



Celebrate 70 years of Good Shepherd!



Sunday, May 4th - 11:00am Festival Worship
Rev Dr Jeff Gibelius Preaching, Rev Peter Klotz Presiding
Special Luncheon to follow with Anniversary Cake & Bounce House



May 4, 2025

11:00am

GATHERING

Thanksgiving

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; We give thanks for Good Shepherd's forebears. For its pastors...Pastor Auman, Pastor Strohl, Pastor Joslyn, Pastor Lindholm, Pastor Weiss, Pastor Nilsen, Pastor Sandberg, Pastor Parker and Pastor Milleville. For every member, leader, staff member and all who worship, serve and share their bounty. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters, that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

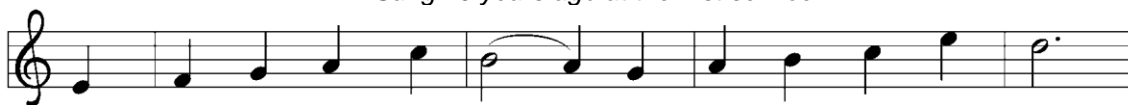
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

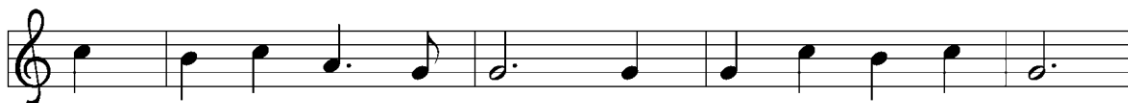
Gathering Song:

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Sung 70 years ago at the first service



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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.

Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation.

Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 8:22-30

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³ He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴ the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵ Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed that you promised to your servant my father David.

²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, ²⁹ that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰ Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Aaron Gibelius

Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The 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. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn:

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



- 1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

As people of the Good Shepherd ...

**We are a Christian community rooted in grace, connected through
inclusive worship and fellowship.**

Together

**We embrace and value all people and serve our broader
community with compassion.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering/Ministry Opportunities

Anthem:

"A Jubilant Song"

Alan Poete

Offering Prayer

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. Amen.**

Celebration of Holy Communion



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



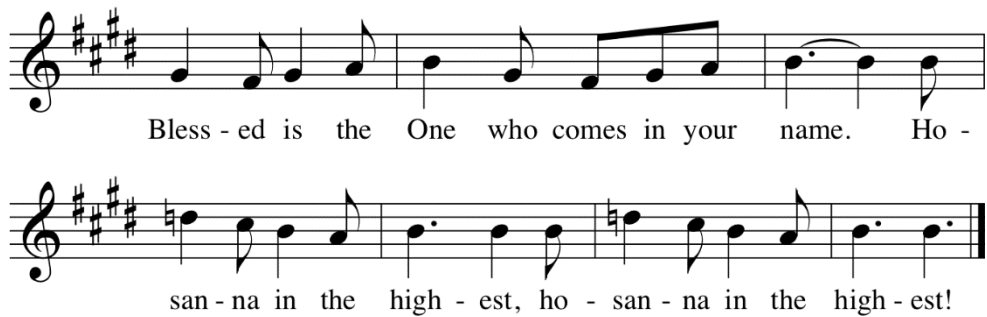
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

For creating the heavens and the earth; **we thank you.**
For saving the earth from the waters of the flood; **we thank you.**
For bringing the Israelites safely through the sea; **we thank you.**
For leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and
honey; **we thank you.**
For the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one; **we thank you.**
For the death and resurrection of Christ; **we thank you.**
For your Spirit poured out on all nations; **we thank you.**

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.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With all 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's Prayer

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: “Alleluia Love Is Alive”

People of God see the morning is new
Rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb
Come and see come and see He is alive
A grave that is empty a promise fulfilled
God who was with us is here with us still
He is here He is here He is alive

Chorus

Alleluia love is alive

Conquered the grave and defeated the night

Alleluia love is alive

The Son has arisen for all

Your people sing alleluia

People of God let your fear fall away
Your chains have been broken abandon your shame
Lift your hearts lift your hearts He is alive
Here now is mercy embracing your soul
Here the fulfillment that once was foretold
It is true it is true He is alive

People of God now rejoicing in Christ
Carry your joy to the darkness of night
Tell the world tell the world He is alive
Hear the good news of this glorious day
Every heart singing as heaven proclaims
He is Lord He is Lord He is alive
He is risen He is risen He's alive

SENDING

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

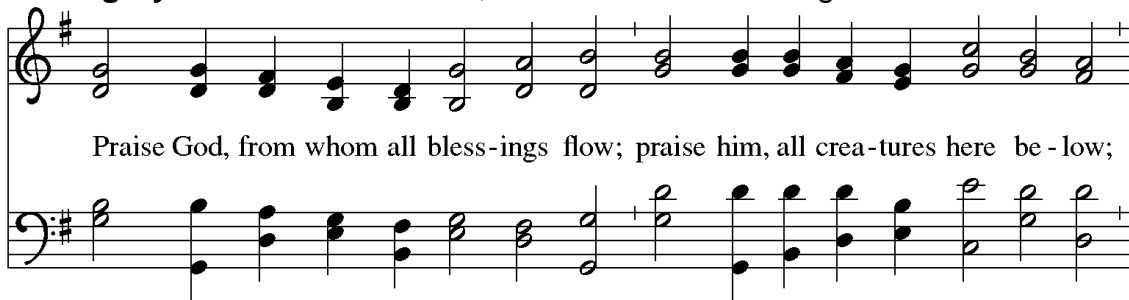
Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

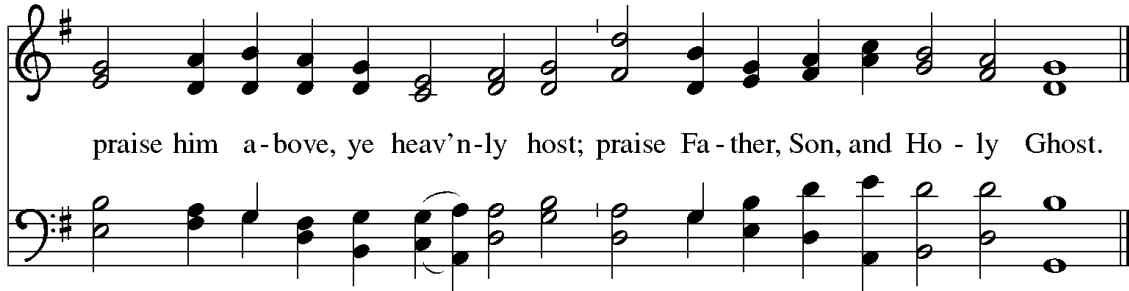
Blessing

Sending Hymn: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The second system of musical notation for the hymn. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing Box

This week we could use: peanut butter/jelly, rice, cereal, canned/dried fruit, condiments, crackers, infant formula, pancake mix/syrup, cake mix/frosting

May Mission of the Month - Burnt Hills Summer Lunch Program

Assembly of churches provides summer lunches to BH/BL students whose families lack the resources to provide meals.

Thank you! The following **Missions of the Month** received your generous donations: Code Blue Saratoga, \$161.15; Kids in Action, \$250.53; and Center for Hope, \$526.53.

Yoga continues Monday nights at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall - \$15/session.
All are welcome!

The **Osteo Program** at Good Shepherd is designed to assist seniors in balance, flexibility, strength and weight management. We have openings for new participants! We meet on Tuesday & Friday mornings at 10am in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Lorraine Janack or just show up!

*Today's altar flowers were given by
LuAnn & Andrew Draina in celebration of their 43rd Anniversary
and by Cathi Duncan in honor of Hailey Hutchens' birthday.*



Women, Wine & Word

*Next meeting at
Pizza Works, Burnt Hills
May 6th, 6-7pm*



Monday, May 5th, 7 -8 pm

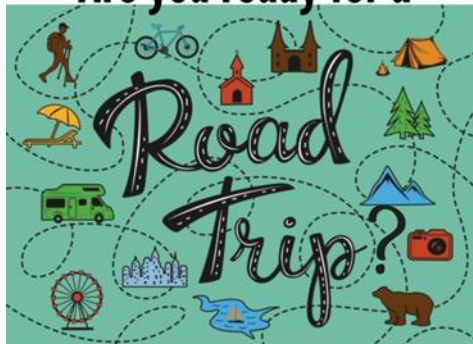
Bros, Bibles & Beer Event

Pizza Works

720 Saratoga Rd., Burnt Hills

**Guys are invited to this casual bible event
discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.**

Are you ready for a



SAVE THE DATE for VBS!

Aug 11-14, 2025

Burnt Hills United Methodist - all are welcome!

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