



**GOOD NEWS**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:20**  
CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE  
FIRSTFRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.

EASTER'S FLOODGATES ARE

**open**

**EASTER** HE IS RISEN!

« OUT OF AN EMPTY TOMB FLOWS LIFE TO THE FULL. »

Service Focus:

## **Life Full of Security**

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin  
Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 26, 2026



# GOOD NEWS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

### For Your Convenience

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### Service Leaders

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## Time of Year: Easter

Although every Sunday of the year commemorates Jesus' resurrection, the Sundays of Easter make it their central focus. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by the seven weeks of Easter as we celebrate our Savior's victory over the grave.



## Easter Series: Easter's Floodgates Are Open

There are moments in time from which there is no going back. Certain events leave our world and our lives changed forever. Jesus' resurrection is one such moment. When Jesus' tomb was opened and shown to be empty, it unleashed a flood of blessings on our world that can never and will never be contained. Life's floodgates have been opened, and they can never be closed.

April 5	Easter Sunrise Vigil	Swept Up in the Flood
April 5	Easter Festival Service	Full Life's Headwaters
April 12	Easter 2	Life Full of Certainty
April 19	Easter 3	Life Full of Hope
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	<b>Life Full of Security</b>
May 3	Easter 5	Life Full of Stability
May 10	Easter 6	Life Full of Meaning
May 17	Ascension	Life Full of Purpose

## Service Focus

This week we see how life full of security flows from Jesus' empty tomb. Jesus lives to be the Good Shepherd for his flock. Because of his constant presence and his clear voice, his flock can be surrounded by danger yet all the while secure. Whether the threat is to body or soul, we are secure with our Good Shepherd always at our side.

## Prayer before the Service

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Service



## Hymn

449 This Joyful Eastertide

*This is known as  
the Paschal  
Greeting. During  
the Easter Season,  
whenever the  
minister says,  
“Christ is risen!”,  
the people  
respond loudly,  
“He is risen  
indeed!”*

*Stand*

## Invocation\*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

## Confession

*2 Corinthians  
5:14–15*

We are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

**Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves  
but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

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\* The paschal candle (*paschal* means related to Easter) is a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among his people. Normally the paschal candle is placed near the baptismal font and is lit only for baptisms and funerals. During the season of Easter, it is placed in the chancel near the altar and is lit for every service.

Because we often live for ourselves, let us confess our sins, confident in the forgiveness of him who lived, died, and rose for us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
for sins of habit and sins of choice,  
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
you should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **Absolution**

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from an empty way of life,

**but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

*1 Peter 1:18–19*

God has made Jesus, who was crucified, both Lord and Messiah by raising him from the dead. Exalted at God's right hand, he now pours out the blessings of his resurrection by his Holy Spirit in the words he sends his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2:33,36*

**Amen.**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Psalms 118:24*

# Song of Praise

Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen



1 Rise my soul, the Lord is ris - en; come be - hold the  
2 Rest my soul, the Lord is ris - en; love's re - deem - ing  
3 Peace my soul, the Lord is ris - en; come and have your



emp - ty grave. See the place where dark - ness laid him;  
work is done. Now the Fa - ther sees his chil - dren  
hope re - newed. For this tri - al is brief and fleet - ing;



sing for on - ly hope re - mains. Hal - le - lu - jah,  
as he sees his sin - less Son. Oh, the won - der,  
tears will turn to glo - ry soon. Shout with joy and



praise for - ev - er; death de - feat - ed and life re - stored  
oh, the glo - ry; that same fa - vor is now my own.  
sound the tri - umph; let the mu - sic of hea - ven roar.



by that great im - mor - tal pow - er. Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!  
Shame be - hind me, grace be - fore me; Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!  
Let the boast of death be si - lent; Christ is ris - en, a - rise my soul!

# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**



## Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

*The Good Shepherd's growing flock gathered regularly around his Word to be fed by him.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.*

*The Church sings Psalm 23 in services that honor Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.*

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he makes me  
2 He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and he a -  
3 And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not



lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still  
noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -  
fear the e - vil one, for you are with me, and your

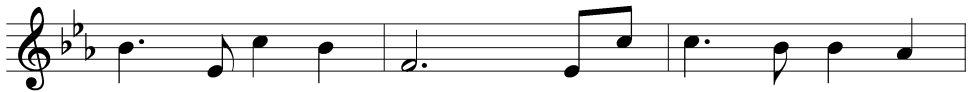


wa - ters, his good - ness re - stores my soul.  
flows with joy, I feast on his pure de - lights.  
rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.

### *Refrain*



And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will



trust in you a - lone, for your end - less mer - cy



fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” <sup>25</sup>For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

*Refrain*

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

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

*Refrain*

*Even though they may suffer, once-straying sheep who are now under the Good Shepherd's care are safe.*

*By standing and singing “Alleluia” (Praise the Lord) as we prepare to hear the gospel, Christ’s people express their trust in his promise to be present among them through his word.*

*Jesus calls himself  
the gate to the  
sheep pen; all who  
would care for his  
flock must preach  
him as Lord and  
 Savior.*

## **Gospel**

John 10:1–10

<sup>1</sup>“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day**

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

## **Sermon**

Acts 2:42–47

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed** *Credo*

**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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Loving Father, your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers his flock to himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear his voice and follow him that we may receive our portion in his abundant life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, by the work of your Holy Spirit through the means of grace, you daily add to the number of believers those who are being saved. Grant to your people courageous hearts and bold tongues to proclaim your truth, trusting that you will gather more in keeping with your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God of peace, as your Son gave his life for the sins of the whole world, let his voice be heard by those held in prison, that they, too, may know of his forgiving love and be brought into his flock; if they have been imprisoned for doing good, let them not lose hope or despair of your care. Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

O God of peace, as our Good Shepherd takes up his lambs onto his shoulders in the waters of Holy Baptism, sustain all those who reside in nursing homes with the truth that he will safely bear them through the latter years of this life. Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you still gather your sheep, and we still hear your voice through your holy Word. Receive our thanks for all the saints whom you have shepherded through the valley of the shadow of death to eternal life. Grant that we might fear no evil until we are gathered with them before your throne; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Offering

*Thank you for joining us! Ask a question, request information, or submit a prayer request at [GoodNewsLC.org/connect](https://www.GoodNewsLC.org/connect) (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder). To support our ministry with an offering, visit [GoodNewsLC.org/give](https://www.GoodNewsLC.org/give).*

# The Sacrament

*Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Good News, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.*



*Stand*

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.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy** Sanctus



*In the presence of the Triune God, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." (Isaiah 6:4). The Church sings the same song in preparation for Holy Communion, firmly confessing the Lord's presence in the Sacrament.*

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**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.**

## **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."

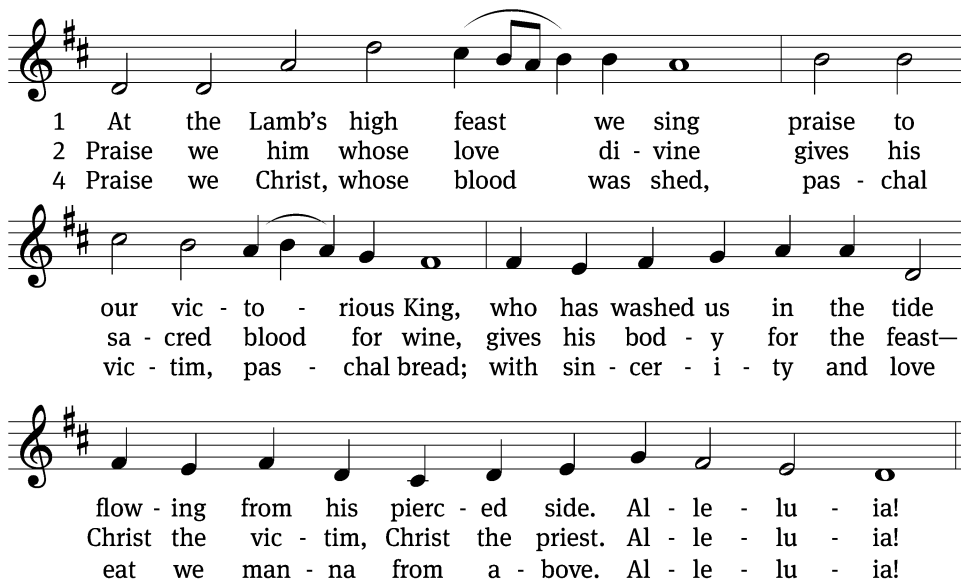
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

“O Christ, Lamb of God,” (Agnus Dei) is usually sung after the Words of Institution prior to the distribution. This festive hymn will serve as its substitute throughout Easter.

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast -  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Be seated*

## Distribution

*Those communing may come forward at the direction of the usher.*

## Distribution Hymns

442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia  
551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

*Stand*

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 118:1*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn**

528 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate sts. 1, 4, 6

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*Known as the  
Aaronic Blessing,  
these words have  
been spoken to  
God's people for  
3,500 years.  
Wherever God's  
name is  
proclaimed, God  
promises to be  
present with his  
blessing (Numbers  
6:22–27).*

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# About Us

## Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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## Let us know you were here!



## Our Church Body

Good News Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).