

April 19th 2015 at 9:30 am Third Sunday of Easter
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by
Anna Patterson

Peace be with you

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

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| <u>Pastor:</u> | Pastor Miranda Klosterboer | <u>Custodian:</u> | Taylor Bastian |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | Darlene Barr | <u>Pianists:</u> | Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker |
| <u>Organist:</u> | Karen Niemeier | <u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u> | Randy&Carol Stubbs Family |
| <u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u> | Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr | <u>Lector</u> | Coralyn Hudik |
| <u>Acolyte:</u> | Braden Diddens | <u>Assisting Minister</u> | Austin Andrews |
| <u>Worship Assistant:</u> | Sheila Keene | <u>Communion Usher</u> | Gary and Cynthia Boeke |
| <u>Welcome Visitor:</u> | Donna Gullickson | <u>Communion Set-up</u> | Troy and Cindy Doubler |
| <u>Sound System:</u> | Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker, Jon Hudik | | |
| <u>Greeters:</u> | Willie Kayser, Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Jerry and Beth Martin | | |
| <u>Ushers:</u> | Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Gary and Cynthia Boeke | | |
| <u>Communion Asst:</u> | Shirley Fox, Beth Martin | | |

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

April 19th thru April 26th 2015

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| Today | Worship with Holy Communion | 9:30 am |
| | Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School after Children's Message | |
| | Fellowship | 10:30 am |
| | Sunday School Opening in Sanctuary (Preschool-6 th grade) | 10:45 am |
| | Sunday School (Small Groups 1 st -6 th grade) and Choir Practice | 11:00 am |
| | Chime Practice | 5:00 pm |
| Tuesday | Pastor Miranda leads devotions at Friendship Center | 1:30 pm |
| | Stewardship Team Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday | "Piece Corps" Quilting Group | 8:00 am-11:30 am |
| | After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders @The Hangout | 3:30 pm-5:00 pm |
| | Confirmation | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm |
| Thursday | NW Conference Meal & Program at Christ Lutheran Stockton, IL | 6:00 pm |
| Saturday | NIS Women Retreat at LOMC | 8:30 am |
| Next Sunday | Worship with Holy Communion/Youth Sunday | 9:30 am |
| | Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School after Children's Message | |
| | Sunday School Opening (Preschool-6 th grade) | 10:45 am |
| | Sunday School (Small Groups 1 st -6 th grade) and Choir Practice | 11:00 am |
| | Chime Practice | 5:00 pm |
| | Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 6 th -12 th graders at Hangout | 5:30 pm-7:00 pm |

Worship Attendance April 12th was 81

Total Offering for April 12, 2015: \$1964.00

Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,688.17

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Larry Bonebright and homebound members Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner.*

Order of Worship

The Work of the People by **Dakota Road Music**

PRELUDE:

Karen Niemeier

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY CONCERNS

INVOCATION: (congregation stands)

A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

CONFESSION: *L=congregation left or pulpit side, R=congregation right or font side*

L: We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

R: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

All: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

All: **We have not responded to your promise.**

L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

All: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

All: We have not responded to your promise.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

A: We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW #361

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

SONG OF PRAISE:

“We are Called”



We are called (we are called) We are claimed (we are claimed) We are loved
 We are here (we are here) To pro - claim (to pro - claim) God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name We are healed (we are healed) We are whole
 (God is here) Calls us each by name We are here (we are here) To give praise



(we are whole) the Sav - ior ran - somed our souls__ and we're singing
 (to give praise) The love of God will not change__ and we're singing



Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a



Oh _____ Glo - ry Glo - ry Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah Glo - ry Glo - ri - a

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 3:12–19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 4 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively)

ELW#4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

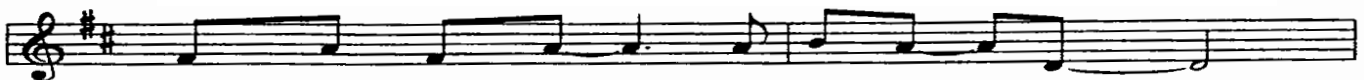
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Help Us O Lord”

congregation sings through two times



Help us O Lord to hear your word



O - pen our hearts to feel your word



Give us the strength to live your word each day

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 24:36b-48 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

^{36b}"Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

P: The gospel of the Lord! C: **Praise to you, O Christ!** *Please be seated*

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW#522

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-umphant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing “The Spirit intercedes for us” with repeat.

The Spir-it in-ter- cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press oh oh oh

After each petition: WA: let us pray C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

WA: For the church and its leaders, for those who witness to the risen Christ through speech or action, and for all children of God, that all be led to joy in the resurrection, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For stewards of creation, for farmers planting and ranchers tending to livestock, that the bounty of the earth provide for all who hunger or thirst, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who work to keep us safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders; that God's peace and compassion come to us, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the distressed, rejected, bereaved, sick, and frightened especially *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Larry Bonebright* that support for them be close at hand, and that all experience the gift of healing, Strengthen and encourage *Alice Price and Dorothy Wagner*, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For this assembly, where the scriptures have been opened in our midst, that with boldness of heart we proclaim the joy we have in our new life in Christ, let us pray. Have mercy, O God. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for the witnesses of the faith who have died and are now at rest, that with them we have hope in the promises of the Author of life, let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of ...the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: **Amen.**

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing “The Spirit intercedes for us” with repeat.

The Spir-it in-ter- cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press oh oh oh

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERTORY

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW#384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

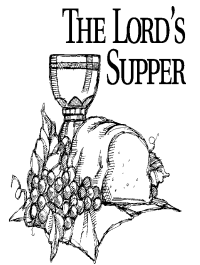
WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) "Lamb of God"

♩ = 100

E G#m A B E

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world, have

Mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God you

A B E G#m A

Take a-way the sin of the world. have mer - cy up - on us.

A B E G#m A

take Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the us.

E G#m A B E

world, Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Oh, Great Love of God

by David Crowder

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, ...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, ...be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**

SENDING SONG

Thine is the Glory

ELW#376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DIMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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YOUTH SUNDAY April 26th at 9:30am

Good Shepherd Youth will plan and lead worship on April 26th.

The youth and children will be planning and preparing during Sunday School and Confirmation. High School Youth and Young Adults will also be helping to choose music and share the message.

Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry.

I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

Team Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry!

Ministry with Lakota children! Cultural Learning! Service!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. Financial Assistance is available.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

can be picked up at the church office starting April 1st Applications must be filled out and returned by April 30th

Northern Illinois Synod NW Conference Spring 2015 Gathering:

Soup and Sandwich at Christ Lutheran in Stockton Thursday April 23rd at 6pm.

For lay members, Synod Assembly congregation representatives, and pastors with presenter Jesse Klosterboer from LOMC

Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper

Date: May 5, 2015 (Tuesday) Time: 6:00 pm Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm we will play Bingo **Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper** hosted by the women of Faith and Hannah Circles. This year we are trying something new, because we are getting older and can't do as much as we used to be able to do. **So this year, please bring your favorite casserole, salad and/or dessert (enough to serve at least 10 people).**

If you have questions, please call Rene' Johnson (815) 369-2818. A free-will offering will be taken. Please call the church office (815) 369-5552, with the total number attending in your group by May 3, 2015. (See flyer on bulletin boards for more program information.)

Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and prizes.

April 25, 2015 - Spring Retreat for Women of the ELCA, NISWO

Theme: "The Power of Forgiveness" with The Rev. Dr. Janet Hunt, Pastor of First Lutheran in DeKalb.

Pastor Miranda and Jesse Klosterboer will handle worship and music.

1-day Retreat, Saturday, April 25, 2015 @ LOMC, Oregon IL. Registration & Coffee from 8:15-9:00 am.

Cost: \$35.00/person. Registration forms are on the WELCA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.