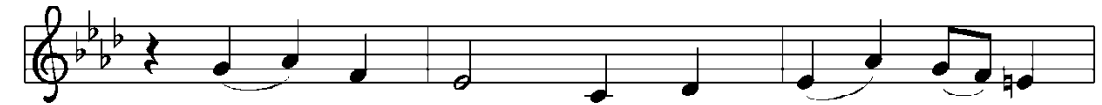
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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 -



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

*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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

‡ **WORD** ‡

**FIRST READING** *Congregation sits.*

**ACTS 2:14A, 22-32**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names up on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD al-ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING****1 PETER 1:3-9**

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> 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.”

<sup>26</sup> 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.” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> 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.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue 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.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 635** *Congregation stands.*

***WE WALK BY FAITH***

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;<br>with gracious words draw near,<br>O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:<br>"My peace be with you here." | to call on you when you are near<br>and seek where you are found:  |
| 2 We may not touch your hands and side,<br>nor follow where you trod;<br>but in your promise we rejoice,<br>and cry, "My Lord and God!"           | 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,<br>are found in means divine:<br>beneath the water and the word,<br>beneath the bread and wine.       |
| 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;<br>and may our faith abound  | 5 And when our life of faith is done,<br>in realms of clearer light<br>we may behold you as you are,<br>with full and endless sight. |

**NICENE CREED**

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially all whom we name now. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** *Congregation stands.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

**OFFERING** *Congregation sits.*

**ANTHEM**

***THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED***

**BILLINGS**

**OFFERING SONG** *Congregation stands.*

Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,  
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;  
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;  
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus, **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 are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Now the Feast and Celebration, Marty Haugen, ©1990 GIA Publications, Inc. OneLicense.net A-701826

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.  
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:  
This 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.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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**

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.  
**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. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Bread of Life, Jeremy Young, ©1995 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-701826.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**WORTHY IS THE LAMB**

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

*Verses*

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb. Wis - dom and strength be -  
 2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal - va - tion and joy bc -  
 3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ. Won - ders and signs, re -

long now to you. You laid down your life and died up - on the  
 long now to us. By con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new  
 veal - ing your might. Your pow - er and glo - ry shines up - on our

*Refrain*

cross: we've be - come a peo - ple of hope.  
 life: we've be - come a peo - ple of praise.  
 lives: we've be - come a light for the world.

Text and Music: Ricky Manalo, ©1997 OCP Publications. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-701826.

**BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS** *Congregation stands.*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

**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 363

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel  
into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from the Light to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts  
comes its joy to render;

## COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

- comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strain  
Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 Neither could the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own,  
you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, which evermore  
passes human knowing.
- 5 Alleluia! now we cry  
to our Lord immortal,  
who triumphant burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
Alleluia! with the Son  
God the Father praising;  
Alleluia! yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

## WOLD

Portions of the service are from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.  
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS002234.  
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ  
in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.  
*Holy, Holy; and Lamb of God* are reprinted by permission of OneLicense.net #A-701826.  
Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense.net with license A-701826.

**LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**The Heritage at Lowman** – Marianne De Werdt, Violet Fetner

**Mill Creek Manor** – Sara Hydrick

**The Palmettos** – Sara Loyd

**Rice Estate** – Grace Boozer

**Vitality Living** – Mary Clare McAbee

**Wellmore of Lexington** – Dot Correll

**Wellmore of Daniel Island** – Barbara Sutton

**At their homes** – Gwen Barnes, Steve Bowden, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Joyce Mobley, Justine Parker, Charlie Sigel

**APRIL 5, 2026 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

7:00 a.m. Worship Service: 47 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 133

**\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,371**

**\*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$12,347**

**OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

Food Pantry	\$275	April Social Ministry Focus – St. Jude Children’s Hospital	\$150
Memorial Fund	\$300	Special Love Offering	\$1,305
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$100	Organ Fund	\$50
Altar Flowers	\$110	Seasonal Flowers	\$16
Offering Envelope Collection	\$5	Lenten Self-Denial Envelopes	\$1,667

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Don Caughman to the Glory of God and in memory of his sister Linda C. Shealy; and in honor of his sisters Phyllis C. Davis, Sheree Caughman, and Sheila Caughman for their April birthdays.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Barbara Crenshaw to the Glory of God and in memory of Sylvia Smith.

**THE NARTHEX FLOWERS** are given by Donna and Jerry Vaughn to the Glory of God and in honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Terri Tokaz upon the death of her brother John Tokaz on Wednesday, April 8.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION** – Immediately following worship today we will honor our Parish Administrator Deborah Mitchell and wish her farewell and Godspeed as she moves to a new ministry serving with her husband as caretakers of a Christian camp. Please join us in the courtyard outside the Narthex as we express our appreciation for Deborah's years of faithful service at Good Shepherd and as we wish her well in her new role.

**FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** – Next Sunday (4/19/2026) is Food Pantry Sunday. The pantry particularly needs **stew, peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit (peaches, mixed fruit, pears)**, but any shelf-stable food items that have not expired are welcome. Thanks always for your donations!

**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 a **“pink envelope”** and place 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.

**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. Light 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 [jimhjohnson51@gmail.com](mailto:jimhjohnson51@gmail.com).

**MORE JUSTICE** – MORE Justice will hold its annual Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, April 27, 6:00 p.m., at Pastides Alumni Center, 900 Senate Street. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**SAVE THE DATE – JUNE 7, 2026** – Please join us in the FAB on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon for Earline Suydam’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration!

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

**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.

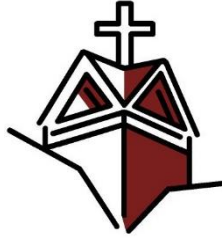
### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

<b>GREETER:</b>	Frances Plyler
<b>USHERS:</b>	Karen Lucas, Mike Brown, Minot Stanton, Steve Fink, Jason Fowler
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Jim Johnson
<b>COMMUNION ASST:</b>	Marcia Woodward
<b>ACOLYTE:</b>	Natalie Ferlauto
<b>CRUCIFER:</b>	Kate Ferlauto
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Becky Shealy, Pat Quattlebaum
<b>TABULATORS:</b>	Lavina Chandler, Donna Foster
<b>CC PERSON OF MONTH:</b>	Becky Shealy

## THIS WEEK AT GSLC

- April 12      **Second Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
**Reception following Worship Service in the courtyard**  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111)  
11:05-11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)  
11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115)
- April 13      5:30 p.m. [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council meeting (Conf Rm)  
5:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee meeting (CL 2)
- April 14      11:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room)  
3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room)  
5:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)
- April 15      8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Wednesday Virtual Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Learning Committee meeting (CL 2)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- April 16      11:30 a.m. Dorcas Group meeting (FAB)  
3:00 p.m. Shepherd's Visitors meeting (Conference Room)  
6:30 p.m. Tamar Group Charity (off-site Donna Foster)
- April 19      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Food Pantry Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School (CL 1 & 2)  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class (E-112)  
10:45-11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Youth Room)  
10:45-11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (E-111)  
11:05-11:25 a.m. Preschool Music (E-115)  
11:25-11:45 a.m. Children's Choir (E-115)  
4:00 p.m. Music Festival (Sanctuary)  
6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)

# 2026 CONGREGATION COUNCIL



David Lucas  
Becky Shealy  
Jan Haigler  
Karen Lucas

## OFFICERS

President  
Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

## MEMBERS

Kate Ferlauto  
Gaye Tucker  
David Lucas  
Sid Havird  
Lisa Sanchez  
Deb Whitlow  
Mike Weaver  
Mary Margaret Hoy  
Alice Buckner  
Becky Shealy  
Ben Haigh

## COMMITTEE

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

## TERM ENDS

2026  
2027  
2026  
2026  
2027  
2026  
2027  
2026  
2027  
2026  
2027

## **OUR MISSION**

*Empowering every generation to seek the missing,  
shepherd the weary, and share the table.*

### **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

3909 Forest Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29204

[www.gslc.com](http://www.gslc.com)

(803) 787-4413

*A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, South Carolina Synod.*

Rev. Andrew W. Isenhower, Pastor  
Jim Johnson, Director of Music Ministry  
Susan Sturkie, Organist/Music Associate  
Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator  
Deb Embrey, Financial Secretary  
Joey Allison, Sexton