

**SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA*

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



**APRIL 20, 2025  
EASTER SUNDAY**

## 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.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by coming forward in a continuous flow. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming forward 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 standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact 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

Lector: 7:00 a.m. Pastor Jeff Ungs  
8:30 a.m. David Larson  
10:30 a.m. Clay Baker

Altar Assistants: 7:00 a.m. Mary Winsor  
8:30 a.m. Mary Winsor, Pat Cooper,  
& Renna Knotek  
10:30 a.m. Mary Winsor,  
& Rich & Becky McDanel

Altar Guild: Donia Mrozek and Barb Modjeska

Ushers:

8:30 Doris Marderness, Renna Knotek,  
& Guy & Pat Cooper  
10:30 Barb & Ron Modjeska,  
& Rich & Becky McDanel

A/V Technicians: Abraham Ungs  
Kelli Ungs

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*Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025*

**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, Flute*

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

***“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”***

*Megan Cianfone, Piano; Cindy Quehl, Flute; Corey Newell, Trumpet*

10:30 a.m. ***“Alleluia, Jesus Is King!”*** Arr. Wright

*Chancel Choir*

+ **OPENING 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**

A 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 In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

+ **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.
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.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray.

**All:** 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

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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*)

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

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

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

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

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

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

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

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

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

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

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**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.

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

*Repeat alleluia*

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”      ELW 855**  
*(verses 1,3 &5)*

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
3. Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

**A** Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives  
with the words of the 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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. Today we pray especially for: Kelsay Hocanson, Jackson Drum, Donna Accetta, Adam Cowels, Kari, Eric Nolle, Patty Musielak, Anthony Garafalo, Desiree Lintini, Rob L., David Einink, Sue Popivach, Manuela Schultz, Kimberly Lasher, Bob, Mary Gehr, Cornelia Setzkorn, Theresa Chiorazzi, Vicki Dunlop, Kalem, Gail Fesnak, Alison Heck, Jim Shaw, Barbara Gega, Vernon Rasmussen, Ron Blasig, Sandy Lofthouse, Ryan Smith, Rod Barikmo, Nick & Anita Lehr, Micah Smith, and others we name in our hearts or out loud. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



A Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,  
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 Leslie Ann Beers as she celebrates her birthday. We also pray for Stephanie & Daniel Bernabei as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.  
C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

A The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **OFFERTORY ANTHEM -**

*“Alleluia, He Is Risen!”*

*Arr. S. K. Albrecht and J. Althouse*

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **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.**

+ **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.

On 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

**COMMUNION MUSIC**    *“The Day of Resurrection”*    Arr. R.R. Hayes  
(Megan Cianflone, Director of Music; Cindy Quehl, Flute, Correy Newell, Trumpet)

# BLESSING

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Thine is the Glory”* ELW 376  
Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

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.  
  
Refrain:  
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! (*Refrain*)
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. (*Refrain*)

+ **DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

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

**POSTLUDE**      *“Ode to Joy by Beethoven”*      Arr. B.C. Dockery  
(Megan Cianflone, Director of Music; Cindy Quehl, Flute; Correy Newell, Trumpet)

**The wreath on the Cross this morning is given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla, wishing all a Happy and Blessed Easter!**

### **THANK YOU!**

**A special “Thank You” to Megan Cianflone, Director of Music; Cindy Quehl Corey Newell, for providing the beautiful music on Easter Sunday and making it such a joyous occasion.**

**We would like to thank everyone that made our Lenten season and Holy Week a very meaningful experience. A special thank you to all that participated in making soup for our Soup Suppers; and especially, Lynne Gervais and the fellowship committee for setting up and cleaning up after every event.**

**Thank you to Donia Mrozek, Barb Modjeska, Lori Bernabei, Cindy Shultz, Karen Johnson, and Lynn Karle for all that you do in Altar Guild, and finally, a special thank you to those that beautified our sanctuary with dedicated lilies, and to Ron & Barb Modjeska, for placing them so beautifully on the altar.**

**All of your efforts have helped make this a glorious Easter Sunday.**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

**Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.**

### **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

**Women’s Bible study will be held on Friday, April 25th beginning at 10:00 a.m. The discussion this month will be about “Miriam”.**

## **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 21, 2025 in celebration of Easter.**

**Monday, April 21st & Wednesday, April 23rd, Bone Builders class from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Sew-Sews Quilters**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Bible study with Pastor Unga, starting at 10 a.m.**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025, Grief Group meeting from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 25, 2025, Women's Bible study, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025, 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](http://www.sotgweb.org).**

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