#### Welcome in the Name of Christ

## **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy Hernando, FL 34442



# Fifth Sunday of Easter/Rachel's Day May 15, 2022

## The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor

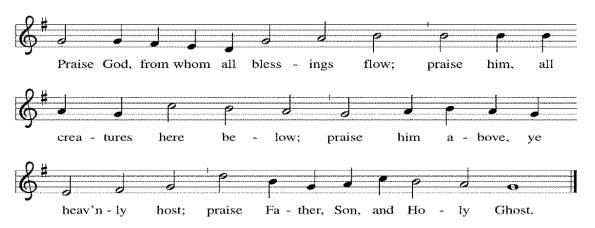
Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons Renate Williams, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DOXOLOGY #884**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation. **Amen.** 

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.** 

#### **HYMN**

#### "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW 377

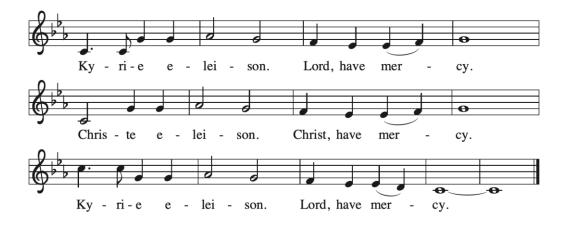


Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Ext © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship I, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

#### **KYRIE**



## HYMN of PRAISE "Glory to You, God" ACS Pg. 31



# Rachel's Day A Litany for Lament and Hope

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, the second chapter.

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt ... for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." When Herod saw that he had been tricked ... he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem .... Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I weep for our children who are no more. **We refuse to be consoled.** 

I weep for our boys who are no more. **We refuse to be consoled.** 

I weep for our girls who are no more. **We refuse to be consoled.** 

I weep for our parents who grieve. **We refuse to be consoled.** 

I weep for our families forced to grieve.

We refuse to be consoled.

I weep for our cities and towns torn by gun violence and terror.

We refuse to be consoled.

I weep.

We refuse to be consoled.

I cry out for justice for our children.

We refuse to be defeated.

I cry out for hope for our boys.

We refuse to be defeated.

I cry out for serenity for our girls.

We refuse to be defeated.

I cry out for tranquility for our parents.

We refuse to be defeated.

I cry out for peace in our cities and towns.

We refuse to be defeated.

I pray for Hope! We pray for Hope!

I act for Peace. We act for Peace.

I work for Justice! We work for Justice!

Let us pray,

God of peace, God of justice, you weep with us for our children, our brothers and sisters, our parents, our families, our cities, and towns torn apart by gun violence. Give us courage, give us determination, give us strength, that we may work untiringly for the hope and peace and justice you desire for all the world. This we ask through your Son, the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something

like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

#### **PSALM: PSALM 148**

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
  - <sup>2</sup>Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
  - <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
  - <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
  - <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
  - <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
  - <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
  - <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
  - 9mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
  - wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
  - <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
  - 12 young men and maidens, old and young together.
- <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,

## the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

#### **SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

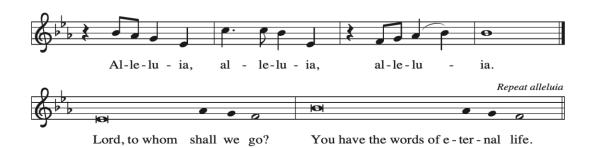
Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup>chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

## **Gospel: JOHN 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW#835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



- And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
   Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
   Alleluia.
- O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
   All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623 Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

... God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers, Amen.

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Blessed Assurance" – Deacon Robert Bonomo [8:30 a.m.]
"Dwelling in Beulah Land" – Chancel Choir [11:00 a.m.]

#### **MEAL**

#### **DIALOG**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

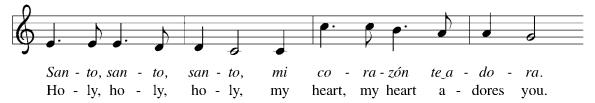
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Santo, santo, santo





Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...Grace our table with your presence.

### Come, Holy Spirit.

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

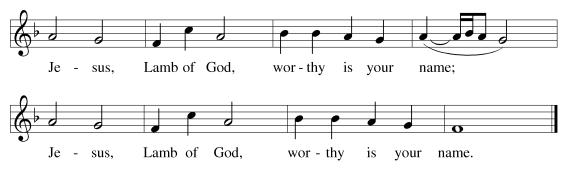
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

## "JESUS, LAMB OF GOD" W&P 76



Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all" Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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**COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 484, 502,785, 496** 

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

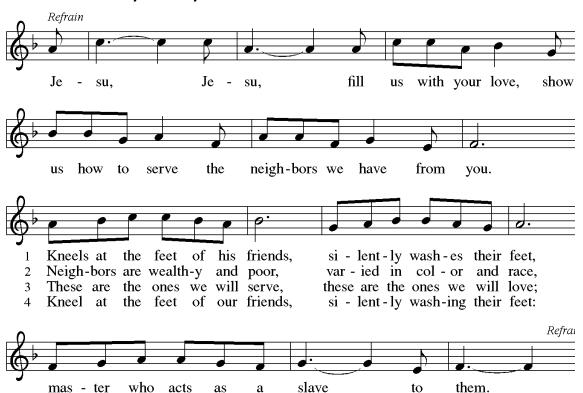
We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

**BLESSING** 

## HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" ELW 708



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#### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done and have fun doing it!

Thanks be to God.

## Welcome visitors! We rejoice in the presence of each worshiper.

Please visit us again.

#### WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING

**LOOP** Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" during worship. <u>Additional hearing devices are available</u> from the Media Center.

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Deacon Robert Bonomo, Deacon Rick Mainster and Bob Fowler [8:30] and Lisbeth Goetter [11:00].

**FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given by Kathleen Swartz in honor of the wedding April 16 of her daughter Kimberly to Mr. Devon Harvey.

#### MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY

[8:30] **Blessed Assurance**-Deacon Robert Bonomo [11:00] **Dwelling in Beulah Land –** Chancel Choir

#### KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Roger & Carol Lee Johnson, Karen Benefiel, Ken & Kent Meltesen, Carol Wall, Bob Moll, Gerri Fallanca, Dorothy Mensing, , Michael Koch, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Dave Boerger, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Heidi Rothmeyer, Steve Serafin, Adisynn Vincent, Tom Rice, Donna Brockschmidt, Billie Jean Chester, Nancy Kamm, Luna Jade Gonzalez, Charlotte Clarke, Sandy Day, Arlene Mainster, Nancy O'Malley, Steve Busler, Debi Wilson, Matthew Drake, Judy Harper, Bob Burns, Sarah and Harry Robertson. Carol Woolley, family of Alice Connor, Dina Burkhardt, Pastor Felice Johnson, Tim Nine, Shona Donegan, Donna & Craig Simpson, Paul Bradford, Nina Giglio and Bill Whateley.

#### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube:159

General Offering: \$7,100.00

#### THIS WEEK AT GSLC

## SUNDAY Rachel's Day

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. -Worship

#### **TUESDAY**

**7:30 a.m.** – Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe

6:30 p.m. - Bells

**6:30 p.m**. - Scouts

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - SOS 10:00 a.m. -Quilters 6:30 p.m. - Choir

#### **THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m. - SOS

#### **FRIDAY**

**8:00 a.m**.- Workday on Grounds

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REMINDER TO ALL** – As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones and *lower your voices* so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

**TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING – "Blessed Assurance" –** Deacon Robert Bonomi [8:30 a.m.] and **"Dwelling In Beulah Land" -** Chancel Choir [11:00 a.m.].

**BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Koch <u>will not meet</u> tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Class <u>will resume Monday</u>, <u>June 6 at 10:00 a.m.</u> For more information, contact pastor at <u>gslcpastor@outlook.com</u>.

**CPR CLASS** has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 15 per the instructor. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact our Faith Community Nurse, Kathy Metz, at 746-1911 for more information.

**RACHEL'S DAY** is today and the women of Good Shepherd will take a special offering for the recognition of Rachel's Day. All monies will go to Kirby Farms, a not for profit in Williston, FL that has a camp for medically compromised children. Please stop in the lobby and get a ribbon from Nancy and Cindy and learn more about this charity.

**THE QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Gerry Kauth at 637-2412.

**PIANO RECITAL** – The congregation is invited to attend the spring piano recital featuring students taught by Renate Williams next Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 3:00 p.m. The recital will also be streamed on Facebook Live and You Tube, if you are unable to attend the in-person event.