

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

118 East Mason Street, Lena, IL 61048

Church Office Phone: (815) 369-5552

Pastor Thomas Mosbo: (563) 258-1502

Email: GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com (Office)

Thomas@wyndstar.co.uk (Pastor Mosbo)

Website: www.GoodShepherdLena.org

Facebook: [GSLCLenall](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenall)

May 18th, 2025 9:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter



A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER:

*just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.*

JOHN 13:34

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

*** Hymn** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **ELW # 389**

*** 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*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[based on Psalm 91 - chosen by Jared Runkle]

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

L: A reading from the Revelation to John.

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. *[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 13:31-35**

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Judeans, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
[ESV, modified]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* **ELW # 359**

Recognition of Graduates

Prayer for Graduates

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that our graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C: Amen.

*** Graduation Hymn** *Borning Cry* **ELW # 732**

[chosen by Jacob Runkle]

Prayers of Intercession

ELW page 143

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.**

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, and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrections for the family and friends of Eugene "Gene" Martin.

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.

Chime Anthem

Gospel Memories

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

Praise the Lord! O Heavens

ELW # 823

* 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



Attendance May 4th

In-person 35, Online - 45

Announcements

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26th
Office Closed

Remember and Honor all who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

June Newsletter

Please submit news or meeting dates for the newsletter.

Thank You!

Men's Group

Saturday, May 31st at 4:30pm.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and quilting, Everyone welcome.

Sing to the Lord a New Song

June 29th, will be the 5th Sunday in June. Good Shepherd will celebrate with St. Peter and St. Paul folk/rock service at 9:30am. Hope to see you then!

Congratulations to the 2025 graduates.

Behind you, all your memories.

Before you, all your dreams.

Jared Runkle will be attending Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming in the fall for Diesel Technology with specializations in Advanced Diesel and Applied Service Management. He will be interning with Stephenson Service Company this summer at the Corp Tire location to obtain skills before heading to Wyoming. Jared is the son of Eric and Billie Jo Runkle.

Jacob Runkle will also be attending Wyotech in Laramie, Wyoming in the fall for Collision and Refinishing Technology with specializations in Chassis Fabrication and Street Rods. He will continue his summer employment at PC Collision Center where he has worked for four years. Jacob is the son of Eric and Billie Jo Runkle.

Ashtyn Brinker graduated from the University of Dubuque, on April 26, with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Summa Cum Laude. She majored in Accounting and Business Administration. This summer Ashtyn will be studying for the CPA exam. She will start full time, this fall, as an Assurance Associate at RSM in downtown Dubuque. Ashtyn is the daughter of Chris and Angie Brinker.

Hanna Brinker graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, on May 17th, with a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education. Her goal is to become an Upper Elementary or Middle School teacher. Hanna is the daughter of Chris and Angie Brinker.

Lauren Renee Kurth graduated May 7th from Des Moines Area Community College with an Associates in Applied Science Culinary Arts Degree. Lauren's future plans are to return to Hampton, Iowa to work at Ridge Stone Golf Club and to eventually open her own bakery in Hampton. Lauren is the daughter of Carl and Jessica Kurth of Hampton, Iowa, and the granddaughter of Wayne and Janis Kurth.