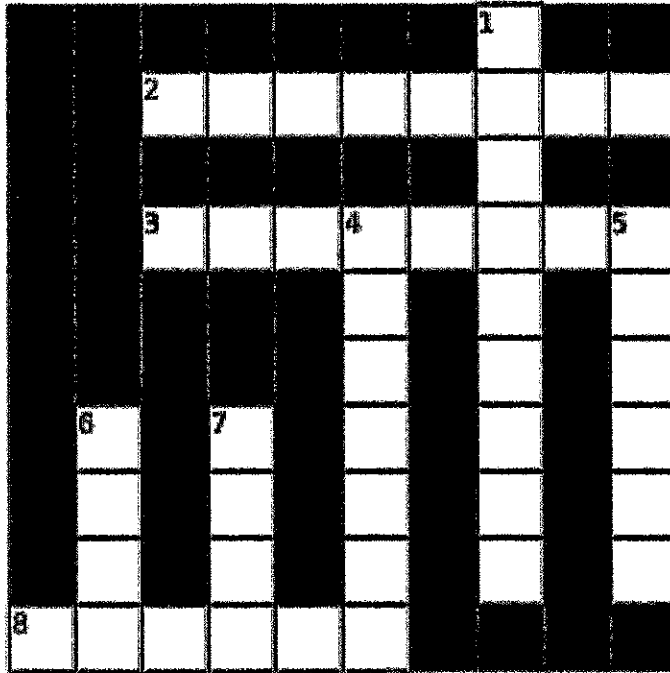


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

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

