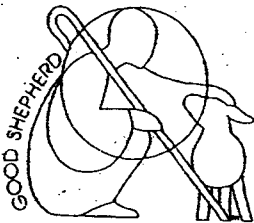


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**



*A lot of perfectly good English words have lost their distinctive meaning through misuse in the course of time. One such word is "Incredible". The precise definition of the word is "unbelievable." But to many people, it no longer means precisely that. Sportscasters and other word merchants searching for striking terms have seen to that.*

*Nowadays, the feats of athletes, along with the merchandise being touted between plays, have advanced one notch in the shock ratings. They are no longer merely sensational; they are "incredible."*

*An event in history, which TRULY warranted the use of this descriptive term, is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In our experience deceased persons just don't rise from the dead. Once they are dead, they stay dead. In response of doubting Thomas to the news that JESUS had risen from the dead might have been, "THAT'S INCREDIBLE!"*

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**April 22, 2007**

**WELCOME!**

We're glad you joined us today to praise our Good Shepherd, Jesus, and to hear His Word. If this is your first time here, we're honored that you chose to worship with us! If you have visited us before, welcome back! It's great to see you again! I pray that your worship with us will be meaningful and worthwhile. A Nursery is available for parents who may be struggling with a little one during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance. If you have questions about our congregation, please ask. And please come back soon! We value your friendship and the opportunity to share the love of Jesus together with you.

Again – **WELCOME!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** – Third Sunday of Easter

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# *The Order of Worship*

**Welcoming Hymn:** "See the Tomb of Jesus- Empty!"

## See the Tomb of Jesus – Empty!

1. See the tomb of Jesus - empty! See the women staring in.  
Hear the angels ask the question: *Why do you look here for Him?*  
Jesus left eternity's heaven; Jesus lived for all below;  
He was crucified and buried. But this morning *He arose!*
2. Feel the heartbeat of the women! See the shock, the joy, the fear.  
See them rush to tell the disciples: *Jesus lives and has appeared!*  
See the unbelieving disciples close their hearts and turn aside.  
They had seen Him nailed, abandoned. They had seen Him crucified.
3. See the Lord of all the living stand before their fear-stained eyes.  
See disciples reach to touch Him. See their unbelief now die:  
Hear Him speak: *"My peace is with you. There are those who do not know  
That I lived and died to release them from their chains. Now you must go!*
4. *"Now get up and take this message to the north, east, south and west:  
God has kept His gracious promise when He sacrificed the Best!  
For I left the glories of heaven! And I lived for all below!  
I was crucified and buried; but this morning I arose!"*

*"Yes! This morning I arose!"*

5. Jesus left eternity's heaven! Jesus lived for all below!  
He was crucified and buried! But this morning He arose!  
Now get up and take this message. Now get out and share the news:  
See the tomb of Jesus - empty! Jesus lives today for you.

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## *We Gather in the Name of the Lord*

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

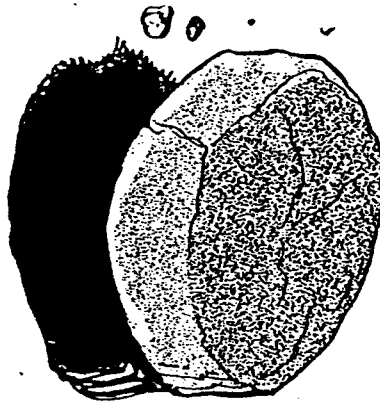
## *We Confess our Unworthiness*

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

## *The Offering of Forgiveness*

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**



# Response: "Glory Be To God The Father"

Unison

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, And to Christ His on - ly Son.

Praise we too the Ho - ly Spir - it, Bind - ing all man -

kind as one. As it was in the be - gin - ning, Is for now and

ev - er - more! A - men, A - men!

A - men, A - men!

*rit.*

# Prayer

## Response:



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



## Bible Reading

### Response: Psalm 67

*Refrain*

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*

\*

May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

#### *Refrain*

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### *Refrain*

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Sunday: Adult Choir sings: "Jesus I Adore Thee"

## **Pre-Sermon Hymn: "Peter Said, I'm Going Fishing"**

Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him.  
Through the night, they labored, watching, hauling empty nets back in.  
In the grey of early morning, Jesus Christ came walking by.  
From the beach He called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"

Soon their nets were filled to brimming; John cried out, "It is the Lord!"  
Jumping in, he started swimming; Jesus met him on the shore.  
Guiding them to better waters, eating fish, and sharing bread-  
Christ showed Peter and the others: He was risen from the dead!

Jesus Christ, You send us fishing! God's great sea is everywhere.  
You have guided us in mission, You have given love to share.  
Through the years, our church has heard you, we have answered your great  
call:

"Cast your nets where I have told you. Bring My word of life to all!"

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## ***Instruction from the Word***

### **Sermon:**

### **Response: "Peter Said I'm Going Fishing" verse 4**

Lord, be with our congregation; by Your Spirit, send us forth!  
May we care for Your creation; may we share Your Word on earth.  
In our worship, In our giving, in our serving by those in need,  
Let us show, Lord: You are living, guiding us in ministry.

*Return to the Lord our offering of Thanks and Praise:*

Dear Visitors and Guests: Every week at Good Shepherd, we return a portion of our livelihood as freewill offerings to the Lord for our local and worldwide ministries. Please do not feel obligated to participate in this act of our worship. We do truly appreciate each and every gift of support, and are thankful the Lord Jesus brought you to be with us today. We invite you to come again soon!

We Pray:

The 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

*We celebrate Holy Communion:*

Songs to be sung during distribution: Christian Worship hymns #162,389,380,250, and 157 if needed.

# Benediction:

## Parting song: "Freely, Freely"

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name; I've been born a - gain in

Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share

His love as He told me to. He said, "Free - ly, free - ly

you have re - ceived; Free - ly, free - ly give. Go in My

name and be - cause you be - lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live."

## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

There are many ways to join our growing family of faith: 1) through transfer from a sister WELS or ELS congregation; 2) by declaring unity with us after coming from a church outside our fellowship, and 3) there's a Bible study that addresses the six basic teachings of God's Word, after which you are able to ascertain membership or not based on what God reveals in His Bible.

**Our mission is simple and bold: We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus; we want to make Him known to others so they, too, might share in the joy which Jesus won for them.**

*We look forward to helping people find a spiritual home and family.*

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### CURRENT MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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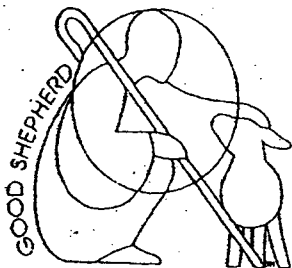
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#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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