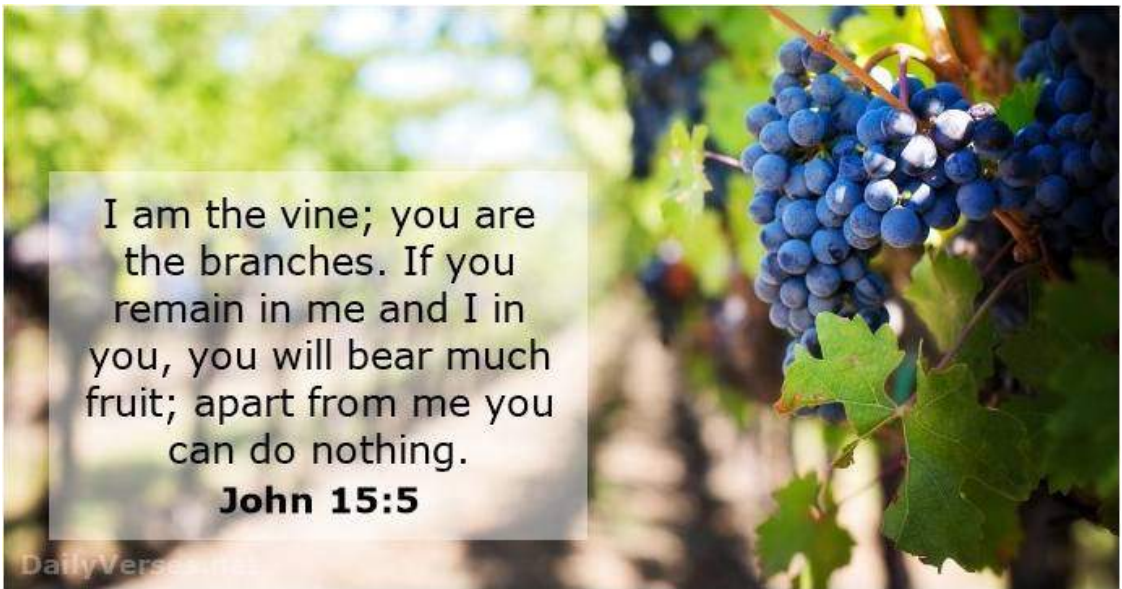


April 25th and 28th

in the year of our LORD 2024



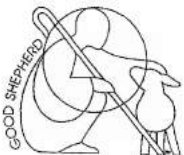
Welcome! Whether this is your first time here or you are long-time returning friends, we are pleased to see you in our Father's House.

We are thankful He drew you to this place to hear His Word,
the Good News of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for us.

BEFORE WORSHIP When you've found a place to sit, take a few minutes to quietly prepare to worship. You may want to use the prayers *found in the front of the hymnal just inside the front cover.*

COMMUNION FORMAT Communicant members and guests united with us in faith and doctrine are asked to line up starting in the back on each side of the altar railing to receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

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WELCOMING SONG*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen***#454 stanzas 1-3**

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
 breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
 heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.
 Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia.**

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

And with you also.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Lord loves us. We know that and yet we often sin against Him. We remember the times that we have followed our own thinking rather than His Word. We confess that we have blindly followed others into sinful thinking and sinful actions. We are taught God's Word, yet so often we have not followed it. Let us confess our sins with sincere hearts and ask our dear Father in heaven to forgive us because of Jesus' life and death for us.

Forgive my sins, O Lord!

**Forgive me the sins of my present and the sins of my past,
 the sins of my mind and soul and the sins of my body,
 the sins which I have done to please myself,
 and the sins which I have done to please others.**

Forgive my lack of self-discipline and my laziness.

**Forgive my willful and deliberate sins, the sins which I know,
 as well as those of which I do not know.**

**Forgive me those sins which I have tried so hard to hide
 from others that I have hidden them from my own memory.**

**Forgive my indifference to the suffering that Jesus
 endured to pay for all of those - my sins!**

**Forgive them, Lord, forgive them because of all Your
 undeserved love in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.**

Our God does indeed forgive us, renew us, and promise to lead us until we are safely in the light of His eternal glory. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. Our gracious God has shown us His mercy and given His only Son to save us from our sins. As one of your called servants of the Word, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Lord, our Lord

#939

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.
 Almighty God, merciful Father, You crown our life with Your love.
 You take away our sin; You comfort our spirit;
 You make us pure and holy in Your sight.
 You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up for us all.
 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, You came to live with us;
 You made your Father known;
 You washed us from our sins in Your own blood.
 You are the King of glory; You are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bible Readings

AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION

Acts 4:32-37 [EHV]

32 The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. 33 The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them. 34 There was not a needy person among them. For from time to time those who were owners of lands or houses sold them, brought the proceeds received from what was sold, 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet. It was distributed to each one according to what anyone needed. 36 Joseph, who was called Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, 37 sold a field that belonged to him. He brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.



1 John 3:18-24 [EHV]

18 Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth. 19 This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in His presence: 20 If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. 21 Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. 22 We also receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commands and do what is pleasing in His sight. 23 This then is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as He commanded us. 24 The one who keeps His commands remains in God and God in Him. This is how we know that He remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom He has given to us.

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY The Day of Resurrection **#450**

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light
and, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth the song begin,
let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein!
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

Instruction in the Word **Text: John 15:1-8** [EHV]

1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He is going to cut off. And He prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in Me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in Me. 5 "I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and

withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be My disciples."

Theme-How are you CONNECTED to JESUS?

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.

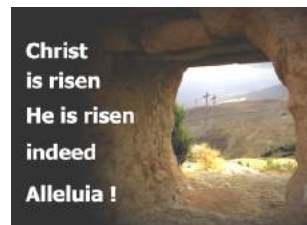
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Dear members and friends of Good Shepherd's family of faith, we thank God our Father, and we thank you, for your gifts for His use. If you are visiting Good Shepherd and are moved to give a gift to our ministries, we thank you for your gifts.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Seasonal Sentence

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY tune: Anthes

**Sing, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts on high,
 Your everlasting glory fills earth and sea and sky."
 Our voices, cry, "Hosanna!" Lord, hear our humble plea:
 in mercy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How blest is Christ our King,
 who died as our Redeemer, eternal life to bring!
 How blest are You, Lord Jesus, now coming in God's name!
 "Hosanna in the highest!" our grateful hearts proclaim.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LAMB OF GOD

tune: Ach Bleib Bei Uns

**O Lamb of God, once lifted high upon a cross to bleed and die,
In perfect love You took our place– bestow on us Your saving grace.**

**O Lamb of God, Your sacrifice has canceled sin, has paid its price;
Your perfect love will never cease– have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

Songs from the hymnal to use during the distribution of the Lord's Supper

With All My Heart I Praise You, Lord	#658
The Lamb	#525
He's Risen, He's Risen	#445

WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON WITH THIS VERY CLOSE COMMUNION?

A doctor loves to help people and not harm them. What I receive from my physician may help me but may actually hurt those for whom it is not intended. Same thing is going on with this Supper.

The Good Physician did not offer His supper to every believer of His in Jerusalem. He freely gave it to those who were instructed and who by faith supported Him.

As fellow WELS or ELS members, please don't hesitate to receive God's prescription for your soul.

If you want to discover more about this teaching or any others, please don't hesitate to ask us. We would love to help you discover more of God's Word. Let us introduce you to our pastors who are always delighted to share more of what God says.

PRAYER**BLESSING**

PARTING SONG *Speak, O Lord* **633 stanzas 2-3**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built,
and the earth is filled with Your glory.**



WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD



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 Jesus won for them.

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

Sunday 28	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship with Communion God's Great Exchange Bible Study Sunday School
2:00 pm Cable TV of Last week's service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985		
Monday 29	11:00 am 6:30 pm	Coffee w/ Christ @ Grace's Choir
Wednesday 01	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Thursday 02	3:00 pm	Bible study at church (God's Parables)
Sunday 05	6:30 pm 9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Communion Worship with Communion Bible study and Sunday School
Worship Online 24/7 at live.1goodshepherd.org		

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week: (28) Linda Ewer, Jack Krug (30) Lynn Davis
(27) Joe and Sue Berdan

Usher Teams	04/28	David Hoppe & Andy Hogan
	05/05	Dwight Gilbert & Ron Fregien
	05/12	Conrad McGarry & Larry Kellinger

Did the warmer weather make you excited for planting? The Good Shepherd Youth Group will be having a plant sale later this spring to offset the cost of going to the International Youth Rally in June.



Look for plant order forms coming soon!



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**Our Extended & Growing
Family of Faith remains in our prayers to God our Father**



Andy Hogan family of Dr. Kevin Miller
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Diane Bannerman Elmer Loechler Family of Bertie Shroeder
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Elizabeth in CA Janet in CA Kristin in USA Sean Jenkins in TN



PRAISE & PROCLAIM
MINISTRIES

Evangelism in the digital age: How to spread the gospel in our communities both personally and online. **This presentation has been postponed until May 19, 2024, where Dave will give his presentation via a ZOOM conference during Bible Study time. Please join us then.**

Openings available for helping with our Outreach Effort at the Rome Farmer's market this summer! Sign up sheet on table by basement door. Contact Pastor John with any questions.

THANK YOU!

To all who helped in any capacity with the luncheon following Dr. Kevin Miller's

funeral service.

We all appreciate you!

Adopt a plot returns

Spring appears to have arrived, and with it, an opportunity to help keep our church property looking its best. Please contact Fern F. if you'd like to take on a plot of our grounds, plant annuals or perennials, and keep it maintained. Many hands make smaller plots. If you've had a plot previously, and wish to continue, just let Fern know, so she can update the plans.



Amish Community Bus Tour

Friday, Aug. 23

8:30 to 5:30 pm



\$55.00 per person. Includes coach bus, experienced Amish tour guide, and lunch at Badger Crossing. Registration is on the table in the narthex. Register by May 12!

