

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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Third Sunday of Easter



*Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 3, page 138*  
*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door*  
*You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (\*)*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Prelude**

Karen Niemeier

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*ELW page 94*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

**P:** Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* **ELW # 392**

**\* Greeting** *ELW page 138*

**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.**

**\* Kyrie** *ELW page 138*

**L:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the peace from above... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For the peace of the whole world... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** For this holy house... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Canticle**

***This Is the Feast***

*ELW page 140*

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast...**

- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast...**

- 3. Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast...**

- 4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.**

**This is the feast...**

**\* Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading: *Acts 9:1-20*

**L:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying," <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

<sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm: 30**

**L:** Let us read responsively Psalm 30.

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,  
and give thanks to his holy Name.**

<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
"I shall never be moved."**

<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> **To you, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my helper!"**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,  
<sup>12</sup> **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.**  
**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever! [ESV]**

## **Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14***

**L:** A reading from the Revelation to John.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. [ESV]

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **\* Gospel Acclamation**

*ELW page 142*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **\* Gospel: *John 21:1-19***

**P:** The holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I am your friend." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I am your friend." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, are you my friend?"



Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Are you my friend?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I am your friend.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”<sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”<sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” *[ESV, modified]*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

\* **Hymn**                      *What Wondrous Love Is This*                      **ELW # 666**

\* **Nicene Creed**    *ELW page 104*

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father,  
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*We lift our prayers for*

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Virgil Gordon, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Carlee R. and Allison Biddick.

## Prayers of Intercession

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*Please respond to each petition with the following:*

**L:** ... Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Peace

*ELW page 138*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

### Setting the Table

### Responses

*ELW page 144*

**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.**

### Preface

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

*ELW page 144*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

**P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...**  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*ELW page 145*

**P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

## **Canticle**

### ***Lamb of God***

*ELW page 146*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood  
or you may come to receive a blessing*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*ELW page 146*

**P:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*ELW page 146*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,  
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

**C: Amen.**

## **\* Hymn**

***You Servants of God***

**ELW # 825**

## **\* Dismissal**

*ELW page 146*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Karen Niemeier

The April, May, June copies of **“Christ in Our Home”** and **“The Word in Season”**  
are now available in the magazine racks by the entrances to Good Shepherd.

Hannah Circle  
Today after worship

**Good Shepherd**  
**Property Committee Meeting**  
Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Piece Corps Quilting Group  
Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall.  
Everyone welcome.

**Friendship Club**  
Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Potluck 12:30pm, Entertainment by Wil Miller at 1:00pm

**Good Shepherd Council Meeting**  
Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

## Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> during worship service  
Cake reception following service.

## Memorial Day

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Office closed

## Men's Group

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm

## *Attendance,*

*Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

*In-person 12, Online not available*

*Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*In-person 14, Online not available*

*Easter Sunrise*

*In-person 8, Online not available*

*Easter Festival*

*In-person 67, Online 86*

# Nature

As the sky opens, the sun shines through  
By the creek, on the pasture with dew  
As cows and sheep graze on hillside  
I look upon this view, on earth, with pride  
As duck and geese and blackbirds flew  
And yet, I had much work to do  
Fields to plow and grains to plant  
Upon this land, a gift I grant  
A babbling creek, birds gather around  
Inviting them to make a harmonious sound  
As the sun lowers behind vaporous skies  
The twilight twinkles in our eyes  
As stars gather brightly into night  
The cattle migrate to feed by light  
With cattle gathered and the chickens fed  
Supper's been had, preparing for bed  
The moon arises to light the land  
Nocturnal activity, as I rest my hand  
With gratitude given for all that I've done  
I eagerly await the morning sun  
To wake me up, light peeking through trees  
Welcoming seasons with transitional breeze  
The sky brightens and the clouds turn white  
All life awakes with morning light.