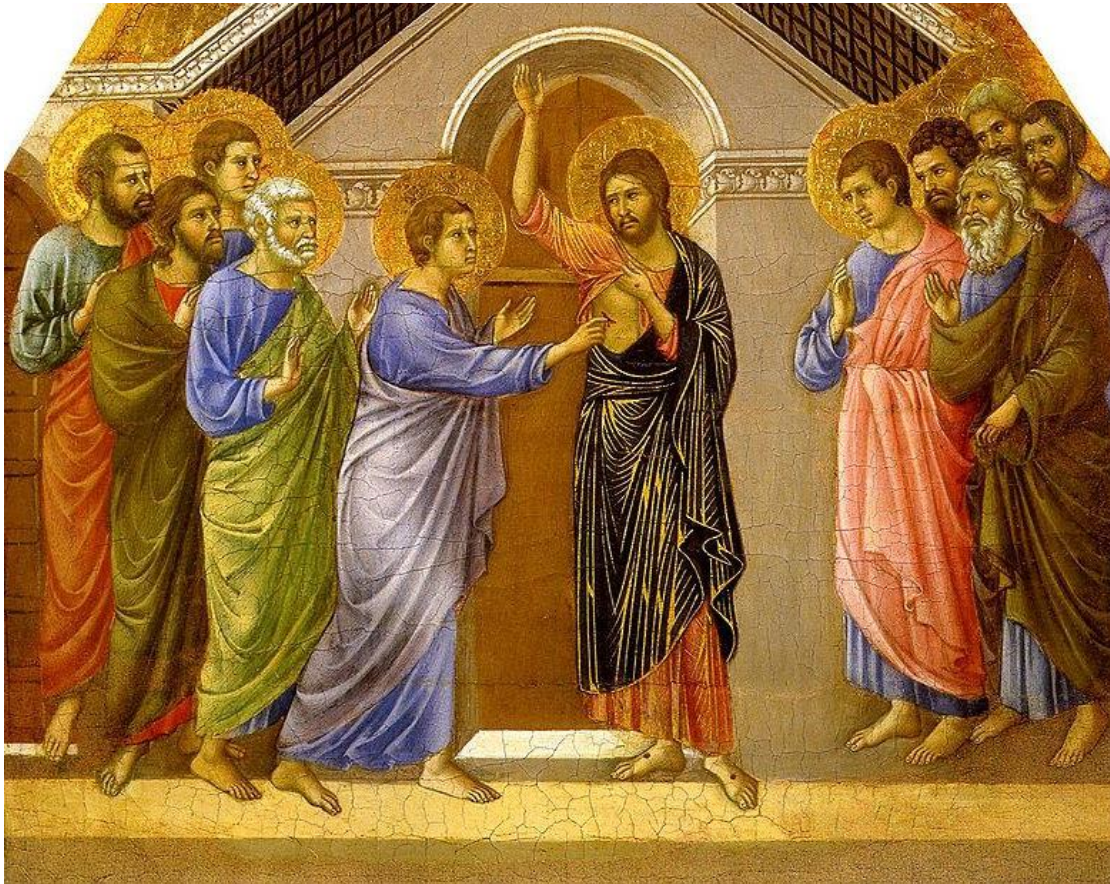


THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL
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About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday and Feast Day in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, and share our belief in all his teaching. Partaking of the Body and Blood Christ together confesses our common faith and belief in the teachings of our Lord, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. If you would like to confess your faith with us as a member of the Congregation, please speak with the Pastor about membership.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the state of your soul according to the Ten Commandments. Please see the **Christian Questions and Their Answers**, available at the entrance of the chapel. If you have questions regarding the Sacrament, or would like to schedule private confession and absolution, please speak with the pastor. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please let the Pastor know as he approaches you, or simply cross your arms over your chest.

PASTORAL WELCOME/RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King LSB 470



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



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

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DIVINE SERVICE

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 105:1-8

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

C Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, *(ESV)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

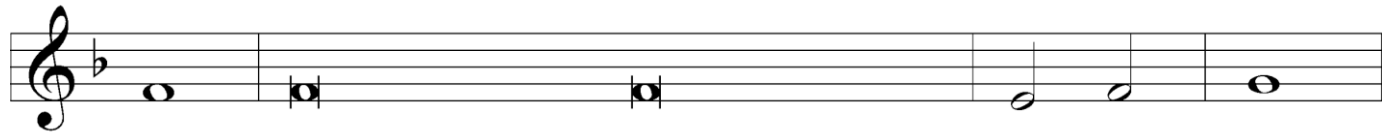


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

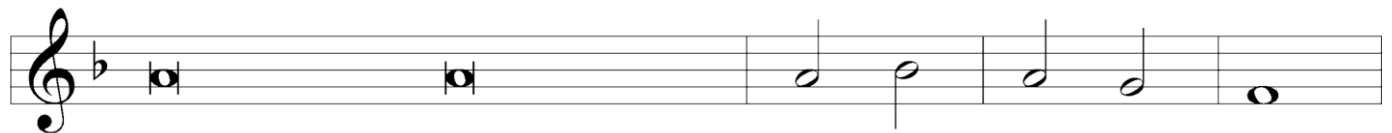
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



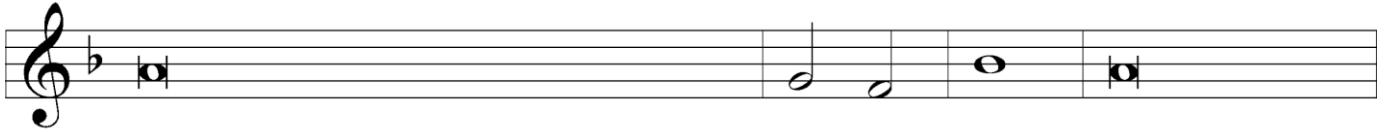
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



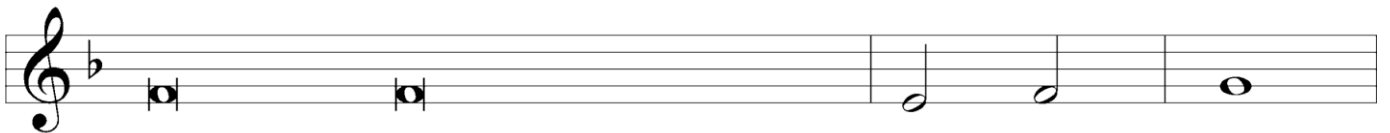
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

The Pastor prays, concluding:

... now and forever.



C A-men.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. *(ESV)*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
(ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

(ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

*who for us men and for our
salvation, came down from
heaven and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary and was made man;*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead.**

His kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. AMEN.**

SERMON HYMN

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real LSB 472

1 These things did Thomas count as real:

The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.

3 His reasoned certainties denied
That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like braille
The markings of the spear and nail.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

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SERMON “GAMALIEL’S IF” ACTS 5:29-42

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme Majesty of God, and make confession of our sins.

Silence for examination of conscience

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable, sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment; but I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter, sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Is this your confession? If so, say, **“Yes.”** [*Or give me some physical sign to indicate that you thus confess your sinfulness before God.*]

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you who do heartily repent of your sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and earnestly purpose by the assistance of the Holy Spirit henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of God the + Father, God the + Son, and God the Holy + Spirit.

AMEN.

OFFERTORY

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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray.

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in Prayer.
The Prayer concludes:*

... now and forever.

AMEN.

+ + + + +

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

Pastor: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

Congr.: And may The Lord be with You too.

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

Congr.: Alleluia!

Pastor: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.

Congr.: We lift them up. Be God adored!

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

Congr.: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, O Lord, holy Father, God of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our paschal Lamb, sacrificed to take away our sin and raised again that death might be swallowed up in everlasting victory. With thanks and joy we join the hymn offered by Your faithful always and everywhere.

THE SANCTUS

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Heav'nly hosts proclaim Your glory,
Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**All the earth repeats the story,
God of hosts, by all adored.**

**Blest is He Who comes, victorious
In the name of God the King!**

**Our hosannas, glad and glorious,
To the Lord of all we sing!**

THE CONSECRATION

Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor and People

THE AGNUS DEI

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

**Lamb of God, our mighty Saviour,
All our sins you take away.
Lamb of God, by Your great favour,
Lord have mercy now, we pray.
Lamb of God, our prayers attending,
Never let your mercies cease,
But, Your Holy Spirit sending,
Grant us all Your gift of peace.**

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The Pastor will approach you in your seat to distribute Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please fold your arms across your chest as the Pastor approaches or tell him as he nears you.

Upon receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Communicant may say:

AMEN.

PRAYERS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

To be prayed silently before receiving Communion.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who according to the will of the Father, and by the cooperation of the Holy Ghost, hast by Thy death given life to the world: deliver me by this Thy Most Holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever to cleave unto Thy commandments, and suffer me never to be separated from Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost live and reign, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

To be prayed silently after receiving Communion.

Grant, O Lord, that Thy Body which I have received and Thy Blood which I have drunk may adhere to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me whom Thou hast refreshed with this pure and holy Sacrament; for Thou dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

THE THANKSGIVING

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing,
For His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,
Tell His love, His name confess
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Living God, who set us free
By His mercy to inherit
Life and joy eternally!**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor

THE BENEDICTION

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Pastor: May the good Lord bless and keep You,

Congr.: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: May God lift His face upon you.

Congr.: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: May God’s shining face behold you

And God’s favour e’er uphold you.

May God’s peace and love enfold you.

Congr.: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King LSB 470



5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the
 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days Be laud and



seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."
 feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 faith has con - stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.
 ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your hearts and voic - es raise.



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

Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the adorning of the Chapel and the glory of God with gifts of Easter lilies, including:

*Shirley Benoit in loving memory of departed loved ones;
 Pat Burski in loving memory of Dennis Burski and other departed family and friends;
 Jesse Clayton in loving memory of departed family members;
 Irene Hagberg in loving memory of parents and of cousins;
 Harold Nelson in loving memory of wife Barb Nelson;
 Evelyn Pingel in loving memory of daughter Ruth Moeller;
 Carol Sova in loving memory of husband Jerry Sova;
 Stephen Swenson in loving memory of wife Mary Swenson and in honor of the staff of Good Shepherd Community;*

*Darlene Walz to the glory of God and in loving memory of all my deceased loved ones;
Larry and Pat Young in loving memory of Pat's brother Mike Sayer.*

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday **10 AM** **Chapel Worship**
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900 (Apartments).
 11 AM **Roman Catholic Mass**
 Channel 45 and 59

Monday **1:30 PM** **Rosary**
 2:00 PM **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**
Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900 (Apartments).

Tuesday **9:15 AM** **Communion Service in the Chapel**

Wednesday **10 AM** **Bible Study on Romans**
Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.
 2 PM **Bible Study on Romans**
Apartment and Patio Home residents meet in the Chapel.
Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900 (Apartments).
 3: 30 PM **Memory Cottage Worship**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs.
Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by
Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.
This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.*

Offerings

Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.

Next week's readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

Next week's sermon theme and text: "Futility Falls with Jesus' Rising"