

Worship
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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 the Green Blade Rises"*

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days
has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat
arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake
again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat
arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life
again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like
wheat arising green.**

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, you are speaking to us. Quicken our hearing! Quicken our seeing! Quicken our desires for you. Awaken our zeal for you. Awaken our love for your purposes. Awaken our desires for your Kingdom to come here as in heaven. Transform our hearts to help carry your will into our everyday activities. 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 9:1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still spewing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest, seeking letters to the synagogues in Damascus. If he found persons who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, these letters would authorize him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. During the journey, as he approached Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven encircled him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice asking him, "Saul, Saul, why are you harassing me?" Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" "I am Jesus, whom you are harassing," came the reply. "Now get up and enter the city. You will be told what you must do."

The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

MESSAGE Pastor Leesa Soderlind

SONG OF THE DAY *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your pow'r and love, as we sing "Holy, holy, holy." Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you, I want to see you.

(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.**

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L. Lord in your mercy,
C. Hear our Prayer.

INVITATION TO OFFERING (*Acts 5 & Acts 9*)

As witnesses to the transforming power of God in our lives, thank you for being generous in your giving, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

OFFERING *You can place your offering in the plate upon entering or leaving worship. Or you may give online at our website.
Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY SONG *"What Have We to Offer?"*

What have we to offer? What have we to share? Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care. God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.

OFFERING PRAYER

Glory to you, O God, for the great things you have done. And so, in gratitude and praise, we return these gifts to you, that they may be a blessing for others - the food of compassion to those who hunger for mercy; the water of justice to those who thirst for righteousness; the comfort of your love to those who are lost and alone. In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

(All who are able, please stand)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L. This is the table of God's love, the feast of Christ's grace.
C. All are welcome here!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

L. As you go from this place;
May you live within the Creator's divine grace.
May you live out Jesus' boundary-less love.
May you live through the power of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

CLOSING SONG *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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, getting stronger after cancer treatment and waiting for test results

Larry Vogt, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Jean Buchholz, hospice care

Becki Silk, recovering from hip replacement surgery

Patty Smith, recovering from fall, broken vertebrae

Eric Duchene, colon cancer

Other:

Celebrating baptism of Cole Richard Jorgenson, baptized on May 1

Celebrating baptism of Eli James Skoglund, baptized on May 8

All who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother’s Day

Ministry Team Volunteers serving Good Shepherd members and friends