

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

*April 12, 2026 // 10:15 am Worship Service
Second Sunday after Easter*

*The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to know and praise
Christ, to grow in Christ and to share Christ with others.*



As we gather together for worship today, we remember...

*I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my every-living head.
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Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord's Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

~PRESERVICE MUSIC

~WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

~INVOCATION

~OPENING HYMN The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done LSB 464

~CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148

- P: Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- C: Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**
- P: Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
- C: Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
- C: And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P: Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- C: fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- C: Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**
- P: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C: Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**
- P: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**C: He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the Lord!**

~CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

P: Lord God,
you made the hearts of the disciples glad
with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son.

**C: Forgive us because, like them,
we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe;
forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to
despair; forgive us that, although we claim to live by the
resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that suffering
is simply a tragedy and that death is the end;
forgive us that we take so much convincing
of the hope that you give to the world.**

P: Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ.

**C: Take away our crippling doubts and fears,
and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(Our silent confession)

~ABSOLUTION

Please be seated

~HYMN OF PRAISE Christ the Lord Is Risen Today LSB 469

~PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A: How very good and pleasant it is, Lord God, to be drawn
together by you as brothers and sisters in Christ on this
resurrection day.

**C: Pour your empowering Spirit upon us, that the Easter
message we here proclaim may become more than words
upon a page.**

A: Help us this hour to listen for and lean toward your voice which
speaks beyond the words we utter.

**C: Move us past our doubts that we might step forward with a
faith that does not end when we leave this place.**

A: Nudge us to touch areas of our lives that need to be touched, so
that we might then recognize that no door is so heavy that it can
lock you out.

C: This we pray in the name of the One for whom you rolled away the stone. Amen.

~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 that the Christ is Jesus.

~EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Born Again to a Living Hope)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

~**GOSPEL** *John 20:19-31*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

~CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

~HYMN OF THE DAY **With High Delight Let Us Unite**

LSB 483

~MESSAGE

*“Jesus Christ Gives You Perfect
Peace in Your Life”
John 20:19-31*

~NICENE CREED

C **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,
whose 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.**

~OFFERING

Please stand

~PRAYERS

**following all prayers, the response will be:*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

~LORD'S PRAYER

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A: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray..

++ THE LORD'S SUPPER ++

~PREFACE

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

~WORDS OF INSTITUTION

~PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Please be seated

~DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**The usher will direct you down the center aisle.*

~DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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~POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

~BENEDICTION

~CLOSING SONG Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

~POST SERVICE MUSIC



Thanks for worshipping with us!
See you next week!