

## **Prayers for Worship**

### **On entering a church**

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### **Before communing**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament**

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### **After worship**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



# **EASTER SUNDAY**

## **Order of Worship**

**April 20, 2025**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Cass City, Michigan**

## **Catechism**

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What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed p. 158**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** Please sign record of fellowship

**Offertory p. 159**

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**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns:**

**#461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

**#480 *He's Risen, He's Risen***

**#463 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia***

**Post Communion Liturgy p. 164**

**Closing Hymn: #465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

**Gospel Hymn: #488 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word***

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn: #475 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing***

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Divine Service Setting 1, p.151

**Hymn: 436 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* v. 4**

**Early hasten to the tomb**

**Where they laid His breathless clay;**

**All is solitude and gloom.**

**Who has taken Him away?**

**Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.**

**Savior, teach us so to rise.**

P: Why do you look for the living among the dead? Christ is not here. He is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Processional Hymn: #457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

**Confession & Absolution: p. 151**

**Introit**



I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become my sal- | vation.

**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\*  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.**

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have  
redeemed;\*

you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly  
abode.

**You will bring them in and plant them on your own  
| mountain,\***

**the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,**

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*

the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

**Kyrie p. 152**

**This Is the Feast p.155**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 156**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25**

"For behold, I create new heavens

and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered

or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,

and her people to be a gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping

and the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,

for the young man shall die a hundred years old,

and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain

or bear children for calamity,

for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,

and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;

the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain,"

says the LORD.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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