

Worship
Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022
8:30 & 9:45am



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Welcome to Worship

Whether one's feet are big or small, fresh or worn, running or crawling
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is:
Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love

PRELUDE

GREETING

L. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C. Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound"*

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!

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!

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Acts 4)*

L. As early Followers of Jesus gathered

Piano Side. for fellowship and worship,

Pulpit Side. praying and singing and reading the scriptures,

All. so we gather this morning.

L. We read in Acts that the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

Piano Side. One heart.

Pulpit Side. One soul.

L. They shared everything –

Piano Side. everything they owned,

Pulpit Side. everything they had.

L. God's grace was at work in them,

Piano Side. powerfully at work

Pulpit Side. within them all.

L. There was not a needy person among them.

All. May it be so for us as well.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C. And also with you.

L. Let us pray together,

C. God of resurrection, you are just as present in our prayers as you are in our acts of service. Help us to see the importance of praying for others and caring for their needs. Create us to be a people that seeks to use all our gifts in service to you. In the name of the resurrected one, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(All who are able, please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

BIBLE READING Acts 6:1-7

About that time, while the number of disciples continued to increase, a complaint arose. Greek-speaking disciples accused the Aramaic-speaking disciples because their widows were being overlooked in the daily food service. The Twelve called a meeting of all the disciples and said, "It isn't right for us to set aside proclamation of God's word in order to serve tables. Brothers and sisters, carefully choose seven well-respected men from among you. They must be well-respected and endowed by the Spirit with exceptional wisdom. We will put them in charge of this concern. As for us, we will devote ourselves to prayer and the service of proclaiming the word." This proposal pleased the entire community. They selected Stephen, a man endowed by the Holy Spirit with exceptional faith, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. The community presented these seven to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. God's word continued to grow. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased significantly. Even a large group of priests embraced the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Courtney Steitz

SONG OF THE DAY *"We All Are One in Mission"*

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels, us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

(9:45) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(8:30) AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
who reveals His love to us in Christ.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who pours out God's Holy Spirit on us.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who teaches us God's truth.**

CLOSING SONG *"The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve"*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL (Acts 2)

P. Listen to these words –

Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose credentials God proved through miracles, wonders, and signs.

Go in Jesus' name to share the good news.

C. We will! Thanks be to God!

This Week Please Pray For:

Healing:

Emily Glass, recovering from surgery

Ted Hakanson, lung cancer, getting stronger after treatment and waiting for test results

Bruce Bentson, cancer treatment

Carter Robinson, recovering from work accident

Larry Vogt, complications from hip replacement surgery

Jean Buchholz, hospice care

Becki Silk, surgery to repair complications from hip replacement surgery

Brit Any Wels, hospitalized

Elsie Forsham, hospitalized

Grief:

Bruce Onstead, grieving the death of his father Lowell

Family and friends grieving the death of Merrill Baker, especially his sister Linda.

Family and friends grieving the death of Nancy Roschin (stepmother of Kim McMonigal)

The friends and family of Jim Deering at his recent death especially his wife Debbie

Other:

Ukraine

New Members joining Good Shepherd