

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 5, 2026
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.	Betty Sauer
	10:30 a.m.	Robert Besanceney
Communion Assistants:	7:00 a.m.	Mary Winsor
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Winsor and Ron & Barb Modjeska
	10:30 a.m.	Mary Winsor and Tom & Sally Moore
Altar Guild:		Donia Mrozek
Ushers:	8:30 a.m.	Ron & Barb Modjeska, Betty Sauer and Brenda Charleston
	10:30 a.m.	Tom & Sally Moore, Gail Fitch and Liz McGuire
A/V Technicians:		Abraham Ungs and Kelli Ungs

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God,

C **we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of you beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.**

P Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"* **ELW #389**
Verses 1, 3, 5

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.

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.

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 **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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)

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

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

¹⁴ The 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!**

¹⁶ The 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.**

¹⁸ The 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.**

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

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

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


SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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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GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

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¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

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.

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.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast 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.**

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life.
Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all
the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful
stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where
violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving
Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and
afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially Anna-Marie Myers,
Barbie Harris, Cameron Williams, Dean Welch, Janet Eichler, Jim Pisarski, Joanne
Hogan, Larry Newman, Matthew Popp, Michelle Hubb, Nick & Anita Lehr, Pastor
Bill & Phyllis Stewart, Patricia Lussky, Prudy Waters, Rodney Heindel and Susan
Schacht; and the family of Elizabeth Lite. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen
One. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's
resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory
over death in word and deed. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Bless these friends who are celebrating birthdays this week: Merlyn Bowers,
Elizabeth Cianflone, Jackie Masterson and Shari Pressentin. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory.
Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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.**

+ **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.

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 *Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.*

7:00 a.m.

Cindy Quehl, Flute

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

“Come to the Water” *John Sherman*
“Easter Hymns for Winds” *arr. Kirkpatrick*
Max Bogert, flute; Megan Cianflone, piano;
Amaris Zurita, french horn; Cindy Quehl, flute

BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

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!

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!

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 Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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; Max Bogert, Amaris Zurita, Cindy Quehl and John Sherman 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, Deanna Colbert, Abraham Unga 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.

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

will be held in the church courtyard today following the 8:30 a.m. worship service at about 9:45 a.m. All children are welcome to join in the fun and celebrate the wonderful news that “Jesus Lives!” We hope to see you there.

– The Education committee

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 in celebration of Easter.

Mondays and Wednesdays	Bone Builders class from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays	Sew-Sews Quilters from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays	Bible study with Pastor Jeff at 10:30 a.m.
Sundays	Worship at 9:30 a.m. The service is also live streamed on YouTube or can be accessed on our website. See www.sotgweb.org for details.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



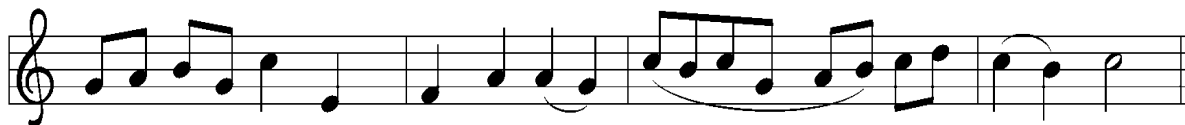
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

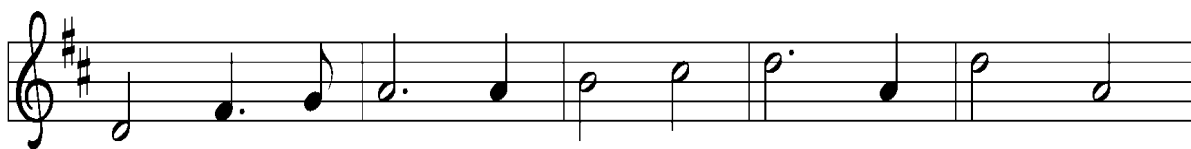


who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

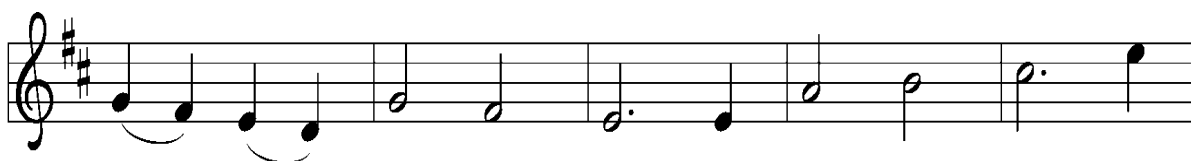


suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

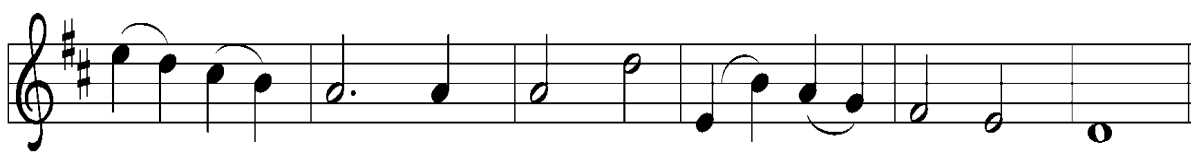
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

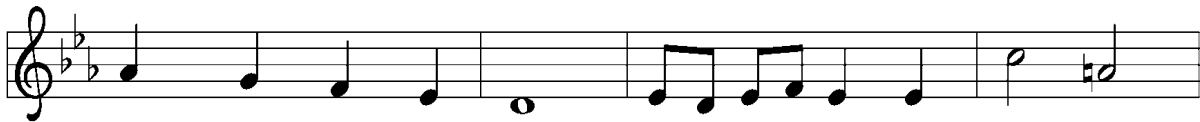
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!