



Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4th, 2024, 10:00 am

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*** WORSHIP NOTES ***

- * *Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd. We warmly greet you in the name of the Lord and give God thanks for your presence today.*
- * *Most hymns are found in the Hymnal located in the pews. Hymns from other hymnals will be printed and provided in the insert.*
- * **All baptized believing Christians are welcome to gather at the altar for Holy Communion. Grape juice and low gluten wafers are available. Please see a greeter or pastor prior to the beginning of service.**
- * *When it comes time for sharing of the peace, you may pass the peace by sign or physically to your neighbors as you are comfortable.*
- * *After receiving communion, you may kneel at the altar or return to your seat for silent prayer or singing the communion hymn.*

SETTING ONE—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary as we prepare for worship

Prelude

We Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence is kept for reflection

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant.**

Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

Gathering "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate Insert

P: Let us pray...

+++ WORD +++

We sit

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(sung or spoken responsively)*

Celebrate Insert

SECOND READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

P: The holy gospel according to...

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Celebrate Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit

SERMON

Pastor Bill Carr

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Hymn of the Day

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrate Insert

PEACE *(a time set aside for sharing God's peace)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

+ + + MEAL + + +

We sit

OFFERING

We stand

OFFERING HYMN

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - vu - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek

and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE 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.

The image shows a four-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a four-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some dotted notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

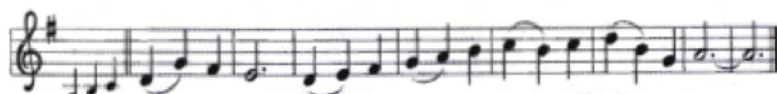
P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,
receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

*(Please process, take a wafer from the pastor and then
a communion cup from the assistant. Grape juice is in the center
of the tray)*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



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.

Communion Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858

We stand

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve
you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

CANTICLE (*NUNC DIMITIS*)

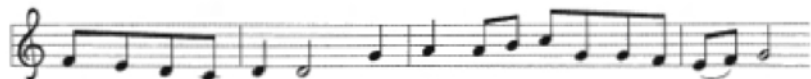
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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+++ SENDING +++

We sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn **“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”** **ELW 314**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers are given by Mike and Chris Thompson to the glory of God and in honor of Michael Isaac Reilly's third birthday!

Communion Assistant: Matt Bergstresser

Communion Setup: Wylene Hinkle

Pastor: Rev. Bill Carr

Lector: Rea Johnson

Organist/Choir: Karoline Van Horn

Zoom: Joshua Gray

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Daily Morning Prayer **9 am unless otherwise announced**
Daily Holy Communion **9:30 am unless otherwise announced**

Sunday, February 4	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Tuesday, February 6	6:00 pm American Legion
Thursday, February 8	6:30 pm Church Council
Sunday, February 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship Service
Friday, February 16	10:00 am Deborah Circle <i>home of Felicia & Dixon Brandt</i>
Saturday, February 17	6—9 pm Christ News Bible Study
Sunday, February 18	First Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study 1:30—9 pm Christ News Ordination
Monday, February 19	10 am—12 pm Food Pantry
Sunday, February 25	Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Sunday, March 3	Third Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Tuesday, March 5	6:00 pm American Legion



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Members

Healing, comfort & strength

Barry Pochron and Olwynne Crampton, *comfort in sorrow, death of daughter Lynnette Gochez*

Amy Hancock, *comfort in sorrow, death of her father Donald Roe*

Josh & Bergen Gray, *God's guidance*

Family & Friends

Healing, comfort, strength & peace

Frankie Wolff, *wife of pastor Ed Wolff*

Family and friends of Peter Rector, *friend of Chris and Mike Thompson, comfort in sorrow*

Amanda Reilly, *daughter of Mike and Chris Thompson*

Kristin Schulz, *other sister of Janet Wallingford, comfort in sorrow*

Military Serving our Country

Protection, comfort & strength

John Gray, *Joshua Gray's brother*

Ian Anderson, *Alan Anderson's nephew*

Joshua Sheaf, *Good Shepherd member*

News from Deborah Circle

All the ladies of The Good Shepherd and their friends are invited to attend the next Deborah Circle meeting, Friday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex. We plan to discuss the third chapter of "Power Surge".

Even if you don't have a book, please join us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Blessings, Chris Thompson, Secretary

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Food Pantry.

At this time, we are asking for volunteers to man the Food Pantry on the third Monday of each month. The sign-up sheet is on the high table in the Narthex.

If you have any prepackaged plasticware, especially those that are packaged with the plasticware, napkin and pepper and salt packets, please bring them to Church to donate to the Food Pantry. Thank you.

The Food Pantry will be opened on Monday, February 19 from 10:00 a.m. till noon.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Food Pantry.
Blessings, Chris Thompson

MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a new, ongoing Bible study, "Matthew for Everyone" on Sundays at 11:15 am. Pr. Bill will guide us through this study of the Gospel according to Matthew, based on the book "Matthew for Everyone, Part 1" by New Testament scholar and Anglican bishop N.T. (Tom) Wright. Participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, or any other book seller. But all are welcome, whether or not you have the book.

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

The season following Epiphany is traditionally a time for blessing homes for the coming new year. Pr. Bill is happy to visit your home at your invitation to pray a blessing for the various rooms and their functions. It is also a good opportunity for pastor and parishioners to get to know each other a little better! If you would like a home blessing in the early part of 2024, please speak with Pr. Bill to schedule a time. You are welcome to share a meal or coffee together if you wish, or simply to have the blessing.

Pr. Bill wants to meet you!

Pr. Bill is inviting all congregation members to come by the office for fifteen minutes just to make brief introductions (or re-acquaintance, as the case may be), and he has four questions he'd like to ask you:

1. Who are you? (Tell me about yourself).
2. What do you love about Good Shepherd? (What do we do well, or what brought you here?)
3. Are there any ministries you'd like to see us either do better or start doing?
4. How can I pray for you today?

In this way, I can get to know y'all better, and get a sense of direction for Good Shepherd's direction in ministry and my place in it. Feel free to contact me to set up your fifteen-minute appointment!