

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

BURKHARDT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 384

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.

- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

ACTS 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Congregation joins the Cantor in singing the Refrain.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 635

WE WALK BY FAITH



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith.

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, 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 and the Son, 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially*). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace either by waving to your car neighbors or by taking this time to quickly send a text message offering God's peace

Drive-in Service continues with the Great Thanksgiving below.

Online Service continues with the Benediction on page 7.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

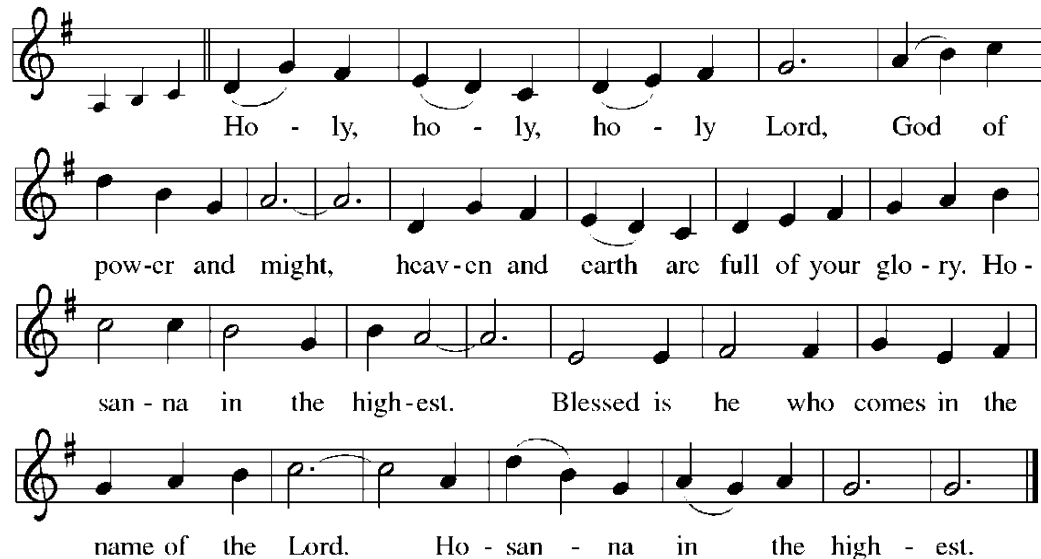
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The Pastor will provide an invitation for those communing to eat the bread, with these words:

Take and eat. This is the body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

Afterwards, the Pastor will also provide the invitation to drink the juice.

Take and drink. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 363

COME, YOU FAITHFUL RAISE THE STRAIN

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought forth Israel
 into joy from sadness,
 loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters;
 led them with unmoistened foot
 through the Red Sea waters.

- 2 Neither could the gates of death,
 nor the tomb's dark portal,
 nor the watchers, nor the seal
 hold you as a mortal:
 but today, among your own,
 you appear, bestowing
 your deep peace, which evermore
 passes human knowing.

- 3 Alleluia! now we cry
 to our Lord immortal,
 who triumphant burst the bars
 of the tomb's dark portal;
 Alleluia! with the Son
 God the Father praising;
 Alleluia! yet again
 to the Spirit raising.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

CHERWIEN

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LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Blue Ridge of Sumter – Virginia Stephens
Colonial Gardens Nursing Home – Irene S. Poole
Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt, Martha Haigler
Midlands Regional Rehabilitation Hospital – Nancy Taylor
NHC Parklane – Mary Allen, Becky Silvia
The Palmettos – Sara Loyd
Rice Estate – Grace Boozer
Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll, Bev Weymouth
Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton
Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert
At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson, Doris McCaughey, Margaret Moody, and Mary Sox.

APRIL 4, 2021 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Drive-In Worship Service: **112**

**While we are not worshipping in the Sanctuary,
 Financial Reports may be obtained by calling the church office.**

***Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$8,729**

***Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$13,912**

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

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| Memorial Fund | \$155 | Food Pantry | \$80 |
| Ramp Ministry | \$75 | Social Ministry April Focus - UNUMB | \$100 |
| Capital Improvements | \$100 | Noisy Offering for Happy Wheels | \$25 |
| Altar Flowers | \$60 | From Day School (For Utilities) | \$150 |
| Lenten Self-Denial Offering | \$1,510 | Easter Lilies | \$75 |
| Easter Breakfast Expense | \$10 | VANCO Processing Fee | \$5 |
| | | Youth Mission Fund - Contributions | \$40 |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jerry and Donna Vaughn to the Glory of God and in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary on April 12.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Meet in the FAB on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for a Bible Study. *Masks and social distancing required.*

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY will be led by Pastor Andrew each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A reminder with a meeting link will be sent by email each week.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

The Good Shepherd Foundation was created to assist the Church in carrying out its religious, charitable, educational and other tax exempt missions. The Foundation accomplishes its purpose by collecting contributions, donations and bequests, investing Foundation assets and then making distributions in the form of grants to appropriate persons and organizations as defined by Foundation policies.

The grants made by the Foundation should be supported by an active member of Good Shepherd Church, a “Congregational Shepherd.” The Congregational Shepherd should have knowledge of the purposed project and be able to ensure that grants are used appropriately. In accordance with the operating policies of the Foundation, grants may be awarded in the following four areas:

1. Grants for outreach to the community, including institutions and agencies that have common goals as Good Shepherd Church. Programs should target those in our community that have spiritual and/or economic need.
2. Grants to agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA for missions at home and abroad.
3. Grants to members of Good Shepherd Church for Christian education and training.
4. Grants for non-budgeted projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Grants are awarded twice yearly. Deadlines for applications are May 1 and November 1. Awards are made shortly after deadline dates. Total grant funds may be limited; individual grants are currently limited to \$2,000.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE CHAPEL AREA. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CHURCH OFFICE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

If you are interested in making a gift to the foundation, please see one of the foundation board members: Jeff Inabinet, Charlene Fink, Chris Herrmann, Raymond Hendrix or Jerry Vaughn.

YES, WE'RE OPENING!

We are holding in-person worship in the sanctuary every Sunday at 11:00 a.m., beginning on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25, 2021. While we are pleased to be back together, the safety of our Church Family and friends are our top priority. The Church Council and the Restart Task Force are continuing to monitor the current COVID-19 statistics. We are following CDC recommendations as well as gathering information from the SC Synod office. If our worship practices need to be altered, we will notify everyone via mail or email.

The office will begin taking reservations for the April 25 worship service starting Monday, April 19. Please register to attend the worship service by calling the Parish Administrator (803-787-4413). Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00-4:30, and Friday, 9:00-2:00. Seating is limited to 50 people per service and available on a first come first served basis. The reservation may be made only for people in your household. Nursery service will not be available at this time, but we hope to be able to offer this service soon.

Upon arrival your temperature will be checked with a no touch thermometer. You will need to wear a mask.

PLEASE HELP BY

- * Sanitizing your hands before entering the sanctuary
- * Sitting only in the pews marked with green tape to help maintain social distance
- * Not using hymnals (Everything you need is in the bulletin.)
- * Using your own pen to label your offering envelope
- * Maintaining 6ft of distance between your household and others at all times
- * Communing yourself where you are seated using the communion kits (Please put your used communion cups back in the baggie and deposit them in the trash receptacles as you leave.)
- * Enjoying worship music silently or quietly singing or humming to yourself
- * Staying at home if you feel sick especially with the following symptoms: fever, sore throat, cough, stomach issues (Please do not assume it is just allergies or a cold.)