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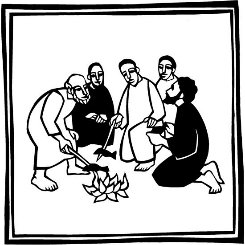
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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

**GATHERING HYMN Blessing, Honor and Glory ELW 433**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ☩ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

Participating in First Communion today:

* Eli Babcock

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own,

that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;

waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,

that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Be Not Afraid ELW 388**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6[7-20]**

1 Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” 5 He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” [7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.  
  10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12 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.” 13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; 16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.  
  For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”]

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 30**

1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up  
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 **O Lord my God, I cried out to you,**  
 **and you restored me to health.**  
3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
 you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.  
4 **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;**  
 **give thanks in holy remembrance.**  
5 God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.  
 Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
6 **While I felt secure, I said,**  
 **“I shall never be disturbed.**  
7 You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”  
 Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.  
8 **I cried to you, O Lord;**  
 **I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**  
9 “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
 Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
10 **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;**  
 **O Lord, be my helper.”**  
11 You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
 you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.  
12 **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;**  
 **O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14**

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12 singing with full voice,  
 “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
 and honor and glory and blessing!”  
13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,  
 “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
 be blessing and honor and glory and might  
 forever and ever!”  
14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

1 After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. 2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 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.  
  4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” 6 He said to them, “Cast the net to 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 there were so many fish. 7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.  
  9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.  
  15 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 love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore ELW 817**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,** **born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in May*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***Ronald McDonald House.***

**OFFERING SONG** **I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for

the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Today, we celebrate with Eli, receiving his First Communion today. May God give him a joyful heart, open hands, and the courage to come to the table as his actual self. We believe that Jesus is fully present in this meal--over, under, around, through the bread and wine--so that we can't receive it without getting the gifts of Jesus, too. The logistics are a mystery and God's to tend. We simply trust that where Jesus shows up, there is forgiveness, salvation and new life that comes from heaven.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, May 4 | 9:00 am | Worship Service – Sunday School   * Third Sunday of Easter * John 21:1-19; Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias |
| Tuesday, May 6 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, May 7 | 9:00 am | Executive Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, May 11 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Fourth Sunday of Easter   John 10:22-30; Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| May 4 | Nancy Leonard | Shelly Schneider | Dave Schneider  Tammy Neumann | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| May 11 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Rob Pankratz | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier |
| May 18 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Julie Will | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson |
| May 25 | Tim & Farrah Uphoff | Chris Tipping | Dan & Pam Mundt | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader |

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There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Names on the prayer list now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

**Massage from the Green Team**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Green Team's purpose is to provide cooperative leadership to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

We have a very active group in the summer months that tend to our two Community Garden plots on the church grounds. We also have receptacles for recycling alkaline batteries and holiday lights/extension cords in the church coat area in the narthex. We will be expanding our recycling efforts soon, to stay tuned.

There are a couple of local events we would like to highlight so you can mark your calendars:

**Saturday May 31, 8 am- noon at Marshfield Agricultural Research Station is the Wood County Clean Sweep.**

**Thursday June 5, 10 am- 3 pm at Marshfield Utilities is the Residential Customers Bulb and Battery Recycling Event.**

Check out those websites for more info (we will also publicize details closer to those events). Please follow the church Facebook page and the information in the bulletins and newsletters.

If anyone is interested in joining the Green Team or the Garden Team in the summer months, please contact the church office or a member of the Green Team (Leslie M., Chris T., Tammy N., Jen R., and Dave/Shelly S.).

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| **Good Shepherd Directory Update**  Thank you to our church individuals and families who have submitted surveys and photos for the updated Good Shepherd Directory.  The deadline for collecting information is May 1st to allow time for formatting and printing the directory by June 1. If you would like to have your photo included in the directory update, please contact Jon Hill, Margo Berrier, Pam Mundt, or Jane Wagner as soon as possible to avoid being excluded from this publication. We are striving to be as inclusive as possible before printing the new directory. Thanks for your cooperation. |