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9:30am

GATHERING

Gathering Song: "The Day of Resurrection!"



- 1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
- 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
- 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Confession and Forgiveness *(Congregational responses printed in bold.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son
you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us,
and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.
We have not listened to voices that challenge us.
We have resisted the Holy Spirit
moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.
Forgive us, O God,
and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.
Through the waters of baptism
you have been born anew by the living word of God.
Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name
and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you
both now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 23

read responsively by whole verse

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song: "Here's My Heart"

Chorus 1

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found I am Yours

I am loved I'm made pure

I have life I can breathe

I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure

You are life You endure

You are good always true

You are light breaking through

Chorus 2

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

Here's my life Lord

Here's my life Lord

Here's my life Lord

Speak what is true

Speak what is true

Speak what is true

Bridge

You are more than enough

You are here You are love

You are hope You are grace

You're all I have You're everything

Chorus 2

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

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:



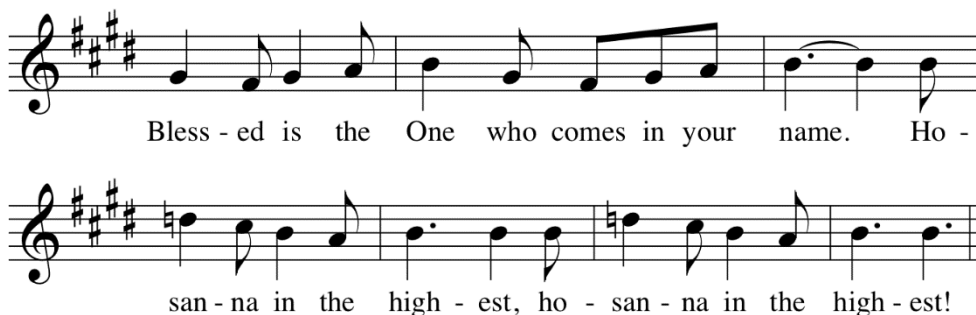
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



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, Give Thanks"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er.
Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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.

Sending Hymn: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU to everyone that made our 70th Birthday Bash a Wonderful Good Shepherd memory. Musicians, Fellowship Crew, Altar Guild, Black n Blue, Worship Assistants, Video and Photography made for a fabulous day. Thank you to our 70th Planning Team: Joanne Fontanelli, Lorraine Janack, Cindy Jennings, Debbie Johnson, Marge Smith and Pastor Deron.

Save the Date

Good Shepherd Semi Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 8 following the morning worship
Election of Council
Presentation of Good Shepherd awards
Celebration of Ministries

Blessing Box

This week we could use: canned meat, cereal, crackers, pasta sauce, canned fruit, laundry detergent, baby supplies, boxed milk, tea/coffee, pancake mix/syrup, microwave meals, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, feminine care products, deodorant, dish soap.

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.

Good Shepherd Book Club

Next discussion, May 27th: Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest, Suzanne Simard - Non-Fiction/Environment/Memoir.

Our next Contemplative Prayer Group will be meeting on Saturday, May 31st from 10-11am at the church. Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you have participated in the past or not. Give it a try for personal meditation and for searching for a deeper, more personal relationship with our God.

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!



SAVE THE DATE for VBS!

Aug 11-14, 2025

Burnt Hills United Methodist - all are welcome!

follow 'BH-BL Summer VBS' on Facebook for updates

To volunteer at VBS, contact Jody St Gelais jafstgelais@gmail.com

*Today's altar flowers were given by the Preisinger family
in loving memory of Chris Preisinger.*



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