

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Misericordias Domini – The Third Sunday of Easter

26 April 2020

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness!

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 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

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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Kyrie

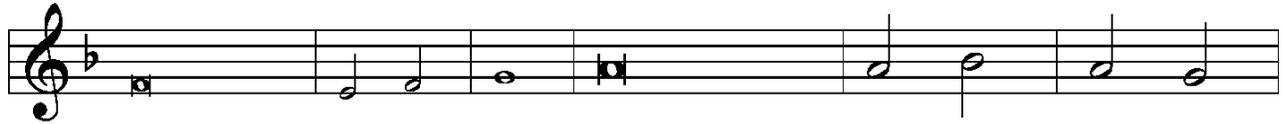


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

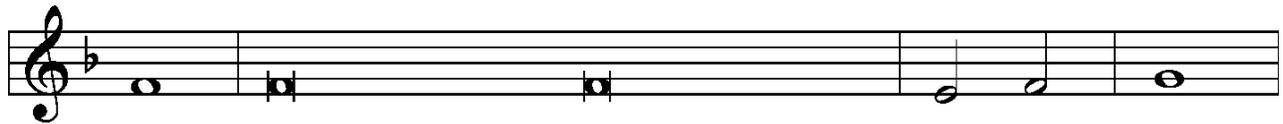


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

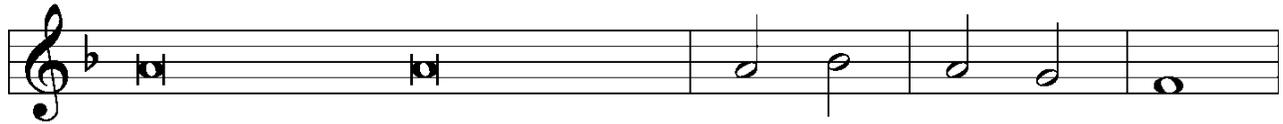
Gloria in Excelsis



♩ Glory be to God on high: **♩** and on earth peace, good - will toward



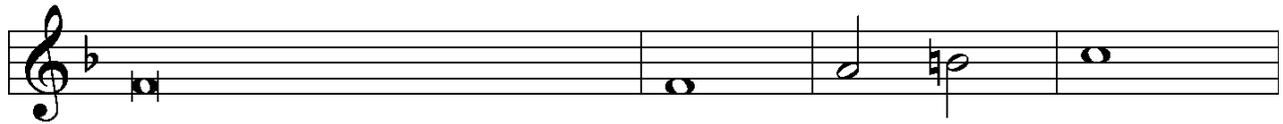
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



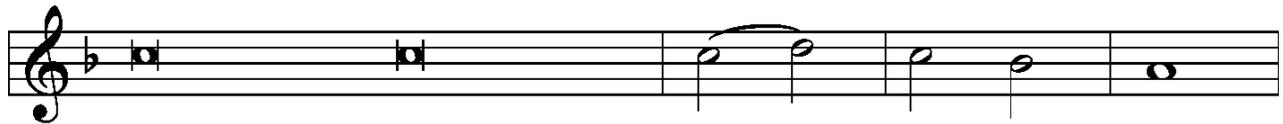
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As 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. And 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. I 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. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

I 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.

Epistle

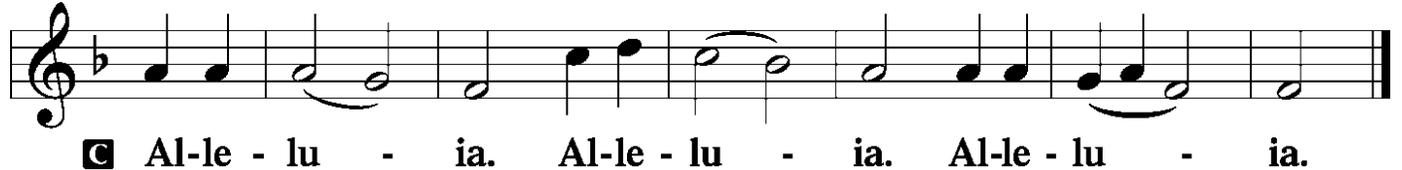
1 Peter 2:21–25

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When 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. He 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. For 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.

Alleluia and Verse

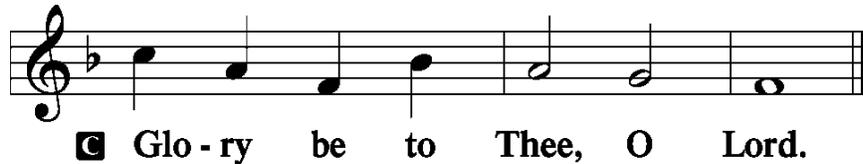


Alleluia. The Lord was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia. *Alleluias Repeated* St. Luke 24:35b; St John 10:24

Holy Gospel

St. John 10:11–16

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



I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C 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.

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!

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Sermon

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.

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce 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 - joi - ce 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!

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OUR FAMILIES PRAY – MISERICORDIAS DOMINI – EASTER 3

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

All: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED is confessed by all.

THE PSALM is prayed: Sun-Wed – Ps. 23; Thurs – Ps. 147:1-11; Fri – Ps. 36:5-12

CATECHISM LEARN-BY-HEART:

Catechism Lesson: Table of Duties – Galatians 6:6-7

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

HYMN: Sun-Wed – 709 Thurs. 483; Fri. 861

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Sunday-Wednesday – 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. **Amen.**

Thursday – Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Friday The Festival of St. Philip and St. James – Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For thankful hearts, that our resurrected Lord Jesus is our Good Shepherd

For the Gospel to be spread during these days

For our congregation during this time of separation

For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod

For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace

For those who live alone

For our nation and communities as we look to God's mercy during this time of illness

For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel

For first responders in our communities

For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

For our Pastors as they seek to bring the Word of God to us

For our School teachers and students and they teach online

Healing and Comfort for: HARRIET STARNES, grandmother of Beth, Hellinger, who has entered into hospice care, **CARL NIENHUSER**, grandfather of Dawn Schnare & Danae Otten, hospice care; **ROGER BEST**, brother-in-law of Dale & Shirley Lueker, hospitalized with pneumonia and blood clots; **BRANDON CANN, US NAVY**, grandson of Paul and Rose Cann, diagnosed with Covid-19 onboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, **ARLINE BLASE**, health difficulties; **JULIA UBBENGA**, sister of John Fluss, breast cancer **SIDNEE SCHWARZ**, health issues; **GLENN ARMES**, health issues; **LEAH HOWTON**, recovering from surgery; **DALE GROTEFENDT**, friend of Paula Kipp, taking chemo & radiation treatments & **KAY GROTEFENDT**, for strength as her husband undergoes treatments; **KAYLEIGH MEINZEN**, health issues; **RANDY HELLINGER**, recovering at home with health issues; **TOMIKO JUEDEMANN**, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; **EMILY SCHWARZ**, recovering from surgery; **ELDON SCHMIDT**, health issues; **LISA PROFFER**, sister of Aaron Hanks, recovering from mini-strokes; **THOMAS SEXTON**, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, preparing for knee replacement, heart and eye issues; **MARY GRAFF**, friend of Dave DeVries, began treatments for kidney and femur bone cancer, **STEPHANIE VAN ULFT**, treatments and health difficulties from said treatments; **ELLEN MUTH**, mother of Kantor Muth, declining health; **JANE BILYEU**, aunt of Beth Langendorf, health difficulties; **BONNIE WILLIAMS**, friend of Candy Esch, cancer; **ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Alleluia Christ is Risen! Our Lord Jesus Christ laid His life down and has taken it up again. He is our Good Shepherd who has brought us to the still and peaceful waters of our Baptism and our cup runs over with His forgiveness and love.

Misericordias Domini Sunday – The Latin name for this Sunday of Easter comes from the Introit Psalm 33:5, "Misericordia Domini plena est terra" – The Earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Misericordia Domini is the steadfast love of the Lord. It is good to remember that His love does fill the earth and fills your heart with gladness even now.

Time Change for Daily Services – 8:30am – Our Daily Services, Live on Facebook are now at 8:30am. This helps our school families to start out the day with chapel. Join in live at 8:30 or watch when you are able.

Cover Art – "*Christ as the Good Shepherd*" by Lucas Cranach the Elder or Younger, c. 1540. Cranach was a close friend of Luther and most of the familiar paintings you would recognize of Luther were done by him. He also painted the famous altarpiece at St. Mary's in Wittenberg. In 1533 Luther mentioned a beautiful painting by Cranach, of Christ carrying a lamb. It might have been this painting no other paintings of Christ the Good Shepherd are known by Cranach. Some think that this painting was completed by his son, Lucas the Younger. It is in the collection of the Angermuseum, Erfurt, Germany.

A New Way to Give – Joyful Response Thank you for your faithful support of your congregation in giving your tithes and offerings. I mentioned yesterday another way to give is now available. It is called Joyful Response through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Our online giving through the website does incur some fees, as much as 2.9%. Joyful Response through LCEF has no fees attached. You simply fill out the form, (it is available on our church website at the "Give" section) attach a voided check and send them to the church in the mail. Joanie will then process them. If you have any questions about how it works, please contact our treasurer, Julie Johnson, her email is stpaultreas1856@gmail.com and she can help you.

Face Masks Are Available – A good number of our members are making facemasks. If any member or families could use any, please let Pastor Ball know and we can get some to you.

Members and Families in Need If any members are in financial need, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Ball as your brothers and sisters are more than willing to help in many ways. If you would like to contribute financially to our congregation's Church Charities fund, simply mark what over and above offerings you are able to contribute when you send in your offerings.

About the Hymn of the Day – The King of Love My Shepherd Is – LSB 709

The text of Henry Baker's paraphrase of Psalm 23 emphasizes the trust with which the Christian faithful live. Yet Baker makes evident that trust is never free-floating. It lives or dies on the basis of the object of such trust. Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted: *Trust in God without Christ is empty and without certainty; indeed it can only be another form of self-trust. But whoever knows that God has entered into our suffering in Jesus Christ himself may with great confidence: "For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*

Henry Baker knew this as well. The expressions of trust in his paraphrase all center around Jesus Christ. In stanza 1, the phrase, "I am His and He is mine forever" recalls the words of Jesus in John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." In stanza 2, the "living water" coupled with "my ransomed soul" allude to Holy Baptism, in which one puts on Christ (Galatians 3:27). At the end of the stanza, the "food celestial" refers to Christ's body, the bread from heaven, in the Eucharist (John 6), as Baker further emphasizes in stanza 5. And stanza 3 is phrased in such a way as to clearly call to the singer's mind Jesus' parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7).

Above all, there can be no greater comfort than that of the crucified Christ, stanza 4. For in Jesus' crucifixion, one sees how closely "Thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4). The emphasis on life in this hymn—living water, verdant pastures, unction, grace—displays the new life that comes by the cross of Christ, for "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). *Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Hymns, Vol. 1. CPH, 2019, p. 974.*

Congrats to our School Latin Scholars! The Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education had a variety of Latin contests, and the following were award winners from our school. The Latin Recitation contest, Dialectic level, Grand Prize winner was Eva Maria Askins. Grade 6 students who earned a certificate for Intro. to Latin Exam were Rebekah Lindsey (ribbon), Peter Curtis (ribbon), Eva Maria Askins (ribbon), Thea Ball (ribbon), Wyatt Goeckner and Ganyin Krausz. Ella Schnare, grade 7, earned Cum Laude on Latin 1 exam. Mary Curtis, grade 8, earned Gold Summa Cum Laude on Latin I exam. Well done to Mr. Gerth, our Latin teacher!

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