



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

April 19, 2026 10:15AM

The Holy Eucharist: Third Sunday of Easter

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Participants in the service:

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Lou Hays

Chalice: Bob Crocker

Lector: Eva Crocker

Director of Music: Scotty Rockhold

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Welcome Center: Vickie Bono, Linda Crocker

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

“A Short Contemplation on “Christ ist erstanden”

Karen Beaumont

Processional Hymn

“Wade in the water”

Spiritual, Arr. Haywood

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
 2. See that band all dressed in red,  
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the  
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**The Collect of the Day***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Let us pray.*The people remain standing*

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons****A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 36-41)**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

“Christ be beside Me”

*Buessan, Alt. text Quinn*



1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,  
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;



Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.  
Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.  
Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.



Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,  
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,  
Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;



Christ be a - bove me, Nev - er to part.  
Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

*Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:13-35)

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body

there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Lou Hays

**The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.**

**The Prayers of the People** *Please kneel.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*(Congregation prays the parish prayer list aloud.)*

### **Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List**

The war in the Mideast	Marcia Doyle – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
The People of Israel and Gaza	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
The People of Ukraine	Ann Stevens– healing	Marlene Smith - healing
Victims of gun violence	Gene Allander - healing	Dee Milhoan – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Amanda Morris – healing	Diane Cottrill – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Buck Harris – strength/healing	

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*  
Sterling Slusher, Peter Keiser

*Those needing healing from cancer*

Mirtala Smith	Alana Dailey	John Stevens	Lois Switzer
Everett Gilmore	Faith Beha	Gary Greer	Wilbur Lemmon
Charles Sterchak	Ellen Faymon	Betty Jahahn	

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The people may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

**Offertory Anthem** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today with Low in the Grave He Lay”

JD Lee

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures  
here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -  
bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Sanctus

Meekever

*Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Refrain*

*The people remain standing. Then 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. 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,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **Fraction Hymn #S154**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.*

**Communion Music**

“I Love Thee”

arr. by Franklin Ritter

**Post Communion Hymn** (pg. 12) “Leaning on the everlasting arms”

*Showalter*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

May 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.**

**Birthdays:** Jacob Townsend, Margaret Meeker, Colin McDonald

**Closing Hymn #208** (vs. 1,2,5) “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, The strife is oe’r”

*Victory*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

“Go Now in Peace” (sung once & then as a 3 part round when bell ringers are present)

Go now in peace;

go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

everywhere, everywhere

you may go

*Please remain for the postlude as you are able. Families with children may leave for egg hunt.*

**Postlude**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr. by Edward Broughton



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to **The Rev. Lou Hays** who is filling in for The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa while she is at Peterkin leading the Women's Retreat. Thank you, Lou.

**Pot Luck** next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please join us as we welcome Trinity worshipping with us for Good Shepherd Sunday.

**New Parish Telephone Directories** are available in the Welcome Center. Please take only one.

**Open Altar Flower dates:** April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 21, 28. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

**Last Sunday Supper** is next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Set-up & cooking begins at 1PM. Servers at 5:15 PM.

**Worship Duties for May and June** – Linda will be working on the schedule for the next two months and would love to include a greater variety of lesson readers, intercessors and chalice bearers as well as people to serve in the Welcome Center. If you would be willing to give one or more of these service opportunities a try, please let her know.

**Ladies mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of the month!** A new dinner group which is open to the women of Good Shepherd and Trinity will meet on May 12 at 6:00 PM. The venue will be announced closer to the date. Please let the office at Trinity know if you plan to attend by May 11.