

**7:00, 8:30, & 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE**

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**MARCH 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY**

All Are Welcome

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.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Sunday Ministries for this Week

Altar Assistant:

8:30 a.m. Pastor Bob & Colleen Hoffman,
& Pat Cooper

10:30 a.m. Pastor Bob & Colleen Hoffman,
& Sandy Lofthouse

Lector: 8:30 a.m. Clay Baker
10:30 a.m. Larry Buettner

Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek

Ushers:

8:30 a.m. Doug Walck, Kathy Williams,
& Guy & Pat Cooper

10:30 a.m. Doc & Sandy Lofthouse,
& Roland & Patricia Cumor

A/V Technicians: Abraham Ungs
Kelli Ungs

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Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Festive Easter Worship

+ *Indicates Please Stand*

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE 7:00 a.m. - *Cindy Quehl*

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. **“Consider the Lilies of the Field”** *by: Pat Cooper*

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. **“Low In the Grave He Lay”**

“ There is a Green Hill Far Away”

(Megan Cianflone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute; & Corey Newell, Trumpet)

+ **GATHERING HYMN**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW 365

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

+ **INVOCATION**

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.**

+ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Christ is risen!

C **Alleluia! He is risen, Alleluia!**

+ **CONFESSION**

All: God of the Resurrection, we come in the light of the Easter promise to confess simply that we have failed in myriad ways to be people of that promise. We have come to ask simply that you may dawn again in our souls, showing us every act and word of imperfection so that we may joyfully offer all our guilt to be consumed in the pure fire of your grace, and may rise with our Savior to a life which reveals your image in us. Amen

+ **ABSOLUTION**

P Lord God, we gather in the name of the Risen Christ to pour forth our praises in glad Easter Celebration. We rejoice that you have not left us without hope, but have come back to us in the victory of the Resurrection and given us the assurance of eternal life and the forgiveness of our sins with Jesus whom you lifted from the tomb. Praise be to your name, both now and forevermore.

C Amen

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **ELW 389**

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.
3. In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Read responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” ELW 389

4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and ev'ry age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

*“ Crown Him with Many Crowns ”
(verses 1 thru 4)*

ELW 855

+ NICENE CREED

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.

+ THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.
God of grace,
C **hear our prayer .**

P Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope.
God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day.
God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we pray for this community of faith; especially: David & Diane Roforth-Smith, Joe, Rick, Sandra Frederking, Brian Feeney, Family of Alan Espersen, Valerie Becker, Millie, Family of Charlie Hoffman, Richard Jonas, Steven, Jungerberg, Family of Raymond Swaby, Rod Barikmo, Elaine Sima, Nick & Anita Lehr, and Micah Smith. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion.
God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We give you thanks oh God, for the celebration of birthdays in our faith community. Today we pray for Rod Barikmo, Bev Green, Vicki Dunlop, LaMorris Cook, Merlyn Bowers, and Elizabeth Cianflone. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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**

A Let us pray.

C **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION

MUSICAL OFFERING ***“This Joyful Eastertide”***

(Megan Cianflone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute; & Corey Newell, Trumpet)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of
Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Thine Is the Glory”* **ELW 376**

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

+ **DISMISSAL**

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *“Christ the Lord is Risen Again”*
(Megan Cianflone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute; & Corey Newell, Trumpet)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

A special “Thank You” to Megan Cianflone, Cindy Quehl, and Corey Newell, for providing the beautiful music on Easter Sunday.



A joyous Easter to you all from the staff of Shepherd of the Glades: Pastor Jeff, Megan Cianflone, Lynn Dickerman and Linda Tidmore.

This week at Shepherd of the Glades:

Office hours this week are: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. The office will be closed on Monday, April 1, 2024 in celebration of Easter.

Tuesday, April 2nd, 8:30 a.m. Sew-Sews and Landscaping Crew

Wednesday, April 3rd, Pastor Jeff’s Bible study class beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7th, New Member Sunday

Sunday, April 7th, “Until We Meet Again” luncheon, in Hanson Hall, immediately following worship service.

Sunday, April 7, 2022, 9:30 a.m. public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details www.sotgweb.org.

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