

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26th

9:00am



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- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing, And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife. Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace, You so might save our race
And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast
Of holy love; And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain; Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word, Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

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✠ Service of Preparation ✠

The sign of the cross (✠) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit



A: 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.

C: 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,

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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Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Silence for personal prayer

P: Let us Pray. 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.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

(*Be Seated*)

Old Testament Reading

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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1Peter 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.

Verse of the Day

P: [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.

(Please Stand)

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 **The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

- 2 **Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth,**

- 3** Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4** In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5** Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6** And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

(Please Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Word

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life's way,
Direct, protect and feed me From day to day
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For you, the rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend,
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

Announcements

P: Go in Peace

C: Thanks be to God!

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Prayers of the Church

Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Ramona Gaunt + Larry Hammond, + Lee Melvin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications) + Kelli Chandler + Amanda Zeisler **Health Issues** + Mary Keogh + Allen Glathar + Viola Melvin + Nathaniel Reiners + Alfred Irmer + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

2020 Theme: All In-Being Present in an Age of Distraction

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).

**Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:25-31, 1 John 3:1-3,
John 16:16-22**

News and Notes of Interest

10:30 TODAY: (VIA) Zoom in our Sunday morning Bible Study. Check your email for the link.

APRIL VOTERS' MEETING now scheduled for 10:30am on Sunday, August 2, 2020. Questions please call Wes or Pastor Gaunt.

PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS available in the Narthex, copies April 12-May 30, 2020.

LIFEQUOTE: “God transformed Paul’s life, and Paul used whatever talents he already had in the service of God and others. Glorifying God and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, Paul understood—by the grace of God—the newfound purpose and direction of his life. If God can do these kinds of wondrous works in the lives of others, why can’t He do them in yours? The answer: He can.” *Rev. Leroy Johnson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **4/26** Rev. Micah Gaunt, Carol Hansel **4/27** Ashley Augustin, Brenda Christensen **5/01** Judy Jacobs, Justin Ham

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: **4/26** Conrad Gaunt **4/27** Scott Hansel **5/01** John Martinez, Leila Martinez, Maria Martinez

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: **4/28** Andre & Elaine Reiners

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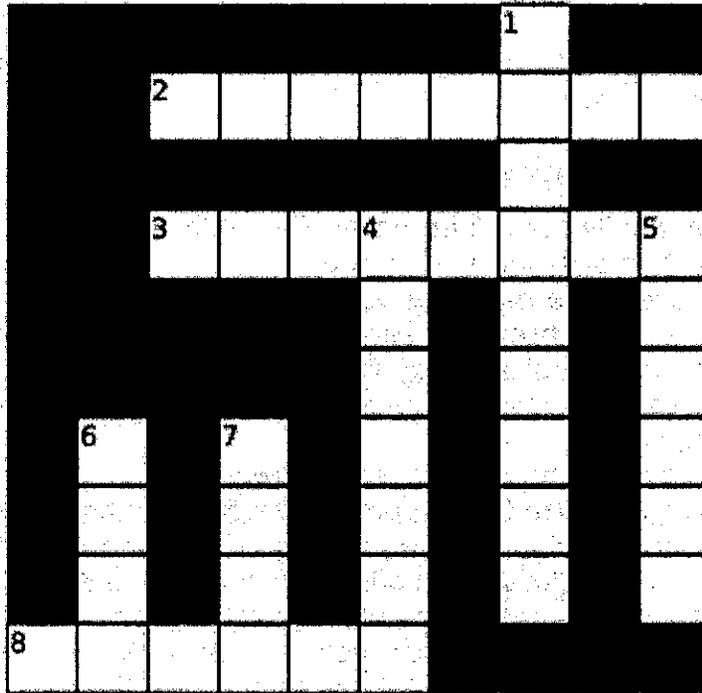
SERVICE AND COMMUNION Reminders: Service of the Word with readings and preaching made available live stream on Sundays at 9 am on our website and via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays

Since Monday, March 23rd we offer Communion Services in groups of 10 - Monday thru Thursday at 11 am; Monday thru Wednesday at 5 pm; and Saturday at 9 am. Sign up for these services using [Sign Up Genius](#). Please sign up only once per week. If you are unable to use a computer, call the church office and we will sign you up.

These services take about 15 minutes. Both individual cups and chalice will be offered. We will, of course, take every precaution available to us to be as clean as possible.

Those who are considered "at risk" are free to make up their minds about whether they will attend these Communion Services. Christians are free to determine the best course of action for themselves. Those "at risk" persons who would like me to bring communion to them should call the office to set up a time.

VACATION: I will be on vacation the first week in May 4-8th and have a few Ladies helping. Please support them in their duties with kindness and patience. Sincerely & Thanks, Jeri Dush



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

WEEK OF EASTER III (MISERCORDIAS DOMINI)

The phrase "Misericordias Domini" is from the Latin language. In English it means "The goodness of God." These are the beginning words of the Psalm (also called Introit) this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for Easter is white.



Across

- 2 Misericordias Domini means "the _____ of God."
 3 Jesus said, "I am the good _____."
 8 Ezekiel told the Israelites to _____ of their sins.

Down

- 1 Ezekiel preached to the Israelites about their _____.
 4 Ezekiel is known as a "major _____."
 5 Easter III is known as Misericordias _____.
 6 We can always have _____ in God.
 7 The good shepherd lays down his _____ for his sheep.

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the hymns today. What do they talk about? What words do we hear many times? What does it mean to think of Jesus in this way? Who is taking care of us?

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-16

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

11 [Jesus said] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. 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. 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.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who is the "good shepherd"? What makes Him the "good shepherd"?
- 2) Who are "the sheep"?
- 3) Who is the prowling wolf that wants to devour us?
- 4) What does the "hired hand" do when he sees the wolf coming?
- 5) What does Jesus do for us as the "good shepherd"?
- 6) Where do we still hear Jesus' voice as the voice of our shepherd?

People of the Bible: Ezekiel

Our Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel. But who was Ezekiel? Ezekiel was considered a "major prophet" of the Old Testament. He was an Israelite and ministered to other Israelites during the Exile. During the Exile, the Jews, including Ezekiel, were sent to Babylon as slaves by King Nebuchadnezzar. During this time Ezekiel preached to the Israelites about their rebellion, or turning away from God, which caused this punishment. They had decided they wanted to do things their own way instead of following God. Ezekiel listed the sins of the Israelites and told them to repent of their sins. Ezekiel then preached to them about

hope and forgiveness. Even though God had punished their sins, God was still with them and there is always hope in Him. God promised to restore His people so they will live forever in Him.

Catechism Corner

The Lord's Prayer: The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? Answer:

God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer, also to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to know it and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Answer:

All that belongs to the support and wants of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Draw a picture of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, taking care of His sheep

