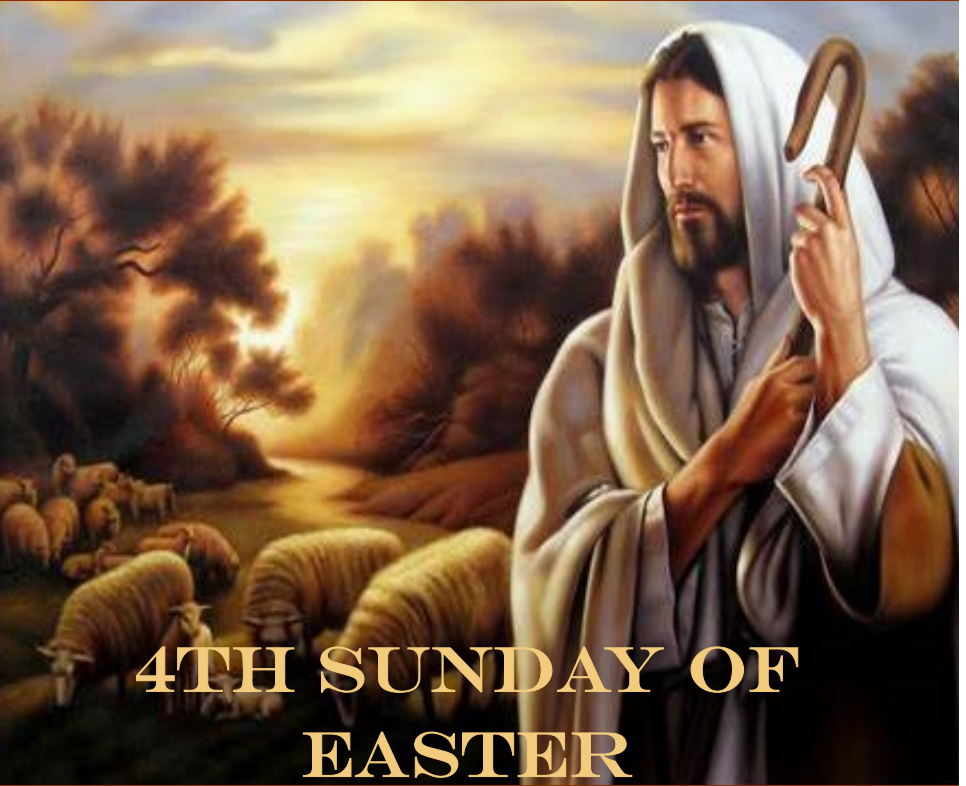


April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:
A welcoming, Christ-centered community.**



**4TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

**GOOD SHEPHERD
SUNDAY**

**Welcome to Good Shepherd
Presbyterian Church
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Celebration of Worship

We often think of secrets as shameful or deceitful or cunning, but there are good secrets too. These are certain secrets between you and God. What might they be? We will explore what Jesus has to teach about that idea today.

PRELUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on **Mat. 6 & 9**)...Liturgist Dee Hughes

Liturgist: God calls us, often through the unexpected interruptions that guide us to serve and love in His name.



People: Lord, help us to embrace divine interruptions, serving not for recognition but out of love for You and our neighbors.

Liturgist: Just as Jesus was on His way to heal Jairus's daughter, He stopped to heal a woman who believed that just touching His cloak would save her. In that holy interruption, He showed us the power of faith and the importance of every soul.

People: Teach us to pause, to listen, and to act with compassion, recognizing the divine appointments You set before us.

Liturgist: As we gather today, let us be mindful of our secret calls to serve, to heal, and to love, in the name of the One who interrupts our journey with divine encounters.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.



*HYMN "Good Shepherd Sings!" (pgs. 47-48)
"Shout to the Lord"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

BAPTISM of Hudson Nicholas Egger

.....Elder Peggy Moeller & The Reverend Jeff Warrick

*HYMN Purple Hymnal #482 **"Baptized in Water"**

Presentation

Profession of Faith - Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy †catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. - Amen.

Note: †catholic here denotes the whole or universal Christian Church



Thanksgiving Over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
... Amen.**

The Baptism

*Welcome & Passing of the Peace



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Pastor Jeff Warrick



ANTHEM

"Elijah Rock"

GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Dee Hughes

Scripture: **Matthew 6:1-5, 16-18** (Pew Bible pgs. 1596-1597)
9:18-26 (Pew Bible pgs. 1604-1605)

SERMON

"Secret Acts of Faith"

*Purple Hymnal #625 **"How Great Thou Art"** (verses 1-3)



*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *"Good Shepherd Sings!"* pgs.61-62
"Go Now in Peace"



POSTLUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.



The Faith in Action Team invites you to join us in a HYGIENE DRIVE to support the Lincoln Hygiene Network during the month of April.

Lincoln Hygiene Network, formally known to us as Poverty Impact Network, continues to provide hygiene/personal care products to those who are experiencing financial hardship, distributing products at no cost to at least 25 direct service programs and organizations, such as Eastridge Food Pantry, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Friendship Home, Center Pointe, and LPS. New in 2024, LHN has added a Sr. Hygiene Closet Program providing hygiene products to individuals 55+ at four partner agencies: Asian Community & Cultural Center, Barnabas Community, Good Neighbor Community Center, and Ponca Tribe Nebraska.

A collection bin has been placed in the Sanctuary by the Hospitality Center to collect donations of new, unopened basic hygiene and personal care products of all sizes.

The most requested items are Shampoo, Deodorant, and Lotion, but they also accept donations of Toothpaste, Bar/Liquid Soap, Disposable Razors/Shaving Cream, Finger/Toenail Clippers, Chapstick, Conditioner and Feminine Hygiene Products, Laundry Detergent Sheets, and Washcloths.

Please support our HYGIENE DRIVE if able, and help make a difference to people in need in our Lincoln/Lancaster County area.

Help us do something nice for our neighbors. On Wed. May 1st, the Faith in Action Team will be delivering May Baskets to our neighborhood. Please help. Arrive at the church between 5:30-5:45 for pizza then we head out to deliver the baskets filled with goodies. See Tammy Rikli, Maggie Horak or Pastor Jeff for more info.



**Attention Good Shepherd Family:
Nursery Attendant Needed. Paid position!**

Please contact Shawn Mousel or Pastor Jeff



**COME ONE COME ALL PLEASE
MAY 4TH (8:00 - 12:00)**

We have scheduled our Spring Clean Up Day for **Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 – 12:00.** We have a few planned tasks to complete inside such as dusting, wiping down base boards and cleaning windows as well as the usual outside activities. There are chores for all skill levels so don't be shy. We always have a great time working together to make our church an inviting place to worship and praise God.





Please join us for the all Church Movie in the sanctuary TODAY, starting at 2:00 p.m. The doors will open at 1:45. Please feel free to invite friends and bring a snack to share. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. We will be showing the Sight and Sound Theatres' - "Jonah." You will be on the edge of your seat as the Bible's most lovably stubborn character comes to life – Jonah! This record-breaking production of the reluctant prophet with cold feet has thrilled audiences with its delightful humor, soul-stirring music, spectacular sets, amazing costumes, and breathtaking underwater scene featuring a huge 40-foot whale with a big appetite! But ultimately, it's the message of Jonah that steals the show: the love of God is always seeking to give someone another chance." Contact Dee Hughes with questions: gspcyouthne@gmail.com

SPRING KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

We will be cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer in the kitchen. Please have everything removed or have a "keep" label on it by April 30th. Anything that is expired, opened or not labeled will be thrown out. Also, to defrost the freezer, all items will need to be removed.



We can put them in the refrigerator while defrosting but if you need them to remain frozen, other arrangements will need to be made. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this area.Congregational Outreach

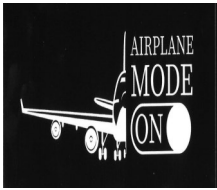


Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Honored with Prestigious Legacy Giving Award by Church World Service (CWS)

Recognizing commendable acts of generosity and aid to neighbors in need, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church has been awarded the Legacy Giving Award by Church World Service (CWS), a recognition that shines a light on the church's dedication to serving those in need at difficult times in their life.

Since 2010, Good Shepherd has served as a year-round CWS kit depot which has been a beacon of hope and support, gathering and contributing an impressive \$143,267.50 worth of disaster relief supplies to CWS. This includes emergency Clean-up Buckets, School Kits, Hygiene Kits, blankets, Welcome Backpacks and other aid. This significant contribution has played a crucial role in CWS's efforts to provide immediate aid and long-term support to communities affected by natural disasters and crises.

The Legacy Giving Award is a testament to Good Shepherd's understanding of the Gospel's call to serve "the least of these" and to act as Christ's hands and feet in a world fraught with hardship. We are awed and humbled by what God has done through us and look forward to what God has in store for us in the future as His servants. Congratulations again to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church as we look back and celebrate this ministry of kindness, generosity, and service.



EMF Sensitivity (health issues caused by electromagnetic fields from electronics) is a growing problem in our ever more electronically connected world. It is estimated that up to 5% of the population experiences some form of EMF sensitivity. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue,

nausea, dizziness, anxiety, irritability, "brain fog," itchy or burning skin, and tinnitus among others. Our pianist, April, experiences significant EMF sensitivity. Your help by setting your cell phone to airplane mode or off for the duration of the service is kind of you and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

THE 2024 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART is now posted on the North door at the back of the sanctuary. Please help to enhance our worship services by providing fresh flowers for Sunday mornings throughout the year. Is there a special occasion you'd like to celebrate or recognize? Someone you wish to remember or honor? Any occasion is a good reason to bring flowers to worship! Thanks! ...Worship Team



Praises & Prayer Requests

**Deacon on Call (Apr. 14 - 27 - Sharon Buss;
Apr. 28 - May 11 - Heidi Schmal)**

... For those with cancer

* Continued prayers for **Gary Willey** who underwent surgery in Omaha to treat bladder cancer. Strengthen and surround Gary and his family with God's comforting hand as Gary deals with the doctor's future prescribed treatment.

Please continue the prayers for **Vet Beyeler, brother of Ivette Bender**, as his chemotherapy schedule for lymphoma has changed to once monthly for four months with the last treatment. scheduled in August. This is due to the increase of cancer. Prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Continued prayers for **Therese Spencer, niece of Gary & Karen Heusel**, who recently had a mastectomy for breast cancer. Following surgery it was determined the cancer had spread and an additional surgery would be required before chemotherapy can be started. Please pray for healing and comfort for **Therese** as well as comfort for **John and family**.

Please continue to lift up **Lori Jones** in comfort and healing as she deals with a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for your prayers

..... For those with other health concerns

* **Update:** Prayers for **Alice Miller** (former GSPC music director) who is scheduled for hip replacement surgery, Thursday, May 16th, at the Nebraska Orthopedic Center. Pray for more comfort and quick healing
Thank you for your prayers..

My surgery went well and I have very little pain. Thanks for all your prayers. No further treatment is the simple outcome we prayed for.
Praise God!**Kitty Fynbu**

We continue to lift up **Mike, Sally Docter's nephew**, suffering from ALS, who has been moved to a skilled care facility, Emerald Lancaster. Since he can't talk it is hard for him to communicate. He can still text on his special phone but it is getting harder for him and slower. Please pray he will be able to continue to text as long as possible. Thanks so much for the continued prayers.

Continued prayers for **Alice, mother of Maggie Horak, sister of Vera Karl**, who is facing a time of great challenge in declining health. We ask for the Lord's hand to be upon her, offering comfort, strength, and peace as she transitions into hospice care. Grant wisdom and compassion and energy to her caregivers, that they may be instruments of the Lord's grace and provide the care and comfort she needs.

Continued prayers for **Linda Bitney** who is now receiving care at the Grace Space, 1740 Superior Street, Lincoln, NE 68521. Cards are appreciated.

..... For those who mourn

Please continue to lift up in your prayers, **Mary Stout and family**, who are mourning the tragic loss of three loved ones, **Mary's daughter-in-law, Jennifer's father Ron, and his son and daughter-in-law Josh and Patrica Milano**, who died in a car accident in Kansas on Wed., April 3rd.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Ashley Bailey
Greeter.....Dianne Mota
Ushers.....Frank Schmal, Eli Schmal, Kim Moeller
Offering Counters.....Kitty Fynbu & Sheryl Hudgins

Your offerings to the LORD can be placed in the collection box at the back of the sanctuary. - Thank you!
Luke 12:34 “ *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” - Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, April 21st

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00-10:00 a.m. Ripple Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming -

Hudson Egger Baptism

2:00 p.m. All Church Movie - "Jonah" (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 22nd

6:30-8:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

(Lower Level Classroom 108)

Tuesday, April 23rd

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 24th

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

11:30 a.m-4:00 p.m. UNL Women's Board Meeting
(Parlor)

6:30 p.m. Mom's Meeting (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26th

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship

(Stauffer's Café)

Sunday, April 28th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming

11:30 a.m. Youth Lunch and

Macrame Making Event

2:00-3:00 p.m. April Barnes' Piano Performance
Class (Sanctuary)

