

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
LCMS

**GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHAPEL**  
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

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## About Holy Communion at Good Shepherd

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated here every Sunday 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.*

*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, 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

*You Are the Way; through You Alone* LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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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 146*

**P Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**C I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*(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 -

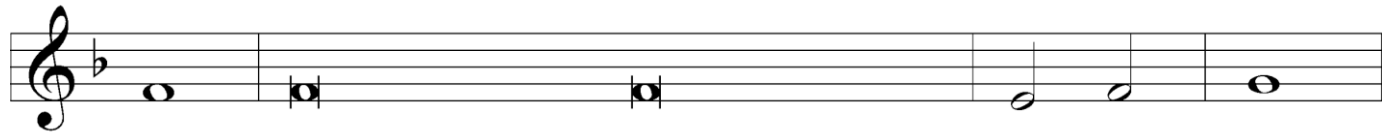


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

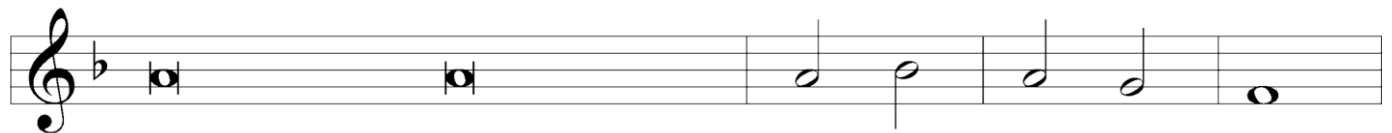
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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;



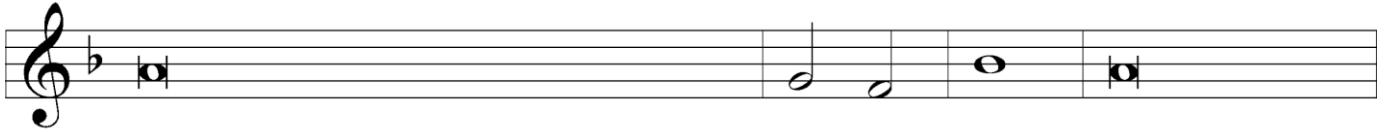
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



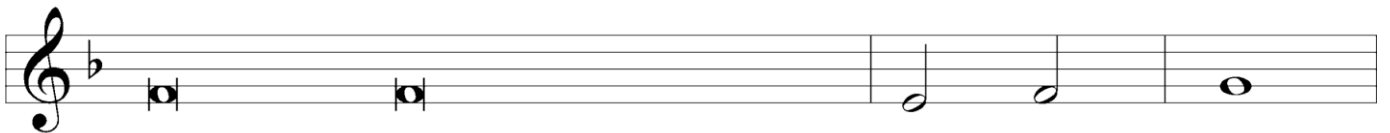
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (ESV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## THE ALLELUIA



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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:1-14*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **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**

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today LSB 469



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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### **SERMON "WHERE DO YOU TURN?" JOHN 14:1-12** **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.**

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## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PREFACE**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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

**People: And may The Lord be with You too.**

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

**People: Alleluia!**

Pastor: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.

**People: We lift them up. Be God adored!**

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

**People: 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.

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve Thee to life with God that hath no end. Depart + in peace.  
**C 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,

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: May God lift His face upon you.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: May God’s shining face behold you

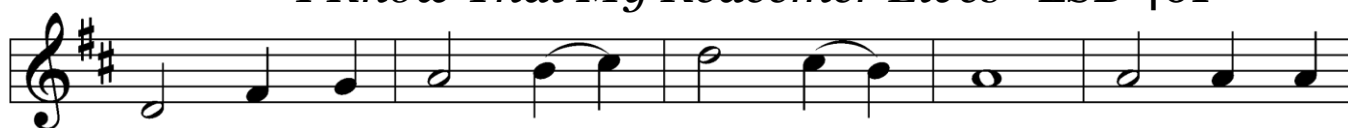
And God’s favour e’er uphold you.

May God’s peace and love enfold you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **POSTLUDE**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

*You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.*

***“Portals of Prayer”** daily devotional booklets for your personal spiritual growth in regular or large print are available in the Chapel.*

*Receivers are available to amplify the sound system during services. Please tune to channel 3 and adjust volume as desired.*

*“When Jesus returns, all who believe in Him will be raised up from death to live in His presence forever. That is the promise of His enduring, steadfast love: ‘I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ’ (Philippians 1:6). The purpose of God for us will be fulfilled!” Dr. Carol Geisler, *Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- Sunday**      **10 AM**              **Chapel Worship**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64 (Nursing Home)/Ch. 2493 (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)/Ch. 2493 (Apartments).*
- 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)/Ch. 2493 (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 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

### **Next week's sermon theme and text:**

*"To Know Him Is to Love Him" John 14:15-21*

*Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.*