

Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordias Domini

15 April 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*)



*The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- / luia.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- / luia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,**

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

*Our soul waits | for the LORD;**

he is our help | and our shield.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

VERSE

Alleluia. The Lord was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an

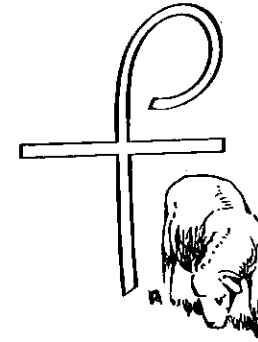
example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-16

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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- “Not of this fold” – There are other sheep among the Gentiles, those who did not descend from Abraham and are not part of Israel. God gathers the elect not apart from the Word, but through the Word: “...and they *will* listen to my voice.”
- “The Father, along with His Son and the Holy Spirit, made an eternal decree about gathering the church to Himself from the human race. This decree is carried out in time through the ecclesiastical ministry that God has instituted and preserved. That is, it is carried out through the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. . . . The Holy Spirit, through the Word, is effectual in the hearts of people for their illumination, sanctification, regeneration, and renewal to eternal life.” (Johann Gerhard, *Theological Commonplaces: On the Church*, XXV, 57)
- “[The Church] has even existed from the beginning of the world, and it will endure forever.” (Ibid., 53) See also Matthew 16:18; 28:20; John 10:28; 1 Corinthians 11:26.
- “The Church is *one* (*una ecclesia*, John 10:16), since all the members of the Church, in spite of all differences in their earthly circumstances, believe one and the same thing, namely, that God remits their sins by grace, for Christ’s sake, without the deeds of the Law. . . . All who lack this faith, either because they refuse to believe in Christ altogether (1 John 2:23; 5:12), or because they want to supplement Christ’s merit by their works, are not within, but outside the Church (Galatians 5:4; 3:10).” (Franz Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics III*, 410)



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Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Roberto E. Rojas, Jr.

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 33:1, 18-20 (antiphon: Psalm 33:5b, 6a) – *The steadfast love of the LORD*

Psalm:

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 6) – *The LORD is my Shepherd*

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-16 – *The LORD will seek them out*

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:21-25 – *Christ suffered for you*

Verse:

Luke 24:35b; John 10:14 – *I am the Good Shepherd*



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John 10:11-16 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the words of this Gospel to be written by John the Apostle around AD 90. This text has recorded Jesus' first proclamation that He is the Good Shepherd in the presence of the Pharisees and His own disciples.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- “Good shepherd”—There is no other good shepherd except Christ alone (See also 1 Peter 2:25). Dr. Luther says, “In this single little word ‘shepherd’ there are gathered together in one almost all the good and comforting things that we praise in God.” (*Luther’s Works* 12:152)
- “[Jesus] portrays Himself to be a true, faithful Shepherd. He purchased His sheep at great expense. He gloriously grazes them. He leads them with great care and brings them safely home. This ultimately serves us as a potent comfort, as is brought out in Psalm 23: ‘The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing.’ Since the Lord who has everything, who is Life, Salvation, and total Satisfaction...since He is my Shepherd, what should I, or might I, ever need? ‘If I only have You, Lord, then I ask for nothing else upon heaven or earth’ (Psalm 73:25).” (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla*, 378)

¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

- “Why did Christ call wicked shepherds ‘hired hands’? Because they do not much care about the sheep. If the sheep perish, it does not touch their heart, nor will they endanger themselves for the good of the sheep. As long as things are enjoyable, they remain, perhaps, but when the enjoyment is gone, they flee, totally unconcerned if all the sheep should fall prey to the wolf.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 182)

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

- “I am the good shepherd” — Christ stands upon these prototypical portrayals and sayings of the Old Testament [Numbers 27:15-17; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24; Micah 5:3; Zechariah 13:7] when He calls Himself the Good Shepherd in today’s Gospel...” (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla*, 371)

- “What does Christ mean when He uses the words, ‘I know My sheep’? With this He intends to show us what great concern He has that His sheep may be sustained and given adequate pasture. And to make us certain, He says that He knows us just as the Father knows Him. And this is a great thing. For if Christ knows us as His Father knows Him, and there is one undivided substance in Christ and the Father, then we must clearly be one body, one church, and one with Christ also, so that even if we fall among wolves, there is no danger for us.” (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 183-184)
- “My own know Me” — The Church consists of those who hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. Dr. Luther says, “Thank God, [today] a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd [John 10:11-16]. For the children pray, ‘I believe in one holy Christian Church.’ This holiness does not come from albs, tonsures, long gowns, and other ceremonies they made up without Holy Scripture, but from God’s Word and true faith.” (*The Smalcald Articles: Article XII, 2-3*)
- Dr. Luther says, “But if a wolf, the devil or a false teacher, comes and alleges that it isn’t enough that you believe in Christ and faithfully perform the routine, your vocation and station, but must run to St. James, become a monk, and so on . . . The little sheep replies: I do not know that voice; I hear a wolf, a devil, and a false teacher, each of whom wants to tear me from my Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and devour me; from them I flee away and refuse to listen to them. . . . Thus we Christians know Christ through the voice of his gospel, and Christ knows us by our hearing, that we hearken to his gospel which proclaims to us that he died for our sins. In this way Christ’s sheep are differentiated from all others.” (Martin Luther, *Luther’s House Postils II*, 83, 84)
- “The church is invisible; that is, the gathering of the saints is clearly visible not to human eyes but to the eyes of God. . . . though false teachers may subvert many in the visible church, the true and invisible church nevertheless is preserved in those who cling to God by true faith, people whom God alone knows. The judgement about who the true, living members of the church are cannot be from any other source than from the inner renewal of the heart. But now, this knowledge belongs to God alone. . . . Therefore the true, living members of the church are visible to God’s eyes alone, or, what is the same, the true church of the saints is invisible” (Johann Gerhard, *Theological Commonplaces: On the Church*, XXV, 124)

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FAMILY NIGHT has resumed and will continue for three more weeks, concluding on April 25th. Come join us for an end of the year PICNIC at 6pm on May 2nd!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 4/15 Jen Christensen
4/17 Joyce Carroll, Stan Johnson 4/20 Teresa Schultz
4/21 Hayden Hammond

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 4/17 Jim Jacobs, Kailey, Karson, Karter Purvis, Janie Hinrichs, Amy Russell 4/19 Sapphire Hammond, Ronda Rosenau 4/21 Edna Stichweh, Kayla Carlsson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 4/17 Jerry & Janie Hinrichs

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

VOTERS' MEETING 9:30am Sunday, April 22nd

LADIES OF PEACE: LWML meeting Monday, April 16th at 7 p.m. Bring your Mite Box and Layette items for our missions. Diane Gundlach 402-463-7448.

TEAM NEBRASKA FUNDRAISER - Monday, April 30th from 5pm-8pm at Runza East includes Drive-up also. A percentage of sales will help Team Nebraska at Salt Lake City in August for the Transplant Games. Thanks, Janelle Ham

LIFEQUOTE "When people question the value of a life lived with disability, I share God's Word concerning the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:22 (NIV): 'On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.' Note it does not say those that are weaker, but those that 'seem to be weaker are indispensable!'" *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter 3 (Misericordias)

John 10:14 - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him ... and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

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8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Phyllis Heath **Newborn Infant** + Agnes Renee Erb daughter of Douglas & Erin Erb **Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Jim Krueger + Ron Davis + Janice Callan + Tonda Wolfe + Carol Metzger + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Olivia + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Jo Metzger **Cancer** + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Acolytes: 4/15 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Violet Nunnenkamp
 Crucifers: James Ellis Hunter Fowler
 4/22 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Annalicia Potter
 Crucifers: Micah Mackay Allie Janssen
 Altar Guild: Apr. Dianne Botsch, Tonda Wolfe May Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka
 Ushers: 8am Tucker Kehoe 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter Fowler
 Elders: 4/15 Wes C. 402-984-4650 4/22 Dale E. 402-469-4191
 Bus Drivers: 4/15 Gary O. 402-469-9797 4/22 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	197	<u>Weekly Year to Date Attendance</u>	192
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,698.46	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

The Lord's Week

Sunday, April 15th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, April 16th	7:00pm	L.W.M.L. Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, April 17th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, April 18th	5:30pm	Family Night-Meal
	6:00pm	Classes & Choir
	7:00pm	Worship
	7:30pm	Senior Youth
Thursday, April 19th	7:00pm	Ladies' Night
Sunday, April 22nd	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete . . . He is Risen!

Our theme for this past Lenten Season was, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Processional Hymn #864

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie p. 152

Hymn of Praise *"This is the Feast"*

Salutation & Collect

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading

Alleluia & Verse

Gospel Processional

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day #709

Sermon John 10:16

"One Shepherd"

Prayer of the Church

Offering & Offertory p.159

Service of the Sacrament

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Sanctus & Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#619 #735 #740

"Thank the Lord" & Collect

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #722

Postlude