



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Compassionate Community Making a Difference.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Welcome!

We are glad that you have
joined us for worship.



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HOLY EUCHARIST

This bulletin is a guide to our worship and all congregational responses are in bold.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 379

God is Love

All who are able please stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 8:00 AM—Read together.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 10:00 AM—Led by the choir, sung by all.

John Rutter

VOICES

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —
and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God — and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship
you, — we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo-ry. —
Fa - ther, —

S. * Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
A. — Fa - ther, —
T. — Fa - ther, —
B. —

Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a — way — the sin of the

world: have mer — cy on us; — you are seat — ed at the right

hand of the Fa — ther: re — ceive our — prayer. — For

Fa — ther: re — ceive

you a — lone are the Ho — ly One, — you a — lone are the

Lord, — you a — lone are the Most High,

Je — sus Christ, with the Ho — ly Spi — rit.

in the glo — ry of God the Fa — ther. A — men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.) 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his

life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 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. 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 22:24-30 8:00 AM—Read responsively by whole verse.
10:00 AM—Sung by the choir.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 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. 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. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we

also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 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. 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. 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. We love because he first loved us. 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. 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN # 304

All who are able please stand.

I come with joy

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

At the invitation of the preacher, all are seated.

The Rev. Julia Fritts

NICENE CREED

All who are able, please stand.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor bids the prayers. The congregation's response is in bold.

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, **Christ is risen indeed.**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christians, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who hold authority in our nation and for all who work for the common good; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to the members of our congregation, newcomers, and visitors! If you would like to learn more about Good Shepherd, please fill out a newcomer card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We invite those with birthdays or anniversaries this week to come forward for a blessing.

The offering is our opportunity to show our gratitude for all that we have been given. You can use your smartphone to scan the QR code which takes you directly to the online giving page.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For all who have the need of the gift of Easter: the sick, the friendless, and those who mourn, especially **Howard, Sarah, John, Cara, Laura, Becky, Dawn, Debbie, John, Kara, Jane**, and for those we name either silently or aloud (*pause*); for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, especially those we name silently or aloud (*pause*) for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

All stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

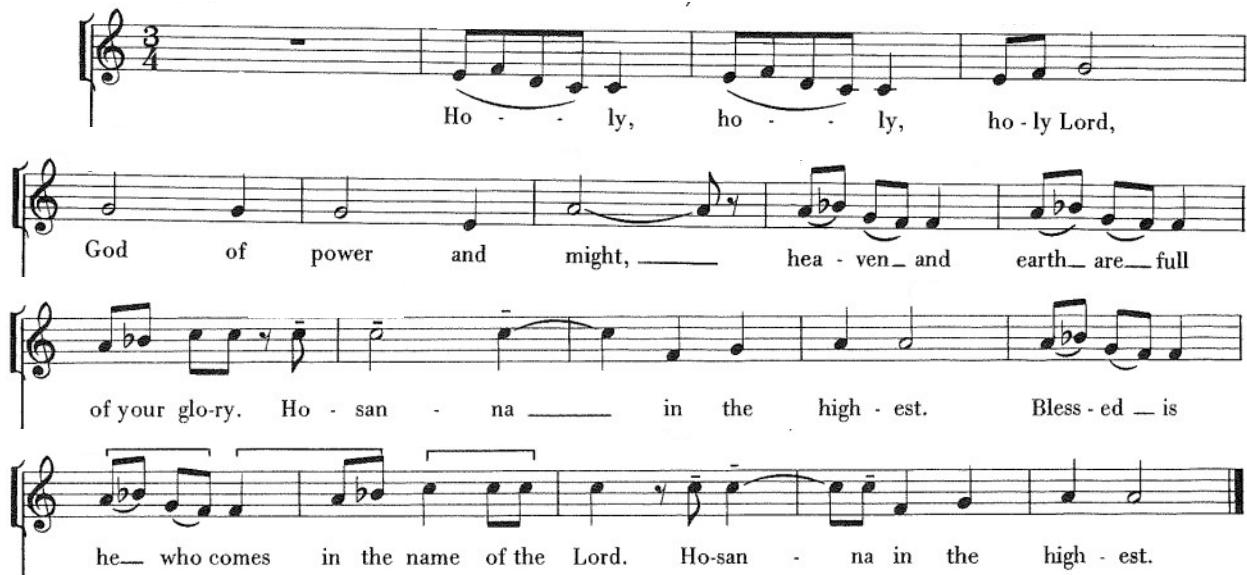
SANCTUS *8:00 am—Said together*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

SANCTUS *10:00 AM—Led by the choir, sung by all.*

John Rutter



Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven_ 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.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION 8:00 AM—Read responsively.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Priest The gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION 10:00 AM—Led by the choir, sung by all.

John Rutter

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri - ficed for us.

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

All who seek God are invited to the altar, including children. It is appropriate to stand or kneel in front of the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. **For public health reasons, intinction (dipping in the common cup) is not our practice.** To share in the common cup please assist the chalice to guide the cup to your mouth. Receiving bread only is full communion. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN # 704

O thou who camest from above

All are invited to join in singing the hymns.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All who are able please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 am

Chalicerist: Clai Carr

Lay Readers: Bev MacVaugh

Prayer Leader: Richard Bennett

10:00 am

Acolyte: Natalie Brown

Chalicerist: Liz Cannon

Lay Readers: Tracey Burk, Ellen Hoitsma

Prayer Leader: Tristan Burk

Ushers: John Horine, Kirsten Lavin

Organist: John Bonn

Livestream: Kate Knott

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Needs and Concerns

Howard Downing, Sarah Dewey-Chen, John Gurley, Cara Pugh, Laura Sacher, Bill Gallagher, Becky Slater, Dawn Marino, Debbie Weinberger, John Bonn, Kara Bradenburg, Jane Banks.

To have yourself or a loved one included in the Parish Prayer List, please contact a member of the clergy.

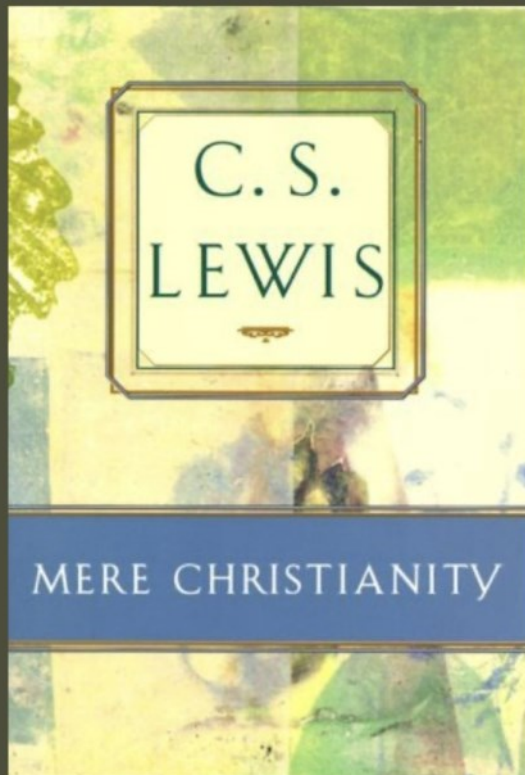
Flowers may be donated "In Memory Of" or "In Thanksgiving For" a person(s) you would like in the prayers on a Sunday.

Send your donation of \$100 to the office or online.

Please email Kait Lengyel (klengyel@goodshepherdruyton.org) with the names and Sunday date.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Thursday 4/25	Friday 4/26	Saturday 4/27
Mankind Group At 7:15 pm (Smith Room) Choir Rehearsal At 7:30 pm (Music Room)	AA At 7:00 pm (Parish Hall)	Fun with Foreign Language at 9:00 am (Classrooms)



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Led by Rev. Julia Fritts
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Thursdays
May 2 – June 6
11 am – 12 pm

In “Mere Christianity,” C.S. Lewis offers a compelling and rational defense of the Christian faith. He explores complex theological concepts with clarity, and presents a persuasive case for the existence of a moral law and the truth of Christianity. Throughout the book, Lewis emphasizes the importance of living out one’s faith through virtuous behavior and love for others.