



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Mission & Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is...
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship!*

Celebrating the Third Sunday of Easter!

April 16th & 19th, 2026



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Worship Services: Thursday 6:30 pm;

Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Communion is celebrated almost every Thursday.

*We also celebrate the Holy Supper Sundays at 8:00 am on the 1st/3rd week of the month
and the 2nd/4th Sunday at 10:30 am.*

Sunday School/Bible Study: Sunday mornings 9:15 am -10:15 am

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am -1:00 pm

(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)

As We Gather...

*Welcome to **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church! It's a privilege and honor to worship our Crucified & Risen Good Shepherd, Jesus, with you today! We're all glad to have **you** here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

What if the biggest thing you're getting wrong right now... isn't out there—but in here? The disciples on the road to Emmaus thought they understood what was happening—until Jesus showed up and flipped everything, re-centering their whole world around Him. And He still does that today. When we get stuck in our own thoughts, feelings, and failures, Jesus meets us, speaks His Word, and puts us back on solid ground. Through His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, He gives real forgiveness, real life, and real hope. This isn't about fixing yourself—it's about being re-centered on the One who already did everything for you.

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is **Divine Service Setting Three** beginning on **page 184** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*). An outline of the service and the additional Psalm & Scriptures are printed for you below. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the order of worship before we begin. You may also want to mark the additional songs: **818, 563, (525, 476, 461) & 878** in the *LSB*. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and

you're on Facebook, please "check in" at *Good Shepherd* Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

Children: We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus' words very seriously when He says, "Let the little children come to me..." For your convenience, "Quiet Bags" have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the black stand next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a "Crying Room" is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those "difficult" times. *Please note: Non-communion services may have a children's message which could be recorded via Facebook live. If you have any issues with your child being seen at church on the World Wide Web just listen from the pew!*

Guests, Visitors & The Offering: If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! But please do take a minute to check in at one of our kiosks in the atrium and sign the guestbook so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.**

The Lord's Supper: (*Thursday Evening & Sunday at 8:00 am*) *Good Shepherd* joyfully celebrates the Lord's Supper, and we do that in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*. **Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes** *Matthew 5:23; 18:15-35*. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm *1 Corinthians 11:27-29* and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession *Matthew 10:32* differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. Because Scripture says we ought "examine ourselves" before receiving the Holy Meal *1 Corinthians 11:28*, it is recommended that we review the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" section of the *LSB* before communion (pg. 329), please take a few moments before the service or during the offering to do so. Thank you! ***Please note: There are two or three cups at the center of each tray that are non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer such for personal or medical reasons (The wine containing alcohol is white, the non-alcohol is red/pink).***

Pre-Service Meditation...

Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically Psalm 116 today) ...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

The Opening Song: "In Thee Is Gladness"

(LSB pg. 818...please stand for verse 2)

Confession & Forgiveness...

(LSB pg. 184)

Entrance Verses...

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: God raised Jesus from the dead

All: and gave Him honor and glory.

Pastor: We place our faith in Him,

All: and we place our hope in His resurrection.

(Sung, as on pg. 186 top) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men.

The Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest Mark 10:47

(LSB pgs. 186-189)

The Prayer of the Day...

+ We Hear God's Word +

The First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual (adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead! God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

All: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17–25

Since you call on a Father who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.^b ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever.”^c And this is the word that was preached to you...This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Stand & Sing our Alleluias!..

(LSB pg. 190 middle)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

All: (Sung, as on pg. 190 bottom) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^a from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹ “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our

(Continued...)

^b Some early manuscripts from a pure heart

^c Isaiah 40:6-8

^a Greek sixty stadia (about 11 kilometers)

companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”²⁵ He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Christ^b have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.”³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread...This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed
(LSB pg. 191 middle)

(Sunday 10:30 am) *The Children’s Message*
(Lori Sansoucie, Director of Christian Ministry)

We Sing: “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”
(LSB pg. 563)

The Message: “THE Foundation”
(Sermon Application...)

What did God teach you in His Law today (*What you should do, or have failed to do for God*)?

What did God teach you in His Gospel today (*What God has done for you through Christ*)?

What is the main thing you’re taking home from this message today?

Have a comment or question about today’s message? Have any questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the Pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org. If you’d like to hear this message again, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or website by 10:00 am on Monday...



^b Or *Messiah*; also in verse 46

Faith Testimony

(8:00 am) Ella Smith

(10:30 am) Jackson McMillan

We Sing: The Offertory Psalm 51:10-12

(LSB pg. 192 bottom)

The Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]...

(The Pastor will conclude each petition with the words, "Lord, in Your mercy...")

Please respond with, "Hear our prayer."

(The Sunday 10:30 am Service continues with the Lord's Prayer, the benediction and the closing Hymn. Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 am continues as follows ...)

The Service of the Sacrament...

(LSB pgs. 194-202)

The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13...

All: 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. Matthew 6:9-13 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution...

We come forward to receive the Body & Blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for remembrance; for forgiveness; for the strengthening of our faith. You may sit and sing while you wait for the Holy meal. The ushers will assist you.

During the Distribution...

(Thursday: We Sing: 525, 476 & 461)

Sunday...

Solo: "How Great Thou Art" (Abby Ososki)

Piano Reflections: (Aaron Bronner)

After Communion, the service continues with Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32
(LSB pg. 199 middle)

Thanksgiving...

Prayer...

Salutation & Benedicamus ...

Benediction...

(Thursday & 10:30 am) The Closing Song: "Abide with Me"
(LSB pg. 878)

(8:00 am) The Good Shepherd Choir Sings: "Go Now in Peace"

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today...it's better with **you** here!
Please stick around for fellowship as long as you'd like...**Good Shepherd** Style!*

*If you're visiting us this today, please remember to visit our guest table & sign the
guestbook before you depart...and come soon to see us again!*

To God Alone the Glory Goes!

Questions about the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod? Check out www.lcms.org

Postlude...

Next Week's Texts: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....(Thu) Stuart Giese (Sun) Cam Bedroske
Pianist.....Aaron Bronner
Choir.....(8:00) Adult Choir
Soloist.....Abby Ososki
Elder.....(Thu) Gary Bedroske (Sun) Jerry Ratchman & Ryan Trost
Ushers.....Donna Tritt, Kevin Konrad, Doug Zuhlke, & Gene Gohlke

OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 19	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service
Monday, April 20	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir
	6:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
Tuesday, April 21	6:30 P.M.	Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 22	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	5:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
	6:30 P.M.	Youth Group
Thursday, April 23	6:30 P.M.	Worship Service with Communion
Saturday, April 25	7:00 A.M.	Men's Group
	8:30 A.M.	Women's Group
	9:30 A.M.	LWML Spring Rally
	4:00 P.M.	Family Movie Night "David"
Sunday, April 26	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	9:15 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	5:30 P.M.	Praise Night

THANK YOU: THANK YOU, faithful members of Good Shepherd for your generous support of Good Shepherd's March Mission of the Month, OPD Mental Health & Resiliency Program! Your prayers for and faith in our men and women in blue blessed them with \$3,424.31 that will help to heal some of the wounds, seen and unseen, suffered by them, on our behalf. The demanding work done, and sacrifices endured by our beloved officers follows the path walked by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: John 15:13: *"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."* And YOU are visibly obedient in obeying God's Word: Matthew 22:39: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* Thank you, good and faithful servants!

MITE BOXES: Thank you for faithfully collecting your Mite Box offerings! We invite you to return your full Mite Boxes on Thursday, April 16th or Sunday, April 19th, so these gifts can be put to work supporting missions around the world. Every coin and dollar helps share the love of Christ, funding mission grants that reach people in need both near and far. Your small offerings truly make a big impact—thank you for being part of God’s work through your generosity!

ALL LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD! Join us as we host the LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally, Saturday, April 25, right here at Good Shepherd. It’s a morning set aside not just for gathering—but for being encouraged, connected, and reminded of how God is at work beyond what we often see. Registration begins at 9:30 AM, followed by a program and meeting at 10:00 AM, with a light lunch afterwards. We’re co-hosting with our sister church, Trinity Lutheran in Oshkosh, and welcoming Pastor Bud Palmer, who will be sharing about “*Reaching Out to Deaf People and Their Families*” (Matthew 28:18–20). This is a chance to hear how the Gospel is reaching into the deaf community right here in Wisconsin—and maybe to see outreach in a new way. See the poster for even more details.

FOOD DONATIONS: This month, we are focusing on collecting our most needed pantry staples. Donations of the following items are greatly appreciated: peanut butter and jelly, tuna, canned chicken, noodles, spaghetti sauce, alfredo sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, applesauce, and soups. Thank you for helping support those in need!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Lord warns in Luke 17:2: *"It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin."* As Christians, it is our duty to protect the sanctity of life, all life, from the unborn to the most aged. Good Shepherd's April Mission of the Month, Word of Hope, serves to obey this command. Word of Hope, a Lutherans for Life ministry, offers compassionate, confidential, Scripture-based spiritual care to those wrestling with a host of imminent life issues: abortion, post-abortion trauma, pregnancy, suicide, physician-assisted suicide, doubts about salvation, family support, and more. Please prayerfully consider and generously support this Mission to bring the name, hope, peace, and love of Jesus to ALL His children. In this Holy Season of New Life, please prayerfully consider attending the April 25, (2:00-4:00 PM) March for Life in Madison to give a voice to and fight for our most vulnerable, the unborn. Please visit the Mission of the Month bulletin board and word-of-hope.org for more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love.

PRAISE NIGHT: Our next Praise Night is on Sunday, April 26 at 5:30 PM. We begin with time for fellowship and connection, and then move into a night of praise and worship centered on who God is and what He’s doing among us. If your week has been full, come exhale. If your faith feels steady, come give thanks. If you're somewhere in between...come anyway. We especially invite youth, young adults, and families, but this evening is for anyone who wants to gather, worship, and be reminded they are not alone.

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: 45 Sunday: 8:00: 99 10:30: 152 Total: 296

March Giving Summary

*Contributions Received: \$56,391.00
Budgeted Amount for March: \$34,428.00*

("...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.") -1 Corinthians 14:1

Please remember in your prayers:

Church Members:

Susan Danula; Joanne Brinkman; Jim Purath; Bob Loewe; David Doan; Bev Zink; Pastor & JoAnn Meier; Frank Jarvenpaa; Donna Gohlke; Shirley Radloff; Jim & Sharron Ziemer; and Louise Gabert

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Vivian Mittelstaedt's sister, Ruth; Erlinda Nienass' friend, David; Ellen Konrad's mother, Joyce; Jerry Cooley's mom, Ann; Verna Butt's daughter, Tammy; Pastor Meier's son, Pastor Mark Meier; Pastor Hayman's cousin, Ron Johnson; Glen & Iris Lienhard's friend, Pastor Bob Benke; Pastor G's neighbor, Paul; Anne Fogtman's sister, Jane; Brian Luethy's mother, Cindy; Barry & Linda's niece, Jenni Fuhrman; Gary Bunke's daughter, Brielle; Barry & Linda Brehmer's friend, Jeff Freund; Lee Paris' son, Andy; Pastor Koepsell's mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson's sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz's grandson, Logan Feutz; Gene & Donna Gohlke's nephews, Kirk and Michael, granddaughter, Karley & friend, Paul.

Those Who Want to Worship with Us But Aren't Currently Able:

Bev Zink; Bonnie Wenzel, Joann Behm, Shirley Radloff, Jane Nowicki, Manette Flouro, Pastor & JoAnn Meier, Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim & Sharron Ziemer, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Marge Bolding & Milt & JoAnn Haskins.

Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:

Malayna Brehmer (granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer), Ryan Weber (son of Tim & Liz Hoversten)

**Please let Lynn Paulus, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, know when we can take you or your loved one off the prayer list lynn@travellleaders.com*

Opportunity to support community members...
(The following letter is from friends of Matt & Julie Toll)

Dear Good Shepherd,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out with a humble request and a grateful heart.

Hi, my name is Julie Nast and I am deeply involved in my kidney patient advocacy work. I have been blessed with the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. for two upcoming trips dedicated to advancing awareness and supporting policies that impact the kidney community. The first trip is May 4-7 and the second trip is June 27-30.

While the travel expenses are fully covered, I am seeking assistance in covering incidental costs such as meals, local transportation, and a few necessary clothing items for the trip. My boyfriend, Nick, and I will both be attending.

Rather than requesting financial donations, we would much prefer the opportunity to earn this support through service to our church community. Nick is available to assist with tasks such as yard work, dog walking, and general service projects. Due to my physical disability, I am best suited for light-duty activities, including folding laundry, house sitting, dishwashing, organizing, or similar tasks.

We would be grateful for any opportunities where we could lend a helping hand while earning funds to support my advocacy efforts. Our goal is to represent our community with professionalism and purpose while continuing to serve others along the way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from assistance, please feel free to contact me at 920-573-9031 or julielynnast1985@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued encouragement, prayers, and support.

With sincere appreciation and blessings,
Julie and Nick