

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Building up God's people through His word for His world

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Feast of Victory
April 5, 2026

Christ is risen! All our debts are paid! Death is no more! This is the great and comforting message of Easter. Today we rejoice that the Lamb who was slain has won the victory over death and the devil. By His resurrection, He has truly swallowed up death forever. Through our Baptism into Christ, we have died with Christ and believe that we will also live with Him. Today we also rejoice and give thanks to God that He has prepared a celebratory feast for all people in the salutary gift of the Lord's Supper. It is truly a "feast of victory" for all those who share in His death and resurrection by Holy Baptism.

We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today. What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit gslcva.org. Also, please fill out a Welcome card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate.

Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our informal worship service features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays.

To all worshippers: The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

To the parents of young ones, here are a few suggestions for worshipping with your children: Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front, where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses aloud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the sanctuary, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose, . . .

You are welcome to use our nursery, as well as our parents' room next to the nursery, if your young ones need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable place where mothers may nurse their babies. The worship service is livestreamed to a monitor in the Parents' Room.

We offer Sunday School and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Classes resume next week.

Need hearing assistance? Ask an usher for a headset, which has a direct feed from our sound system.

Flowers and plants in our worship areas are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift service participants, and remind us of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at gslcva.org/giving (look for the sponsorship form at the bottom of that page).

Preservice Music

Brass Quintet; Handbell Choir; Richard Jacobson, tenor

Welcome

Pastor James

Please stand

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn No. 457

*Please note: There will be an instrumental introduction before verse 1
and a brief interlude before verse 4.*

+ CONFESSIO and FORGIVENESS +

The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made glorious by rising from death. He is the very Paschal Lamb who has paid for the sin of the whole world. As we are about to partake of our Savior’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, knowing that mercy and grace await us, let us go to God with confident faith, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on God’s word and for self-examination. You may kneel or remain standing.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we cannot come to the Table of the Lord as we are, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Even on this holy day of days we bring with us the wrongs we have done and the deeds we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart or our neighbors as ourselves. We plead for mercy; free us from our bondage to sin and lead us to the freedom which comes from following You each day until we join You at the heavenly banquet.**

P: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken” (Isaiah 25:6–8).

Today we partake of a foretaste of the promised feast to come. It is the feast of victory for our God. Death has lost its sting; our Lord has paid for all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Please stand

+ SERVICE of the WORD +

Kyrie ~ *Lord, have mercy*

Music in hymnal, pages 152-53

Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

Hymn No. 463

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Music in hymnal, page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, on this day Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, rose from death in eternal victory.

C: **Grant that we, who celebrate with joy in the present moment, may one day join Him, angels and archangels, prophets and apostles in the feast of victory that has no end;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

The risen Christ appeared to some who ate and drank with Him.

R: ³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

B. Wayne Bisbee

Sanctuary Choir; Organ; Hart Guonjian-Pettit, trumpet

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sing His praises! Alleluia!

Risen our victorious head!

Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore Him
As His light once more appears;
Bowing down in joy before Him,
Rising up from griefs and tears.
Christ is risen from the dead!

See the grave its first-fruits giving,
Springing up from holy ground;

He was dead, but now is living;
He was lost, but He is found!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen
Alleluia!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

R: ¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia

Music in hymnal, page 156

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Music in hymnal, page 157

P: ¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Music in hymnal, page 157

Please sit

Hymn of the Day

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Hymn No. 458

Verses 1-4, 7

If you think your child might be unable to sit through the entire service, this would be an appropriate time to take him/her to the nursery.

Message

"Feast of Victory"

Pastor Johann

Musical Reflection*Please stand***Nicene Creed**

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 Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayer of the Church

At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "Merciful God,..."

The congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

Please sit

Offering Moment

Please fill out a Welcome card and place the card and your offerings in the offering plate near the sanctuary doors as you leave.

Anthem

"Crown Him!"

arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir, Brass Quintet, Organ

Alleluia!
 Crown Him with many crowns
 The Lamb upon His throne
 Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own (Alleluia!)
 Awake my soul and sing
 Of Him who died for thee
 And hail Him as thy matchless King
 Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life
 Who triumphed o'er the grave
 Who rose victorious in the strife
 For those He came to save
 His glories now we sing
 Who died and rose on high
 Who died eternal life to bring
 And lives that death may die
 Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of love
 Behold His hands and side
 Rich wounds, yet visible above
 In beauty glorified
 No angel in the sky
 Can fully bear that sight
 But downward bends his wond'ring eye
 At mysteries so bright
 Alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
 One with the Father known
 One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
 From yonder glorious throne
 To Thee be endless praise
 For Thou for us hast died
 Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
 Adores and magnified
 Alleluia!

*Please stand***Offertory****Music in hymnal, pages 159-160****+ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT +****Preface and Proper Preface****Music in hymnal, page 160****Sanctus ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*****Music in hymnal, page 161****Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini ~ *The peace of the Lord*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*

Music in hymnal, page 163

Please sit

Distribution

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: “This is My Body . . . this is My blood” (Matthew 26:26-27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

We invite all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

Distribution procedure: Communion will be distributed in a continuous walking fashion. At the direction of the ushers, walk toward the front of the church in two lines. The pastors will distribute the host (communion wafers). Receive the host in hand, consume it, and then take a cup of wine from the tray (held by communion assistants). Place your empty communion cup in the bowl near the end of the rail. **Return to your seat via the aisle next to the windows.** If you are not receiving communion, please fold your arms across your chest with hands toward your shoulders (St. Andrew’s cross) and approach to receive a blessing.

There will be a single dismissal blessing after all have communed.

Cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice for those who do not wish to drink wine. **For those who need gluten-free wafers:** Bring with you one of the brightly colored pieces of paper from the pews and hand it to the person distributing wafers to your line. A gluten-free wafer will be brought to you.

If you are unable to walk to receive communion, please speak to an usher, and we will bring the sacrament to you.

Music during Distribution

Anthem “Benedictus” (from *Requiem*) W. A. Mozart
Stephanie Kruskol, soprano; Kathy Otterbacher, alto;
Eric Hoplin, tenor; Eugene Stromecki, bass

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
[Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord.]

Hymns “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” **Hymn No. 465**
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **Hymn No. 633**
“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” **Hymn No. 464**
“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom” **Hymn No. 481**

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

C: **and we implore You that, as we have participated in Your feast of victory, You would strengthen us to be firm in faith and fervent in love toward one another;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: The blessing of God Almighty – Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Hymn No. 461

Verses 1-4, 7-8

Please note: There will be an instrumental introduction before verse 1 and a brief interlude before verse 7.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Flourishes”

C. Sharpe

Brass Quintet; Organ

During the postlude, please take a moment to get up and greet guests and worshippers at this service who are new to you. You are also welcome to stay seated for a time of prayer and reflection.

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COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION SERVICE

A dedication service for Good Shepherd’s Columbarium Peace Garden will be held in the garden at **9:40 a.m. and at 10:50 a.m.** (following the first two Easter worship services). Please join us at the garden for this brief ceremony as we set apart the Columbarium Peace Garden as a sacred place: a reminder of the sure and certain hope of resurrection.

Serving Today

	8:15	11:15
Worship Leader	Pastor James	Pastor James
Preacher	Pastor Johann	Pastor Johann
Crucifer	Hugh Conschafter	Thatcher Hoplin
Acolyte	Andrew Misleh	*
Scripture Reader	Chris Miller	Geoff Lunt
Prayer Leader	Henry Eickelberg	Jerry Johnson
Cantor	Eugene Stromecki	Richard Jacobson
Communion Assistants	Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (host) Chris Miller (tray) Gary Budzier (tray) Linda Fekete (runner)	Pastor Johann (host) Pastor James (host) Brian Vanderhoof (tray) David Ellison (tray) John Purtilo (runner)
Ushers	Ric Nickerson (lead) Rob Fekete Jamie Ellor *	Jim Micsan (lead) Bernie Schoch Jeff Peterson Jim Ellis
Choir Director	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
Handbell Choir Director	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
Organist	Anne Lee	Anne Lee
Altar Care	Linda Fekete	*
Projectionist	Jeff Donahue	Jeff Donahue
Audio Engineer	Matt Hardy	Adam Shernman
Livestream Manager		Matt Hardy
Greeter	Jeannie Johns (door) Carolyn Linke (welcome center)	Dick Orth (door) Deanine Thrash (welcome center)
Guest Welcome	Donna Harper	Heidi Cooper
Engagement	Heidi Cooper	Heidi Cooper
Opener	Ric Nickerson	
Closer		*
Coffee Setup	*	
Kitchen Cleanup		Mia Millman

* = unfilled as of April 1

Special thanks to our instrumentalists: Hart Guonjian-Pettit, trumpet; Eric Williams, trumpet; Claire Bradley, French horn; Dave Mosko, trombone; Cameron Farnsworth, tuba.

Board of Servant Leaders

Rob Fekete, chair
Tony Esse, vice-chair
John Purtilo, secretary

Larry Austin
Drew Lipman
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Core Ministry Areas

Worship

Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Matt Hardy), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

Discipleship

Team Leader: Pastor James

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

Parish Life

Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper

The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

Mission

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

Through this core ministry area, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: financial and prayerful partnering with missionaries, worldwide and local (Randy and Melanie Stockman); synod/district, social ministry, and community service (Holly Vanderhoof); evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue).

Congregational Care and Nurture

Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann

The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

Administration

Team Leader: Pastor Johann

This team is in charge of property and contracts (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), and technology (Gary Budzier).

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