



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship.

Celebrating the Sixth Sunday after Easter!
&
The Holy Baptism of Theodore Rhys Tuchscherer

May 5th, 2024



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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Worship Services: Thursday: 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday school for all ages Sunday morning 9:15-10:15

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00-1:00 pm

(Pastor always available via cell! Call or text!...763-913-8445)

As We Gather...

*Welcome to **Good Shepherd** Lutheran Church! It's a privilege and honor to worship our One True God; Father, Son & Holy Spirit with you on this Sixth Sunday of Easter! We are so happy and blessed that **you** are here! As always, make yourself at home, you are among family!*

*In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you." And His purpose in telling us this is "that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." The joyful life of the forgiven sinner is that now that sinner is declared a saint by the mercy of God. That is good news! And the summary of that Good News is love. Today, we'll hear about love and all its many forms and functions...thought there was just one? Well, there is One God, and He is indeed, LOVE...but that love shows itself in many different ways among us...from the love of mother to child, **friend to friend**, man to woman, water & word to Theodore, and God to us.*

Service Notes...

In preparation for worship: Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is Divine Service *Setting One* found on **page 151** in the Lutheran Service Book (*LSB*). To avoid having to flip back and forth between this bulletin and the *LSB*, some of the liturgy and the scripture readings are printed for you below. Please take a few minutes to look over the order of worship before we begin. In addition, you may want to mark the songs: **842, 845, 637, 779, 851 & 805** in the *LSB* as you prepare for worship (even if you "don't sing," please read along! Lutheran hymnody carries some deep Theological messages!).

Reminder: If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, remember to check in at *Good Shepherd* Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May God seriously bless your worship this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

Guests, Visitors & The Offering: If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (*The offering plate is located at the sanctuary entrance*)

Children: We are blessed to have a lot of young families and young children here at *Good Shepherd*. We take Jesus' words very seriously when He says, "Let the little children come to me..." We also know how difficult it can be to keep children sitting quietly for any period of time, much less an hour long church service! For your convenience, "Quiet Bags" have been provided for young worshippers. They are located in the narthex to your right (on the "Noah's Ark" wall mounting, next to the big bulletin board) when exiting the sanctuary. Also, for your convenience, a "Quiet Room" is located at the back of the sanctuary for use during those "difficult" times. Also, please keep in mind that everyone here loves to have the children here and will help you in any way they can! **Please note:** *Non-communion services may have a children's message which could be recorded via Facebook live. If you have any issues with your child being seen at church on the World Wide Web just listen from the pew!*

Pre-Service Meditation...

Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically Psalm 98 today)...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin.

Prelude...

Words of Welcome...

The Opening Song: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"
(LSB pg. 842...please stand & face the font for verse four)

+ *The Holy Baptism of Theodore Rhy's Tuchscherer* +

The rite of Holy Baptism takes the place of confession & absolution this morning, as we all remember our own baptism where our sins were drowned and washed away. (The following Rite for Holy Baptism is a condensed version of the one found on page 268 in the LSB, feel free to turn there and follow along).

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 29:10*

All: Amen.

The Address from the Word of God regarding Holy Baptism...

(Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; etc.)

Theodore receives the sign of the cross...

We Pray...

The Sponsors are addressed...

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 10:13-16...

The Lord's Prayer

(All) 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. -Matthew 6:9-13

The Questions & the Creed...

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

All: Yes, I renounce him.

The Apostles' Creed

(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the + life everlasting. Amen.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian teaching.

Pastor: Parents & Sponsors, do you desire Theodore to be baptized?

Parents & Sponsors: Yes, we do.

The Baptism of Theodore Tuchscherer ...

-“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” -Psalm 139:13

-“Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again’” -John 3:5-7

The Blessing of the Newly Baptized...

Presentation of Gifts...

We Pray...

The Introit (Entrance Verses) -From Psalm 98

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

All: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him Psalm 98:1

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation;

All: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Psalm 98:2

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (pg. 152)

Hymn of Praise: “This is the Feast” (pg. 155)

The Salutation & Collect of the Day (pg. 156)

+ We Hear God’s Word +

Acts 10:34-48 (Gentiles are baptized.)

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the

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message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues^a and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 John 5:1-8 (We show God's love as we keep His commandments.)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who **loves** the father **loves** his child as well. ² This is how we know that we **love** the children of God: by **loving** God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is **love** for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the^a Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. ⁹ We accept man’s testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son... This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

We Stand & Sing The Alleluia & Verse: (pg. 156 bottom)

John 15:9-17 (Jesus' words are to fill us with joy and he chose us to share His love!)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

All: (sung; pg. 157 middle) Glory to You, O Lord.

“As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you. Now remain in my **love**. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my **love**, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his **love**. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: **Love** each other as I have **loved** you. ¹³ Greater **love** has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: **Love** each other... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: (sung) Praise to you, O Christ!

We Sing: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (LSB pg. 845)

^a Or other languages

^a 7,8 Late manuscripts of the Vulgate testify in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: the (not found in any Greek manuscript before the sixteenth century)

The Message: “Pals”

(Sermon Application ...)

What did God teach you in His Law today (*What you should do, or have failed to do for God*)?

What did God teach you in His Gospel today (*What God has done for you through Christ*)?

What is the main thing you’re taking home from this message today?

*Have a comment or question about today's message? Have **any** questions about any of this Jesus/Christian stuff? Text the pastor at 763-913-8445 or email him at pastor@oshkoshgoodshepherd.org. If you'd like to hear Sunday's message, or share it with a friend, it posts on our Facebook page and/or Website by 10 am on Monday...*



Confirmand Testimonial

The Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*(The Pastor will conclude each short petition with the words, “Lord, in Your mercy...”
Please respond with, “**Hear our prayer.**”)*

(The service concludes with the Benediction & Closing Song)

The Benediction (166 bottom)

*The Closing Song: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
(LSB pg. 805)*

Thank you for worshiping with us today. It’s better with YOU here!

Please stick around for some food and fellowship, Good Shepherd style!

If you're visiting us today, please remember to sign the guestbook before you depart...and come soon to see us again!

God Bless You, Theodore!

Postlude...

To God Alone all Glory Goes!

Questions about the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Check out, www.lcms.org

Next Big Things

Thursday, May 9th – Ascension Day Special joint worship service at Good Shepherd (7:00 pm)

Friday, May 10th – Game Night (6:30-8:30 pm)

Sunday, May 12th – Super Sundaes Sunday

Sunday, May 19th – Confirmation Sunday (10:30 am)

**This week's Altar Flowers are sponsored by Jacob & Nicole Schroeder
For Amelia's 3rd heavenly birthday**

Next Week's Texts: Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Search the Scriptures! (John 5:39)

Serving Us Today

Pastor & Celebrant.....Pastor Koepsell
Organist.....Stuart Giese (Thu) Bridget Cullen (Sun)
Choir.....Bell Choir & Adult Choir
Elder.....Craig Dreger (Thu) Todd Klauer & Fred Kirchenwitz (Sun)
Ushers.....Richard Tritt, Howard Danula, Mike Phillips, Craig & Jodie Skadahl

OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:15 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service
Monday, May 6	6:30 P.M.	Adult Choir
Tuesday, May 7	6:30 P.M.	Elders Meeting
	6:30 P.M.	Fellowship Meeting
Wednesday, May 8	10:30 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	5:15 P.M.	Confirmation Class
Thursday, May 9	7:00 P.M.	Ascension Day Worship Service
Friday, May 10	6:30-8:30 P.M.	Game Night
Saturday, May 11	7:00 A.M.	Men’s Group
	8:30 A.M.	Women’s Group
Sunday, May 12	8:00 A.M.	Worship Service
	9:15 A.M.	Sunday School
	9:15 A.M.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	Worship Service with Communion

MISSION OF THE MONTH: May’s mission is the LCMS mission "Operation Barnabas". As we remember those service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice this Memorial Day, we focus our giving efforts for the LCMS military outreach program Operation Barnabas. Operation Barnabas is the LCMS network of care to our nation's military members, families and veterans. Operation Barnabas reaches out to all branches of the military with a special emphasis on our Reserve members and their families.

CRAFT TIME: Join us on Wednesday afternoons starting on May 15th for fun and crafting! Bring a craft to work on or just come and see what we are all about. We will meet from 12:30-4:00 pm. in the lower level of church. Come for as long as you are able.

THANK YOU: Renate and Alfred Piotter would like to thank all the members of the congregation who expressed their concerns and support during Alfred's health scare. Thank you for the many prayers and words of encouragement over the last few weeks. It means so much to both of us. We are very thankful that Alfred is doing much better. – Renate & Alfred

SUPER SUNDAE: Sunday, May 12th is Super Sundae Sunday! Every second Sunday of the month at Good Shepherd is Super Sundae Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food items for our Good Shepherd grocery cart in the atrium. You can also donate money to our Mission fund. Please write "Missions" on the outside on the envelope that contains your donation and place it in the offering plate. In between worship services, please enjoy an ice cream sundae as a "thank you" for your help in supporting Missions at Good Shepherd.

GAME NIGHT: Game Night will be held next Friday, May 10th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at church. We meet on the second Friday of every month. You can bring your own games to share or use some of the church games. Light snacks and beverages are usually served. This is a great way to have fun and get to know fellow members. People are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors as well. This event is open to High School aged youth and older. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Martin at 920-229-9736.

MISSION UPDATE: Do you ever wonder how some of the missions we have supported are currently doing? Stephen Weisenauer's most recent newsletter is available in the atrium, if you would like to find out what has been happening in Burma and how God's love is being spread to the many displaced people there.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE: You are invited to join us Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm as we celebrate Ascension Day with other churches & choirs from our circuit. This special day commemorates the completion of Jesus' earthly mission, His ongoing intercession for us, and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It serves as a reminder of our faith in Jesus' victory and the hope we have in Him.

KFUO THIS WEEK: Study Daniel 4-8 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the book of Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

Please remember in your prayers:

Church Members:

Tom Dunham, Bill Zorr, Mitzi Papenfuss, Joann Behm, Jim & Sharron Ziener, Sharon Leinweber, Ed Huebner, Louise Gabert, Brenda Hawig, Jeff Everson, and Rick Koplitz.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members:

Diane Flouro's sister, Sherry; Pastor Koepsell's mother, Lorraine; Jan Peterson's sisters & niece & son, Scot and daughter, Paula; Ron & Chris Feutz's grandson, Logan Feutz; Kim & Keith Reetz's grandbaby, Tobias; Barry Brehmer's sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and David Dobbe; Janet Weier's son, Adam & family; Lee & Carol Zuberbier's son, Matthew; Gene & Donna Gohlke's nephews, Kirk and Michael, & granddaughter, Karley; and Doug Flouro's brother, Allan.

Those Who Want to Worship with Us But Aren't Currently Able:

Bill & Louise Gabert, Jim Ziener, Muriel Guy, Milt & JoAnn Haskins, Lee Paris, Emily Brunner, Edward Huebner, Jean Stauber, Vicki Beck, Bill Zorr, Bette Lienhard, & Marge Bolding.

Military/Overseas Members & Their Families:

Josh Martin, Malayna Brehmer (granddaughter of Barry & Linda Brehmer), Ryan Weber (son of Tim & Liz Hoversten), Chris Hibben, Alycia Mueller, and Jared Rivera

**Please let Lynn Paulus, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, know when we can take you or your loved one off the prayer list lynn@travellleaders.com*

Last Week at Good Shepherd...

Attendance: Thursday: 54 Sunday: 8:00 am: 68 10:30 am: 112 Weekly Total: 234

Offerings For Week of 4/28 :

- General Fund: \$7,469.00
- Missions: \$170.00
- Strategic Fund: \$130.00

Total Offerings: \$7,769.00

Weekly Budget Needs at Good Shepherd: \$7,381.00

("...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.") -1 Corinthians 14:1