

Misericordias Domini  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020



The  
Lord  
is my  
Shepherd

*My sheep hear My voice,  
and I know them, and  
they follow Me.*

*And I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish;  
neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

(John 10:27-28)

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+ **DIVINE SERVICE** +

**Setting Three (pg.184)**

[ **PROLOGUE** - Preparation ]

Opening Hymn - #478 "The Day of Resurrection"

- 1) The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
- 2) Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
- 3) Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- Δ 4) All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone! Amen

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*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.

**Congregation: 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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

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.

**C: Amen.**

[ **THE WORD - Instruction** ]

**INTROIT:**( Psalm 33:1, 18-20; Antiphon: Psalm 33:5b,6a)

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

**Congregation: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia!**

P: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**C: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,**

P: That he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

**C: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

**All: 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.**

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

**C: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia!**

Gloria Patri **LSB 186**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie **LSB 186**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis **LSB 187**

P: *Glory be to God on high:*

**C: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

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.**

*(From Quasimodogeniti through the week following Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the Alleluia Verse is lengthened)*

+ **EPISTLE READING: 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. (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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Lutheran Confessions Responsive Reading: Smalcald Articles**

*P: (Part II, Article I: The first and chief article.) What is the first and chief article of the Christian Faith?*

**C: That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification, Rom. 4:25. And He alone is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, John 1:29; and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all, Is. 53:6.**

**Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit [freely, and without their own works or merits] by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood,** Rom. 3:23f

*P: Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, Rom. 3:28: For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. Likewise 3:26: That He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Christ.*

**C: Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved, says Peter, Acts 4:12. And with His stripes we are healed, Is. 53:5.**

**And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice in opposition to the Pope, the devil, and the whole world.**

**Verse:**(Luke 24:35b; John 10:14.)

P: Alleluia! [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

**C: I am the good shepherd.**

**I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia!**

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+ HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-16+

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

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

+ THE APOSTLES' CREED +

C 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.

*Sit*

Sermon Hymn - # 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

- 1) The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2) Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3) Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4) In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before 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 day Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon: "Gathered By The Good Shepherd!" John 10:11-16

Votum

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

[ EPILOGUE - Response ]

*Stand*

Offertory **LSB 192**

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

Offering

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

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

*Brief silence*

For all who have been baptized at the still waters of the font, that they would remain in the green pastures of the Holy Church, where they want for nothing and have their souls restored as their Good Shepherd ever cares for their every spiritual need, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all pastors in Christ, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Daniel, our district president; and David, our circuit visitor, that through their preaching and

teaching we would be led in the paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the members of this parish and all Christians everywhere, that we would receive strength to resist sin and temptation in our lives, fearing no evil as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, knowing that our Good Shepherd is with us to heal and comfort us, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in His mercy, and a sincere love for God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those whom God has placed in authority over us, especially Donald, our president; Eric, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve with integrity and honor, always seeking the common good of all, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and suffering, and for all who have requested our prayers, [including \_\_\_\_\_], that they would be well cared for and restored to health, or given grace to accept their time of tribulation with courage and hope, knowing that they always remain in their Good Shepherd's loving arms, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who hunger and thirst to come to the table their Lord and Shepherd has prepared for them, that they would soon receive the Holy Sacrament of His true body and blood in faith, and to the eternal nourishment of their souls, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, that we would, together with the saints who have gone before us, dwell in the house of the Lord forever, let us pray to the Lord: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*Sit*

Hymn of Response: #740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

- 1) I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- 2) Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3) Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + **LSB 196**

P: 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.

**C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect For The Church

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benedicamus LSB 202

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION LSB 202

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Hymn to Depart - # 473 "Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free"

- 1) Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep  
The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2) Let all our lives now celebrate The feast; let malice die.  
Let love grow strong anew, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!
- 3) Let all our deeds, unanimous, Confess Him as our Lord  
Who by the Spirit lives in us, The Father's living Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

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*Silent Prayer*

+++ ""I am The Good Shepherd.

*The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.* +++

John 10:11

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** . . . Our prayers this week include those who are our +Shut-Ins: Jean Hammack, Eva Mae Powell, and Randy Sandage. A visit, phone call, or card is always welcomed.

+We thank the Lord for all His blessings, especially BrookLynn Brown who is celebrating her *birthday* this week. Also, this week, Dave & Cathy Powell are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

+We remember our members who serve God and country in our Armed Forces, especially Hunter Greubel. May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

+We remember Debbie Christensen who is back in the hospital. We keep her in our prayers for a quick recovery and return to home.

+Jean Hammack fell this past week and fractured her shoulder. She is recovering in Room 608 at Oakwood Health Campus, 1143 23rd Street, Tell City. We add her to our prayers and feel free to mail her a card.

+Leona Kleaving continues her rehab at Oakwood Health Campus. At this time with the Coronavirus pandemic visits are not allowed. Prayers and cards are much welcomed.

+We pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into His Vineyard. Especially that He would bless all missionaries, seminarians, and Daniel as they prepare to answer His call to serve.

**"Life Thought" from Lutheran's for Life** - The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:11-16). Herein lies our assurance that our Shepherd does not abandon His sheep. He loves them too much. He paid too much for them to forsake them. We live our lives, not in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of the Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, thank You for laying down Your life for me. Amen.

**Every year around this time**, our two Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod seminaries are buzzing with excitement over Call Day. Many people in the LCMS—from seminary students and their families, to district presidents, to pastors, to calling congregations—have been anxiously awaiting its arrival. Both seminaries will stream their Call Day services live online. To watch the Fort Wayne Call Day service at 7 pm (Eastern time) on Tuesday, April 28, <https://callday.ctsfw.edu/>. To watch the St. Louis Call Day service at 7 pm (Central time) on Wednesday, April 29, <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/>.

Place Pastor's cell number (507-236-2779) and the parsonage's new number (812-566-7950) in your contact/phone directory in case of needing to contact him when not in the office.

**What about my offerings to the Lord?** Our Lord Jesus invites us to care for our neighbor by supporting our local congregation so that the Gospel might be preached in all the world. If you'd like to mail your offering to the church our address is: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 116, Tell City, IN 47586. You can drop it off in person Monday through Thursday from 8p.m. to 2p.m. during Pastor's study hours or accumulate them until we can gather together for worship.

**Thus says the LORD:** 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'" (Isaiah 38:1) The Lord God sent this word to King Hezekiah through the prophet Isaiah, but His word applies to us also. We should take the time to write or update our wills, but we would do well also to inform our surviving family of our history, hymns, and Bible verses that we love. Please contact the church office if you'd like a pre-plan funeral form to fill out. Pastor Rusert would be glad to assist you in filling it out and answer any questions you might have.

***We have 20 gallons of soup*** still available in the church kitchen and the building freezers. Let everyone know we have soup for sale (\$15/gallon).

**Check out our Adopted Seminarian Student**, Daniel Warner's "Letter from the Seminary" in our monthly newsletter.

**Let's stay connected!!!** Now you can access Emmanuel's newsletter/calender the "Good News" @ [tellcitylutheran.org](mailto:tellcitylutheran.org)

**The title of the Lutheran Hour program for next Sunday is "*Rescue, Test, Rest*"** based on Exodus 16 with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. He proclaims: God doesn't have to figure out something about you that He doesn't already know. He doesn't have to figure out if He loves you or if He's committed to you or if you're worth it. God's not testing you to figure something out about you He didn't already know. He's testing you so that you can figure out something about Him that you didn't know, so that you can figure out that you can trust Him." Listen with a friend! The Lutheran Hour is broadcast each Sunday on WGBF (1280 AM) at 7:30 AM or listen anytime at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.

**Worship for Shut-Ins** TV Program is broadcast every Sunday on DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30 AM and anytime at [www.worshipanew.org](http://www.worshipanew.org). Next Sunday's program title is "The Shepherd and His Sheep" based on John 10:1-4, 10-11. The Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN proclaims: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He bestows on His sheep life – life in abundance. What is this life, and how do you know that you are a sheep of Christ?

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** Once this COVID-19 crisis clears I would like to visit with you and your family at your homes for a brief devotion, prayer, and so we can introduce ourselves to one another. These visits would last only 30 minutes at the most and give me as your pastor a chance to touch base with you. Please contact me to arrange a home visit my cell phone number is (507)236-2779, the parsonage # is (812) 566-7950, or my e-mail is "[njrusert@juno.com](mailto:njrusert@juno.com)". In addition if you are on Facebook you can use messenger to contact me. When we are allowed to visit again, I plan to use Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and early evenings for home visits. If you would rather stop by to visit at the church or our parsonage - we would welcome you there also. In Christ, Pastor Rusert.

**Portals of Prayers for April thru June** are available on the Deacon's table in the Narthex. Those who request "Large Print" and "Digest Size" will find them in your mailbox. If you need them delivered please call the church and leave a message.

**Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying,** *"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."* (John 11:3) Even through Martha and Mary knew that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God who knew all things, when their brother Lazarus was sick they sent word to Jesus. Please contact Pastor if you or your loved one is sick, hospitalized, or homebound and desires a pastoral call and prayers. Privacy laws prevent hospitals from contacting clergy about members who are hospitalized.

Check out our Newsletter for more "Pastor Notes"!

**Check out the little booklet "A Simple Explanation of Christianity"** on the display table in the Narthex. For nearly 500 years this simple explanation of Christianity has been used around the world and translated into hundreds of languages. Read it for yourself, and then pass along copies to others God has good news for you and those you meet "along the way".

**Check out the NEWEST little booklet "A Simple Explanation of Heaven & Hell"** on the display table in the Narthex. The Bible tells us again that death is an evil, alien force that invaded this world. And yet, death is not the end. What happens after we die? Covering topics about heaven, hell, purgatory, and the resurrection, this booklet explores the Bible to see what God reveals about our life after death.

## ✠ I AM A PREACHER ✠

I am one of the greatest in the history of men...My line reaches back beyond the cross to the days when the flood came over the earth... only because of the Church I serve and the Word I preach does God permit the world to roll on its way... I have watched men step quietly through the last gate because I had been permitted to show them the way... There are men and women, and children, too, before the throne of heaven today who are my children... They are there because God let me bring them there... The saints of the Church are my joy, and the sinners are my burden... I am an ambassador of the King of Kings... My lips are among the few left in the world that speak the Truth... I almost alone among men deal day after day with eternal things....I am the last echo of a far voice that forever calls men home...I am the hand of the bridegroom, the shadow of the cross, the trumpet of the King...Neither obscurity nor popularity can rob me of my glory.. It is not my own but the reflected glory of Him whose free and happy slave I am... I am a driven man....I must preach faith in a world that disbelieves, hope in a time that has no hope, and joy in an hour that knows only sorrow... I am at home in a tenement house or in a mansion because my home is neither... I and my people stand alone between the world and destruction.. The flames on my altar will not die and the lights of my sanctuary will not be quenched by flood or storm...  
I am a preacher----and very glad of it..."

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