

The congregation (those who are able) shall stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's 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, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace for Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:.....Skylar Bunk

Thank you, to today's participants in worship: (April 25th, 2021): Reader this week, Renee Bridges (Psalm 23); Leading Prayers, Pastor Alina; Usher, Lou Ann Chapple; Counters, Renee and Trudy Bridges.

Next weeks' participants in worship (May 2nd, 2021): Reader next week, Bob Walker (Psalm 22:25-31); Leading Prayers, Sue Kinger; Usher, Roger Kinger; Counters, Carol Logan and Bob Walker.

Financial Response to the Gospel

Monthly Average Needed:	\$11,312
Actual Giving March, 2021:	\$9,111
Attendance last week (04/18/2021):	26

***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1700 Bower Hill Road***

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,
I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN
IN GREEN PASTURES,
HE LEADS ME
BESIDE STILL WATERS,
HE RESTORES
MY SOUL.
+ PSALM 23



***Fourth Sunday of Easter
With Holy Communion
April 25th, 2021
9:30 AM***

Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
We invite you to share in opportunities of fellowship and education.
Pastor Alina Kanaski can be reached at
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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as we continue to celebrate the good news of the resurrection! We hope and pray that you experience the joy of the resurrection in worship today. The entire order of service is printed in this worship folder. Congregational responses are in bold. For those of you who are worshipping with us for the first time, we welcome you. Please make yourself known to the Pastor, or the usher and sign our Guest Book. If you have a vision impairment, please ask the Usher for a large print copy of this worship folder.

PRELUDE MUSIC:.....Skylar Bunk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
(The presiding minister continues)...

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.

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.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Your seat has a pre-packaged communion wafer already on it. (If it does not, please let an usher know.) When Pastor Alina invites you to do so, please take part in communion from your seats. Please know that, although we are only using the bread right now, you are still receiving the full sacrament and the full body of Christ.

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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.

The prayers conclude:

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation shall share the peace with each other, without moving from your seats– but feel free to turn around and wave!

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

PSALM:23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

GOSPEL.....John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON:.....Pastor Alina

MUSIC:.....Skylar Bunk

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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 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.**