

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



HUMBLE
yourselves
therefore
under
the mighty
hand of God,
so that
he may
EXALT
you in
due time.

1 Peter 5:6, NRSV

**MAY 24, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

All Are Welcome!

Welcome to Easter at Shepherd of the Glades!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please let us know. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

C Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ **OPENING HYMN**

"You Are Mine"

ELW 581

+ **GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

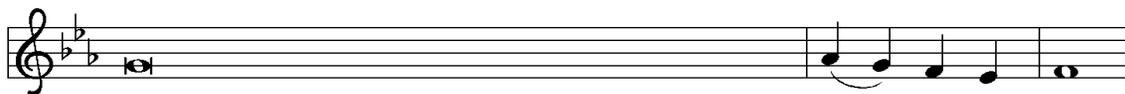
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



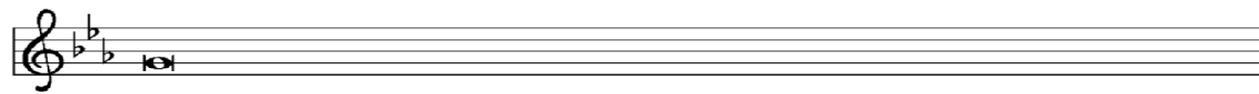
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (*Sung responsively*)

¹Let God arise, and let God’s ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence
of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**
I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,**
the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;**
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.
³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;**
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.
³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,**
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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The Holy Gospel according to: **John 17:1-11**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey T. Ungs

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW 655

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

+ **APOSTLES’ CREED**

ELW 105

**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 life everlasting. Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYERS**

A Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A O God, call your people to be one, as you are one. Unite your church in the truth of your gospel, the love of our neighbor, and the call to proclaim your reign to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A Breathe life into your creation. Guide your people as we explore the mysteries of the universe. We pray for the work of scientists and mathematicians whose skill enriches our understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

A Make your justice known among the nations of the earth. Protect the vulnerable. Redirect those who use violence and greed as weapons. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Come to the aid of your children. We pray for those engulfed in grief, those without supportive families, and for all who are isolated, powerless, or afraid, that all may rest their anxieties in your care; especially, Paul, Dave, Tim, Jack, Carol, Karen, Ron, Pauline & Huseyin, Sue, Micah, and Jim. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Give courage to all who embark on new ventures. We especially remember this day those who risked their lives to serve in our armed forces. Grant safety to those serving at home or abroad, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries within our faith community. Today we pray for Sandy Lofthouse, Nadine Kelly, Karen Peterson, Virginia Madison, Kim Klocek and Stephanie Bernabei as they celebrate their birthdays. We also pray for Andrea and Derek Moran as they celebrate their anniversary. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Raise all your saints to eternal life. Until that day, we give you thanks for the faithful examples of those who have listened to your voice and now rest in you; especially, Ted Henning, who received his victory in the Lord on Wednesday, May 13th. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

P **COMMUNION OF SAINTS BLESSING**

COMMUNION BLESSING

P Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

5113

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

+ THE BLESSING

P May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW 656

+ DISMISSAL

A Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALIZATIONS

We have been informed that the local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

RECEIVED THEIR VICTORY

On Monday, May 4, 2020 Shirley Herrick received her victory in the Lord. Shirley’s husband, Virgil, received his victory in the Lord on Tuesday, May, 12, 2020. Their joint obituary can be found on the Star and Tribune website. Please keep their family in your prayers.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

A member recently suggested, and Council approved, the establishment of a fund for the support of ELCA seminary students from SOTG. The fund is not a budget item but was established to receive contributions that individuals might like to make in support of students from SOTG who attend ELCA seminaries and colleges. There has been an initial contribution to this fund by a member and further contributions are welcomed. They should be designated for the Lutheran Higher Education Support Fund.

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, Choice Dollars charitable grant funds can make a world of difference to Shepherd of the Glades. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute a portion of its charitable grant funds. Directing Choice Dollars is easy. Simply go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and fund program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. To reach our local office, please call David Contessa at 239-300-5139.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office will be closed until further notice.

Pastor Jeff is available in the office by appointment.

Monday, May 25, 2020, the office will be closed in celebration of the Memorial holiday.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 24, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Jeff Unga - Worship will be live on line with Facebook, or you can access on our website. See website for details -www.sotgweb.org

Day of Pentecost, May 31, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Worship with Pastor Unga - Worship will be live on line with Facebook, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org

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