

*Then they  
prayed,*

**“Lord, you  
know everyone’s  
heart.”**

*Acts 1:24*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12th, 2024**

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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.*

**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,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered  
over the deep and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people  
passed through the sea into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" ELW 393

#### 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...

C: **Amen.**

+++ WORD +++

*We sit*

FIRST READING

Celebrate Insert

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (*chanted or read 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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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.**

SERMON

Rev. Bill Carr

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand*

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Be Glorified”

ELW 744

#### APOSTLE'S 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 only 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 - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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 musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with some rests. The lyrics are: '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.'

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS AND 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 musical score for 'Sanctus and Benedictus' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is more complex than the first piece, featuring some dotted notes and longer phrases. 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: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death  
to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**



P: With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*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

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

*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)

ELW #113



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:** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

+++ SENDING +++

*We Sit*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

*We Stand*

### BLESSING

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

ELW 392

### DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

#### REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Mike and Chris Thompson For the Glory of God and in honor of all mothers, and in honor of Joshua and Bergen Gray.

**Assisting Minister/Acolyte:** Matt Bergstresser

**Lector:** Bergen Gray

**Mower:** Rick Stouffer

**Organist/Choir:** Karoline Van Horn

**Pastor:** Rev. Bill Carr

**Zoom:** Joshua Gray

#### Send - Off reception for Bergen and Joshua Gray

Everyone is invited to attend the reception for Bergen and Joshua Gray after the worship service, Sunday, May 12th. Help us wish them Godspeed and blessings as they move to their future new job and home.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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**Members**

*Healing, comfort & strength*

**Karoline Van Horn**  
**Cheryl Stouffer**

**Family & Friends**

*Healing, comfort, strength & peace*

**Amy Wallingford**, *daughter-in-law of Larry and Jan Wallingford*  
**Steve Wallingford**, *son of Larry and Jan Wallingford*

**In the Community**

*Healing, strength, hope, comfort, and guidance*

**Angela and Chris Brockmeir**

**Karen Braswell**

**Sharon Parvin**

**Mavis Robinson**

**Jeannie Shults**

**Shirley Burns**

**Lindsey Bates**

**Amanda Collins**

**Esteban Indaburo**

**Sharon Parvin**

**Steve Siler**

**Family and Friends of Louise Harrison Joyce**, *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 our next Deborah Circle meeting. It will be held on Friday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex of the church. Cindy Werner will lead the discussion about Chapter 6 of "Power Surge". Please join us even if you don't have the book.

Deborah Circle will not meet in June and July.

Blessings,

Chris Thompson

Secretary

### **Bulletin Deadline**

If you have items to submit for the Sunday bulletin, we ask that you do so no later than the Tuesday of the previous week. Items submitted later might not be included. This is to ensure that Cody has time to properly format and print the bulletin, and helps us to respect his time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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!

COMING UP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**Weekday Morning Prayer** 9:00 am, Monday through Thursday

**Weekday Holy Communion** 9:30 am, Monday through Thursday

Sunday, May 12	Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Friday, May 17	10:00 am Deborah Circle, <i>narthex</i>
Sunday, May 19	Day of Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Congregational Meeting 2:30 pm Life Care Center Worship
Monday, May 20	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Saturday, May 25	2:00—4:00 pm Computer Class
Sunday, May 26	The Holy Trinity 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Matthew Bible Study
Friday, May 31	Southeastern Synod Assembly
Saturday, June 1	Southeastern Synod Assembly
Sunday, June 2	Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service Southeastern Synod Assembly
Tuesday, June 4	6:00 pm American Legion
Saturday, June 8	2:00—4:00 pm Computer Class
Sunday, June 9	Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday, June 12	4:00—6:00 pm Community Dinner
Thursday, June 13	5:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Church Mission Council

Sunday, June 16	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service 2:30 pm Life Care Center Worship
Monday, June 17	10:00 am—12:00 pm Food Pantry
Saturday, June 22	2:00—4:00 pm Computer Class
Sunday, June 23	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Service