

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 an Elder.

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. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

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 Clarence Staub + Family of Jean Thom + Family of Ronald Haubold + Family of Steven R. Sale **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Jenny Brogan + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Diana Dieken + Lisa Novak + Peggy Saddler + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. John H. Schmidt
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Altar Guild: May Dianne B., Kathy H. Jun. Lisa Novak
Ushers: May Dale Bauman Jun. Mike Nissen
Elders: 5/05 Dale G. 308-641-6658 5/12 Don N. 402-460-6430
Bus Drivers: 5/05 Gary O. 402-469-9797 5/12 Harold H. 402-984-9666

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	129
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,641.01
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 1/31/2019</i> \$ 110,817.67

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 5th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class
Monday, May 6th	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Wednesday, May 8th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/11:30pm Lunch
Sunday, May 12th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Reception for All Graduates, Teachers & Families, Mother's Day

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

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11-16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *"For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls"* (1 Peter 2:25).



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News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar for the month of May have been donated by Glen & Kay Krueger in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary Friday, May 10th.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 5/10 Ron R. Davis

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 5/05 Bill Fintel 5/06 Jim Black, Ashlynn Thurin 5/09 Jen Christensen 5/10 Jean Herbst 5/11 Don Baker

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 5/10 Glen & Kay Krueger

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER

available in the Narthex April 21 - June 8, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

GOSNELL MOVIE: If you have the Gosnell movie in your possession, will you please return it to Joan Primrose or the Church Office? We have others that would like to see it, but don't know where it is. Many thanks.

MAY 2019

Congratulations to all Graduates: Students from High Schools, Colleges, Junior & Middle Schools and their families. Sunday Reception on May 12th at 10:30am for all Graduates Teachers, Mother's Day Celebration at Peace. Join Us!

CUSTODIAN: To clean Peace Lutheran Church. Please call Secretary 402-462-9023 or ask any Trustee for Job Description. Submit bid for monthly costs in sealed envelope by mail or in person to Secretary to be opened on May 2, 2019.

LIFEQUOTE "Whoa. What a cool thought! Before your parents ever laid eyes on you, before they fought over whether to name you John Jr. or Steven, God knew your name and He wanted you as His. In fact, it goes back further than you think. Before God even created the very first parents, He knew you were coming someday, and He chose you, specifically you, for His team." *Diane Kerr, Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

OLD THEOLOGY, NEW TECHNOLOGY...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Vocation of Mother, Man's Fall into Sin, 19th Century Lutheran Theologian CFW Walther, Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter, Confession & Absolution, Job and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Misericordia Domini

John 10:16 - "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

Third Sunday of Easter
Misericordias Domini

May 5th
9:00am



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Misericordias Domini

5 May 2019 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

¹⁴For 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

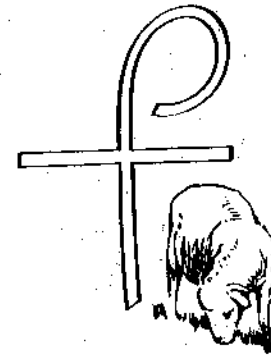
"[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand 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."

¹⁶ And 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.

- “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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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

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*

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)