

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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

Ruth 1:15-17



**Welcome to Good Shepherd
Presbyterian Church
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Celebration of Worship

There are different levels of commitment. When we bought our 1st house, signing on the dotted line brought a mixture of excitement and fear, but in reality, if we later decided we did not like it we could always sell it. Higher levels of commitment include joining the military and marriage. Today, we read about a woman of integrity and commitment. Ruth voluntarily binds herself to her mother-in-law making a vow before God to walk with her all her days. Have you made such a commitment outside of the military or marriage? What about to your Lord Jesus Christ?

PRELUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on **Ruth 1:15-17**)

.....Liturgist Ellen Markham

Liturgist: Come, let us journey together in faith.

People: We pledge to follow where God leads, we will make His path our path.

Liturgist: In our gathering, we declare, "Your community Lord is our community."

People: Bound together in worship, we seek to serve in love of the Lord and neighbor.

All: Let us worship the Lord.



Good Shepherd Sings!* pgs. 33-34 "Michael, Row the Boat**"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Rhonda Obermeier

Following the Children's message, 3-5 year olds may gather at the back of the sanctuary to go with the volunteer for Activity Time if they wish.



VIDEO

"If"

Church Fuel

ANTHEM

"When You Believe"

GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Ellen Markham

Scripture: **Ruth 1:15-17** (Pew Bible pg. 390)



SERMON

"Fidelity vs. Flakiness "

*PURPLE HYMNAL #306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (verses 1-4)

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER & GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is right, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We praise Your name and join together saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are You, O God of majesty and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news and to set at liberty those enslaved by sin. Dying on the cross He gave Himself for us, rising from the grave, He won for us victory over death.

People: Jesus, by Your suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ and one with all who share this meal. As Your people, may we be the presence of Christ in the world, a lighthouse of Your love. - Amen.



*PURPLE HYMNAL #511

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven" (1 & 2)



Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*PURPLE HYMNAL #630 **"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

POSTLUDE.....Pianist April Barnes

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



NOTICE: SUMMER WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. JUNE 2ND

THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THIS SEASON WILL BE MAY 19TH.

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

Please contact Shawn Mousel or Pastor Jeff



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.

Vacation Bible School drink & snack donations are requested for the volunteer break room. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.





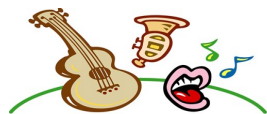
FAITH IN ACTION TEAM THANKS EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO OUR HYGIENE DRIVE FOR

LINCOLN HYGIENE NETWORK!! And a thanks, also, to our Sunday School kids for helping to decorate the barrel! These hygiene and personal care products will help individuals and families in our Lincoln/Lancaster County area who are experiencing financial hardship.

FELLOWSHIP IS BREWING

We are starting a ladies coffee group. We will meet at Scooters just North of the church on 84th Street each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. beginning May 16th. They have a room in the back reserved for GSPC. No need to sign up just show up. Hope to see you there. ...Congregational Outreach

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Summer Music Sign Up

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING SUMMER WORSHIP SIGN-UP

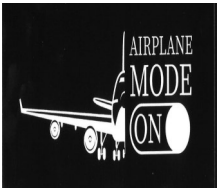
Music for Summer Worship - While our choir takes a well deserved break over summer, the Worship Team is seeking those with musical talent (whether vocal or instrumental) to share

those gifts with us during the worship service. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us or have a friend or family member with special gifts, please sign up on the sheet/s located on the table at the back of the church sanctuary or call the church office, 402-484-8844. 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





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!

Praises & Prayer Requests

Deacon on Call (Apr. 28 - May 11 - Heidi Schmal)

. . . . For those with cancer

Continued prayers for **Gary Willey** who underwent surgery in Omaha to treat bladder cancer. He is doing well in his recovery and appreciates all the prayers.

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

Please pray for my cousin, **Carol's husband, Rhett**, who has Guilliance Barr Syndrome and is in rehab in Alabama. He loves the Lord and has a great attitude. He's better but there's a long road ahead. Thank you for your prayers. ...**Renaë Odell**

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..

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 Karel**, 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 has been moved and is now receiving care at the Cove House, 6230 South 34th St., Lincoln, NE 68516. Cards are appreciated.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Liana Rikli
Greeters.....Myles & Rose Dymacek
Ushers...Doug Obermeier, Daniel & Rose Dymacek, Luan Pitsch
Offering Counters.....Rose Dymacek & Gary Heusel
Welcome Center Hostess.....Luan Pitsch

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, May 5th - Communion

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming

1:00 p.m. Communion to Homebound

Monday, May 6th

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

(Lower Level Classroom 108)

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting (Sanctuary)

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

NO Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9th

6:00-8:00 p.m. Lion's Club Meeting (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 11th

12:00-5:00 p.m. Family Graduation Reception

(Pavillion)

Sunday, May 12th - Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship / Live Streaming

