The Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordias Domini The Sunday of the Good Shepherd



"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

John 10:14

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those who are not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher: Rev. Timothy Frank Liturgist: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Samuel Frank, Elizabeth Johnson Instrumentalists: Ashley Mohling and Kirsten Meyer-Zaryky

Kantor/Choir: Julie Moreno (8 a.m.); Cantate Domino Choir (10:45 a.m.)

The Word in Music

Prelude: "Air from the *Messiah*: He Shall Feed His Flock" – G. F. Handel Offering: Partita on "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" Variation II – J. Wayne Kerr Postlude: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" – Setting by Timothy Shaw

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Pastor Lindau, Lance Maness, Marcia Timm, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Shirley Gust, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Ann McClelland (sister-in-law of Sue Trede), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin)

Art Bandomer and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Trinity, Glenwood and Pastor Michael Metzler, to be installed this afternoon

Our nation, city, and community

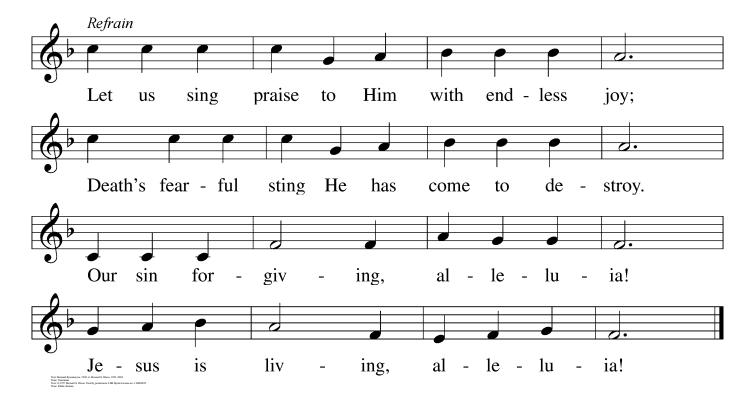
Those serving in the armed forces

Divine Service Setting 1

Please stand and face the processional cross.







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.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.
- 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: vv. 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.

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.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **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.

Sit

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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

8 a.m.: Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, Keep us in thy tender care. And in thy mercy stay beside us, Safely thy lambs now gather, Bring us in faith together, And thy pastures now prepare. And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill. So with thy love and kindness surround me, Goodness and mercy bringing, From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

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1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

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

Sit

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- And so through all the length of daysThy goodness faileth never;Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praiseWithin Thy house forever!

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Sermon: "Your Good Shepherd Knows You"

John 10:11-16

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160 \mathbf{P}

- The Lord be with you.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.
- \mathbf{P} Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161

 \mathbf{C} Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- \mathbf{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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

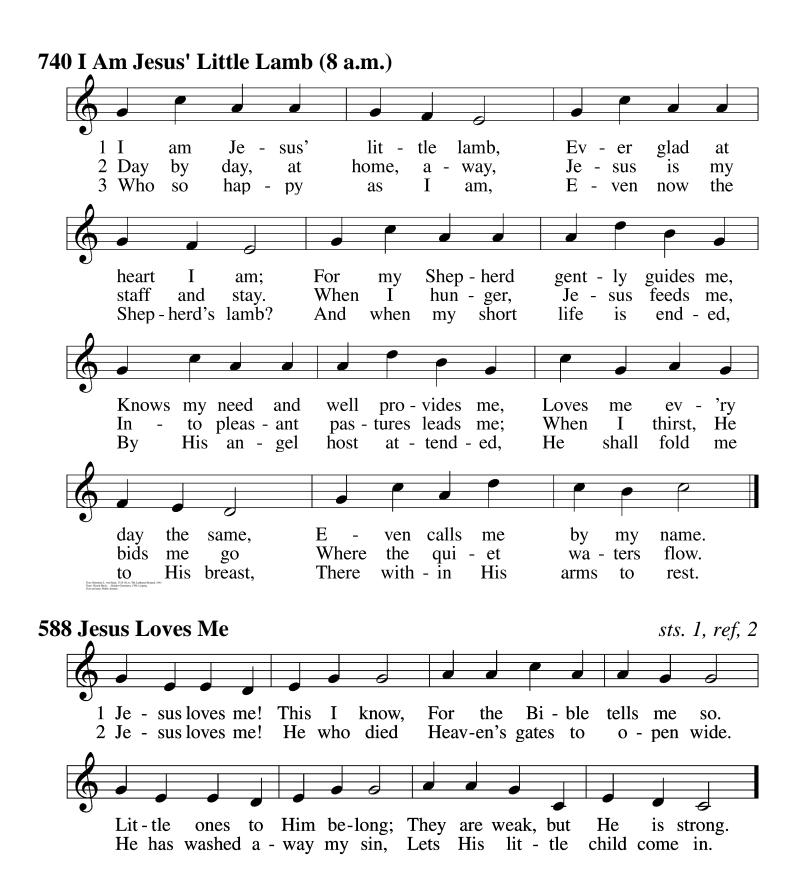
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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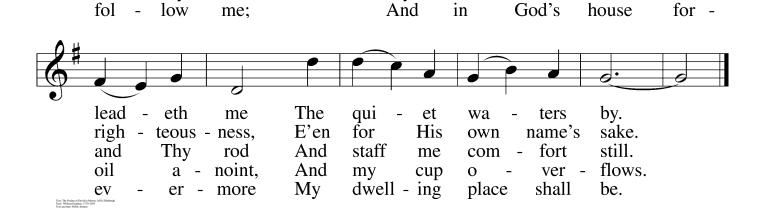
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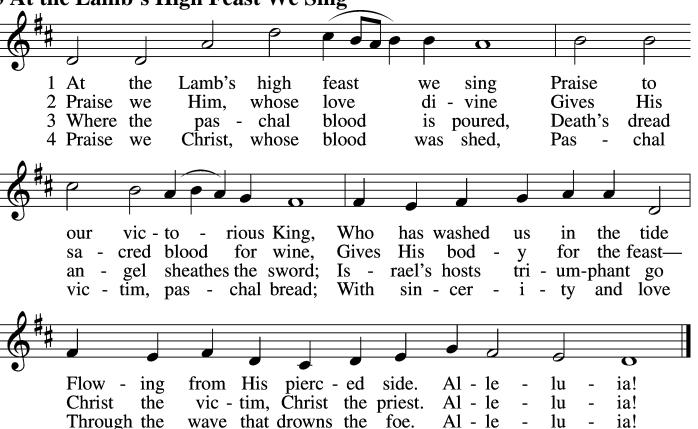
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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
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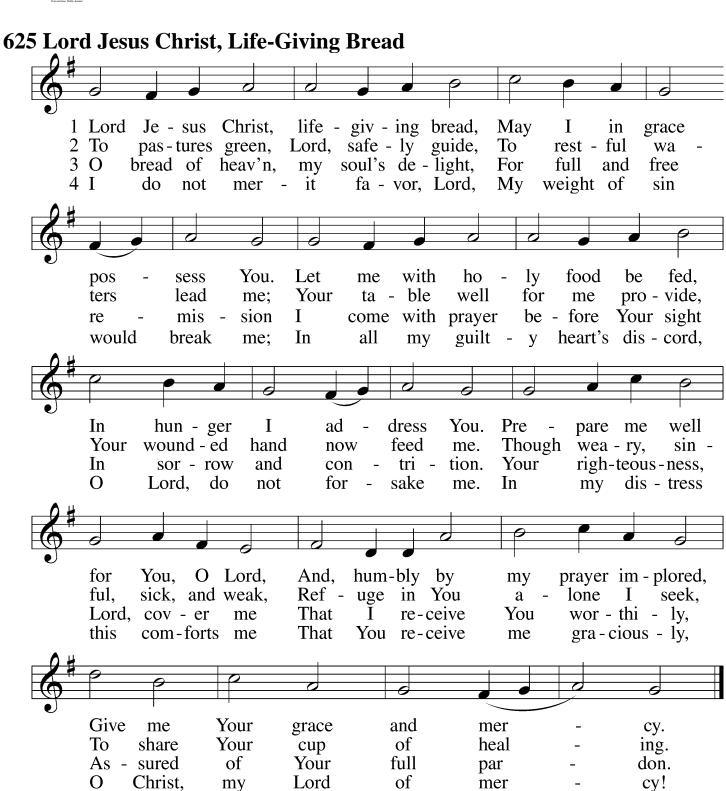
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- Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Thank the Lord LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Meal
	5:00 p.m.	Cantate Domino Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Christ Academy Student Sections
	5:45 p.m.	Christ Academy Adult Section
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
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News and Notes

Join us **this Wednesday** for the second to last **Christ Academy** of the season. The adult class will wrap the topic of "Lutheran Music and Meaning" and will conclude with singing some hymn requests. On **Wednesday, April 24**, several of our 8th graders will read their papers followed by a **closing program at 6:30 p.m.** The **Rite of Confirmation** will be **Sunday, April 28** at the 10:45 p.m. service followed by a meal. All are invited!

Come to the **Sing-Along** at Dr. Christensen's <u>new home</u> at Fox Run Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Drive) on **Thursday, April 18 at 3 p.m.** Meet in the chapel on the first floor. Stay for visiting and cookies!

The family and friends of Lance Maness invite you to a **benefit meal and silent auction** at The Porch (2327 S 24th St., Council Bluffs) on Saturday, April 20 from 1-5 p.m. Donations will support Lance's battle with cancer.

Birthright of Council Bluffs is hosting an All Car Show on Friday, April 26 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4 Valley View Dr from 5-9 p.m. with proceeds to benefit Birthright. For more information or to register, see the poster by the church office!

Bethany Lutheran Home is hosting an informative session on Medicare vs. Advantage on Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. For more information about this or other opportunities at Bethany, please visit with St. Paul's Bethany Board members Julie Moreno or Julia Burris.

"Thank you for all the prayers for Ryker. After several long hospital stays with his mom and many, many rounds of chemotherapy, he does not present any signs of cancer at this time. He can now focus on being a seven year old boy. It is with thanksgiving that we pray the following scripture shared by Ryker's mom: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your path.' (Proverbs 3:5-6)" - In Christ's love, The family of Ryker Nihsen, Relative of Denise Krohn

Kantor's notes: Listen throughout the service today for music that proclaims Jesus as our Good Shepherd. This theme is present in the service music and in the hymns - even in hymns that might not immediately be as obvious as the appointed Hymn of the Day! Children, do you know what psalm hymns 709 and 710 are based upon? (Hint: you may have learned it at our preschool!) Can you find with your parents the sheep/Shepherd references in hymns such as 625 & 819?

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