

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Misericordias Domini

April 23, 2023

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HYMN OF INVOCATION *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

LSB 711

+ Invocation, Confession and Absolution +

LSB 151

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

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

Cong.: 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.

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

Cong.: 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.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b

Pastor: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia

Cong.: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia

Pastor: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Cong.: Praise befits the upright.

Pastor: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

Cong.: on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Pastor: that he may deliver their soul from death

Cong.: and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD:

Cong.: 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 beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

+ **KYRIE** +

LSB 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

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

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE** +

“Gloria in Excelsis”

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Cong: 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 +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ 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.” This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 2: 21-25

²¹ 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. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

John 10: 11-16

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ "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." This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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**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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

CREATE IN ME

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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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

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Rev. Patrick Pook
Organist: Bill Vlasak

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, April 23

Welcome New Members

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Divine Service

11:30 am Fellowship

12:00 pm Youth Catechism

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 am Women of Faith

3:30 pm Bible Study - Fraud Information

5:00 pm Divine Service

6:30 pm Bible Study - Fraud Information

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, April 30 - 5th Sunday - One Divine Service @ 10:30 am

Friday, May 12 - Movie Night and Pizza

Happy Birthday

Cheryl Ryan 24th

Jan Ruff 25th

Mark Fluegge 28th

Happy Anniversary

George & Carol Priest 23rd (**57 years**)

James & Janice Johnson II 24th (24 years)

Joe & Sally James 26th (14 years)

Thomas & Renee Kaczmarek 26th (20 years)

Dick & Barbara Russ 28th (**61 years**)

Dr. Krishan & Barbara Nayyar 29th (47 years)