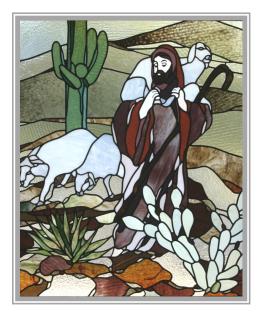
Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 18, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit. The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

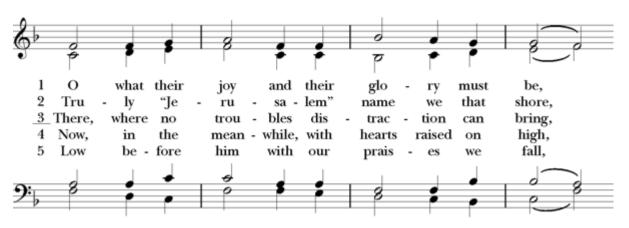
Lector: Britta Bloomberg

Altar Servers: Lynn Walsh and Erica Richardson Ushers: Dave Cantelme and Bob Pope

Greeter: Tom & Trudy Rhoades

~Prelude~ "Romance Without Words" By: Gabriel Faure

~Processional Hymn~ #623 "O What Their Joy And Their Glory Must Be"





Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: O quanta qualia, melody from Antiphoner, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Acts Of Apostles

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saving, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 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.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, `What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 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. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.

'And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 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.' 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?" When 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."

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

Psalm 148 (Read In Unison)

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - Praise the LORD from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; * for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;

6 CONT.

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

A Reading From The Revelation To John

Revelation 21:1-6

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 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."

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." 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn~ #603 "When Christ Was Lifted From The Earth" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 13:21-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Nicene Creed

and was made man.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

~Prayers Of The People~ P#199 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"



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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we celebrate the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

Reader: For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For Sean our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord. have mercy.

Reader: We hold in prayer our Good Shepherd community: continue to guide and nurture us as we grow in faith and service. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, especially for the Hohokam whose lands we worship. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those who have died and their loved ones. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we Love and especially those who have asked for prayer. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Are there others who need our prayers this day? (Please name them silently or aloud.) We pray to you, Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

Lord, in your mercy.

Reader: Remembering the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves to one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord we pray.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer, this day for all those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

Offering (The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.)

~Offertory Anthem~

"Behold The Lamb" By: Llyod Larson

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb, slain form the foundation of the world.

For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb. Crown Him, (Crown, crown Him, crown Him,) Crown Him. (Crown, crown Him, crown Him.)

Worthy is the Lamb.

Praise Him, (Praise, praise Him, praise Him,) Praise Him, (Praise, praise Him, praise Him,)

Heaven and earth resound! Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,

slain from the foundation of the world.

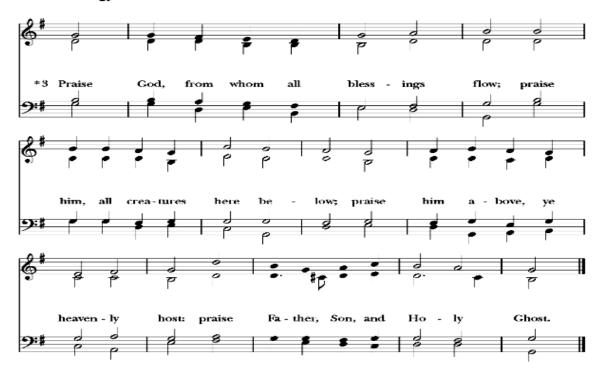
For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Behold the Lamb. Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God!

The Doxology



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

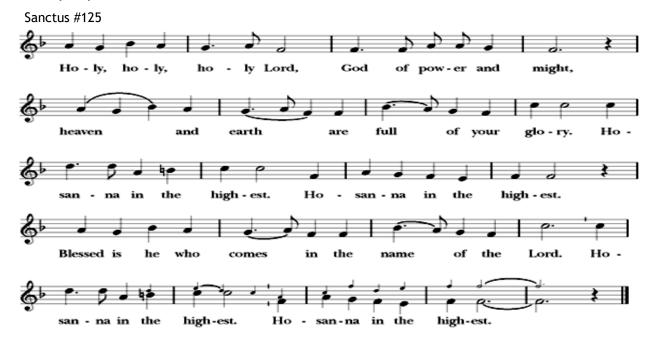
The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.



The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant Continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

"I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord" By: Anabel M. Buchanan

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn~ #376 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

~Postlude~ "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" By: Ludwig Van Beethoven

Please pray for those celebrating their **And Birthday:** Emily Knape, Marilyn Robbins

Please Pray For the Following People

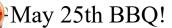
Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley,
The Friends and Family of Sharon, The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly,
Ed Simpson, Penny, Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S.,
Joan Shillingburg, Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels,
Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family,
Gary Zimmett, Micah Young, Family and Friends of Joyce Coombe,
Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet, Mary Pierce, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson,
Friends and family of Marilyn Stanitzke, Family and Friends of Penny,
Camille Sellier

<u>Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces</u>

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Altar Flowers have been dedicated by Bill & Tycha Flickinger for prayers for their grand-niece Camille Sellier



Please join us for a special coffee hour following the service on May 25th. Instead of our traditional coffee hour we are going to have a Memorial Day BBQ!

We will share a BBQ brunch and then pray for all those traveling and for a safe summer for all. Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and buns will be provided. If you'd like to help, please sign up on the sheet in Maitland Hall to bring a dish to share, chips or your favorite BBQ side, or a dessert.

We are also looking for volunteer chef to handle the BBQing and volunteers to help with the set up and clean up after. Please let Arlene or Audra know if you can help!



2025 Graduation Announcements!

Do you have a family member or friend that is graduating in 2025? We would love to add them to our 2025 Graduation announcement in our May 25th Bulletin.

Please contact the office at 480-488-3283 or goodshepherdaz@msn.com with their information! The cutoff date to get the information to us is Monday, May 19th.

Sack Lunch/Meal Making Ministry

We had a small but mighty group this week making sack lunches for St. Vincent de Paul this week. We meet the second Wednesday of every month if you would like to join us!



Chapel Rock is an important way for our Good Shepherd youth

Children and Youth Ministry Fundraisers

We are raising money for our Chapel Rock donation drive.

group kids to make memories and grow in their faith. We want to make sure every one of our kids has an opportunity to attend regardless of their financial ability to pay. If you would like to sponsor a camper- the total cost per student is \$495. If you would like to donate ANY amount in support- please send checks with Good Shepherd Chapel Rock in the memo line.

Also, we have empty jars again this year if you are interested in saving your change to donate! You can pick them up in the Narthex and in Maitland Hall.





Date: Every 3rd Thursday of the month

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Panera Bread in Norterra Crossing

Centering Prayer!

Did you know Good Shepherd holds two Centering Prayer Sessions each week!

The Wednesday prayer session is held via Zoom at 10 AM.

The Saturday prayer session is held in person in the Good Shepherd library @ 9 AM.





Altar Flower Dedications!

A sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall along with the dedication forms. (dedication forms should be dropped off to the office) Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. A donation of \$50 is requested when sponsoring flowers.

Food and Fellowship Ministry

Our church's Food and Fellowship Ministry is growing and welcoming new members. If you are interested in learning about or joining this ministry, please reach out to Audra Botwin or Arlene De Broske.

Food & Fellowship

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