

# Easter tide

APRIL 14, 2024 • SUNDAY • 10:00 A.M.

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**I**T IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY THAT THE PURE, WHOLESOME DOCTRINE BE RIGHTLY PRESENTED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PURE DOCTRINE AND FOR THOROUGH, PERMANENT, GODLY UNITY IN THE CHURCH, BUT IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT THE OPPONENTS WHO TEACH OTHERWISE BE REPROVED (1 TIMOTHY 3; [2 TIMOTHY 3:16;] TITUS 1:9). FAITHFUL SHEPHERDS, AS LUTHER SAYS, SHOULD DO BOTH THINGS: (A) FEED OR NOURISH THE LAMBS AND (B) RESIST THE WOLVES. THEN THE SHEEP MAY FLEE FROM STRANGE VOICES (JOHN 10:5-12) AND MAY SEPARATE THE PRECIOUS FROM THE WORTHLESS (JEREMIAH 15:19).

*-FORMULA, SOLID DECLARATION. SUMMARY, RULE, AND NORM, 14.*

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -*Augsburg Confession*, Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a.



## PRELUDE

*The Strife Is Over*

Author Unknown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 461*

**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

**5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

*Continued on next page . . .*

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

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

**The Fifth Commandment**

*You shall not murder.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

**Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fifth Commandment:**

- *Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?*
- *Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?*
- *Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?*
- *Am I abusive (in word or deed) toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?*
- *Have I ignored the plight of the helpless or been callous toward genuine need?*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
- C** Amen.



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



- L** I am the good shepehrd. Alle- | luia.\*  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Alle- | luia.
- L** The LORD is my | shepherd; \*  
I | shall not want.
- C** **He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\***  
**He leads me beside still | waters.**
- L** He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
- C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,**  
**for you are | with me;\***  
**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- L** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies; \*  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
- C** **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\***  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.**



- L** I am the good shepehrd. Alle- | luia.\*  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Alle- | luia.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Ezekiel 34:11–16

**A** The Old Testament Reading for Misericordias Domini is from Ezekiel, chapter 34.

**A** Thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the

country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment,” says the LORD Almighty.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



- A** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter two.
- A** Dearly Beloved: Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Standing*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Luke 24:35b; John 10:14*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and

does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



# NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life ☩ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

**P** What is the Seventh Petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

**C** But deliver us from evil.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*Sitting*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 709*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore 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!

SERMON

Standing

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

## OFFERING

*I Am Content*

Johann J. Miller

Standing

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Father, You sent Jesus to the cross to suffer and not to threaten, to be judged and not to condemn. He commended His Spirit and bore our sins. Inspire Your Church to trust His holy Passion and follow His example. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O God, send faithful shepherds to care for Your flock here and scattered throughout the world. Keep them devoted to You and Your truth, and so turn them in dutiful service toward Your people. Spare us from hirelings who would serve ego, belly or the world's doctrines. Give discerning ears to Your sheep to listen for the voice of Christ, our Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Lord, through the Paschal Lamb You have wrought peace between man and God. By Your gift of good government, grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world, that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, by the firstfruits of Christ's life from the dead, You secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences. Bless also with temporal health and well-being those who suffer among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them aid in this moment and, even more so, true, immortal health in the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, Your Son promises to gather His sheep into one flock. Join us with the faithful departed from all times and places to share in the feast that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

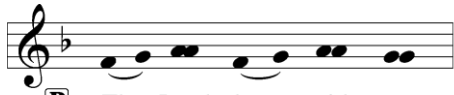
*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

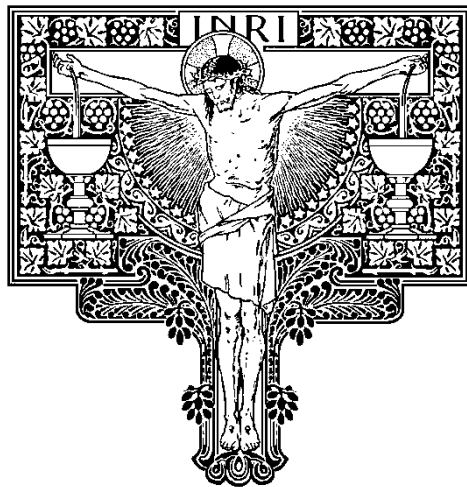


**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



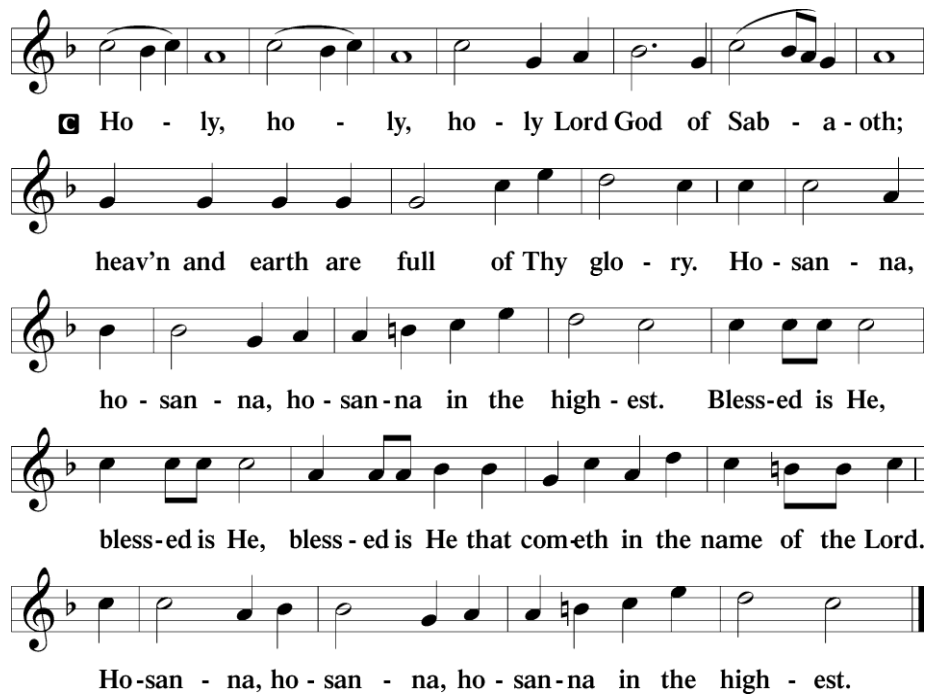
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.



# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 710*

**"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"**



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

*Lutheran Service Book 740*

**"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"**



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Standing.

## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

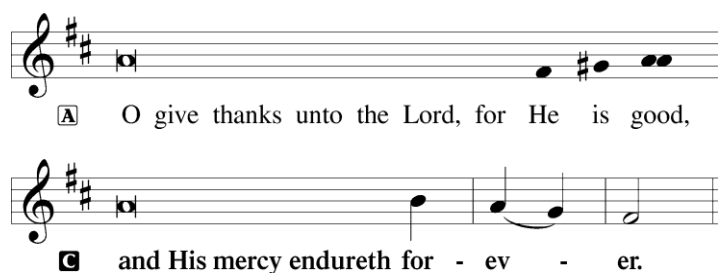
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



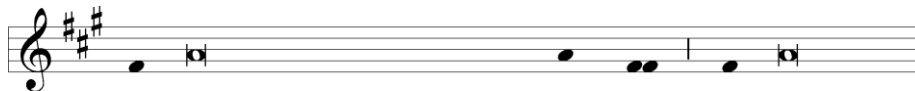
**A** Bless we the Lord.



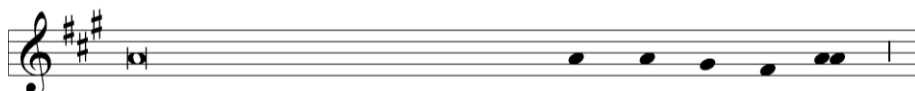
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

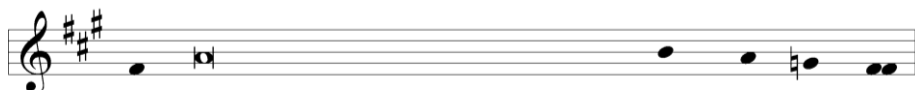
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 475*

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”**



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

# POSTLUDE

*Awake, My Heart with Gladness*

Paul Gerhardt

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### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Fred Durden, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Laura Darden, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Briana Darden

### **Musician(s)**

Briana Darden, violin

Will Davis, trumpet

### **Altar Guild**

Linda Rathje/Kati & Hank Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Greg Ison/David Darden

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

TBD

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### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.”

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 4/14	<b>Misericordias Domini ~ Third Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship
Monday 4/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 4/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 4/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 4/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 4/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 4/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office LWML Zone Rally Holy Mass	Closed Closed 9:00 AM 9:30 AM
Sunday 4/21	<b>Jubilate ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Nation of Israel***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.  
Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the nation of Israel. Beginning with 1 Samuel then moving on to the Books of Kings, Chronicles, and beyond, we will take a tour of the turbulent history of God's people, and His faithfulness despite it all, after their establishment as a nation.

## ✝ **Bethany Lutheran College Choir Concert**

Tuesday May 14, at 7:00 P.M.  
Church sanctuary

The student choir of Bethany Lutheran College (ELS) in Mankato, MN has included our congregation as a stop on their choral tour. They have prepared a concert of sacred choral music, and everyone is invited. Please join us in showing good hospitality, as well as to enjoy a wonderful evening of musical praise to the Lord! There is no cost to attend, but an offering will be taken up to help support the choir and defray costs.

## ✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

## ✝ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

## ✦ LWML Zone Rally

Saturday April 20, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Ascension will be hosting the next Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally. It will begin with registration at 9:00 A.M., Mass at 9:30 A.M., then ladies will discuss LWML business, and close with a luncheon. We encourage all congregational members (men and children included) to attend 9:30 Mass. We are also requesting volunteers to please provide and serve lunch to the LWML. Please consider serving this dedicated group of women, which is so selflessly committed to sharing the Gospel with our neighbors and providing mercy work to those in need.

## ✦ Potluck Fellowship

Sunday April 28, following Mass

Join the Ascension family for a potluck on the last Sunday of every month! It's a great time to not only feast on good food, but to get better acquainted over good conversation. Please consider bringing a main dish, side, salad, and/or dessert to share.

## ✦ Book Club: *Gone with the Wind*

Sunday April 28, at 3:30 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Margaret Mitchell's page-turning, sweeping American epic has been a classic for over eighty years. Beloved and thought by many to be the greatest of the American novels, *Gone with the Wind* is a story of love, hope and loss set against the tense historical background of the American Civil War.

The lovers at the novel's centre – the selfish, privileged Scarlett O'Hara and rakish Rhett Butler – are magnetic: pulling readers into the tangled narrative of a struggle to survive that cannot be forgotten.

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'For sheer readability I can think of nothing it must give way before' *The New Yorker*

'What makes some people come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong, and brave, go under?' Margaret Mitchell

## ✠ **Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell**

Deadline for donations: Sunday, July 28

A former son of the congregation, Charles Schnell, will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in the fall. He is studying to become a pastor in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. His education will include three academic years and one year of hands-on training as a vicar at a sister congregation. While seminary tuition is prepaid for students at this time, Charles will still require money for room and board, as well as his textbooks. Please consider adopting Charles and supporting his studies. You may do so as a one-time gift or an ongoing donation of a set amount per month. It's all up to you. You may coordinate with the Business Manager, Darlene Beckman. Please be sure to mention "Charles Schnell" in the memo line to distinguish your gift from regular plate offerings. We are accepting donations through the end of the summer so that we, as a congregation, may give a donation that matches the total sum of private donations. Thank you for supporting Charles!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- + Skyler Beckman, 4/18
- + Penny Durden, 4/19

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- + Drew Durden, 4/15

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- + Michael & Nancy Grossberg, 4/19

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- + Drew Durden, 4/15
- + Eileen Buehl, 4/18

## Recent Requests

### *For persecuted Christians:*

- + Kenya

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- + Barbara Collins-Hopkins (Director of Open Arms LCDC)
- + Millie & Vincent Kelly (parents of Lori Vester)
- + Cameron McClain and family (relatives of the Woolerys)
- + Patrice Merkerson-Moore (Open Arms teacher)
- + Jean Meyers
- + Michelle Noel
- + Claire Pak (friend of Laura Darden)
- + Nancy Reichmann (wife of John Reichmann)
- + Bill Vester

### *For those requesting special prayers:*

- + Gainful employment for all those in this congregation who are actively seeking meaningful work and a fair wage.
- + Family and friends of Josie Saldaña (grandmother of Mark Saldaña), for godly comfort in time of grief.

## Ongoing Requests

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + Brian Beckman
- + Ruth Henry
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- + Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



**W**E DO NOT AGREE WITH THEM THAT THEY [THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH] ARE THE CHURCH. THEY ARE NOT THE CHURCH. NOR WILL WE LISTEN TO THOSE THINGS THAT, UNDER THE NAME OF CHURCH, THEY COMMAND OR FORBID. THANK GOD, <TODAY> A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD KNOWS THAT 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.

-*SMALCALD ARTICLES*. PART III, ARTICLE XII. THE CHURCH, 1-3.



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