

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*The Third Sunday of Easter*  
✠ *Misericordias Domini* ✠  
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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS SHEEP

*Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). “For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:25).*

### *Communing at this Altar*

**The Lord’s Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord’s day!**

*\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.*

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord’s Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, “*Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins*” (Mt 26:28);

If this is ***not*** your confession, or you’re seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you’d like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

*Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood you may read “Christian Questions with Their Answers” found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal



# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

*Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184*

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ Praise To You and Adoration

692

△ Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

*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** 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Ps. 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*



Ch. 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.

**C** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\*

Praise befits the | upright.

Ch. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

**C** that he may deliver their | soul from death\*

and keep them alive in | famine.

Ch. Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*  
he is our help | and our shield.

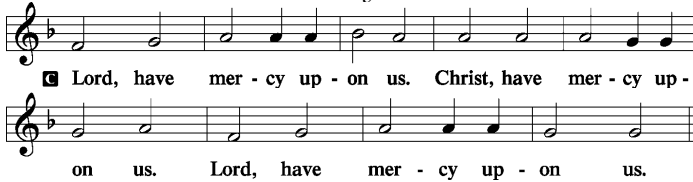
**C** *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy | Spirit;*  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

Ch. 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 ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*



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.

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

**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.

**G** A - men.

Sit

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL ~ *Christians to the Paschal Victim*

459-460

Ch. *Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!  
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciling sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.*

*Congregation*

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark  
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ch. *"Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring."  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.  
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you."*

*Congregation*

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still  
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,

We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ch. *Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever-reigning!*

*Congregation*

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

## EPISTLE

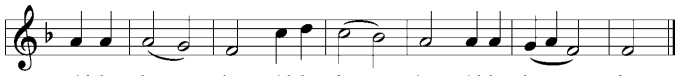
## 1 Peter 2:21-25

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

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

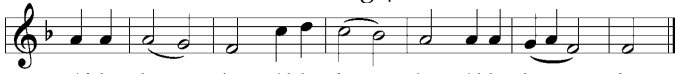
**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

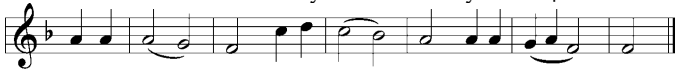
Ch. [The Lord] was | known to them\*  
in the breaking | of the bread.



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Ch. I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own | know me.

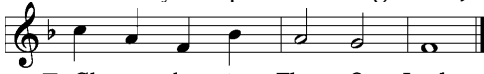


☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:11-16*

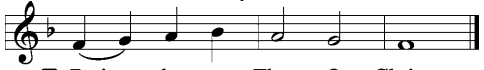
☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

*\*You may genuflect  
in reverence of the incarnation*

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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

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## HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* SERMON

709

Stand

## OFFERTORY ~ *Christ Has Been Raised from the Dead!*

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*Refrain*

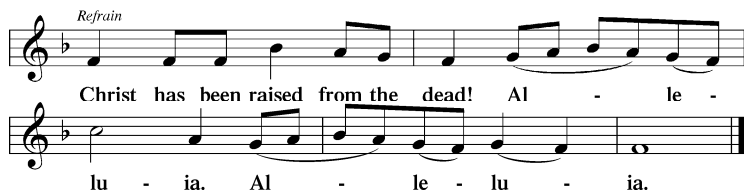


Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He  
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to  
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.





Sit

## OFFERING

*The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.*

*The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. **Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.***

Stand

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136

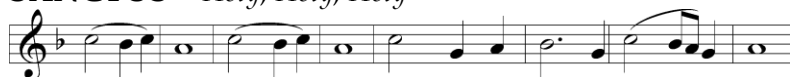


**G** It is meet and right so to do.

**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



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



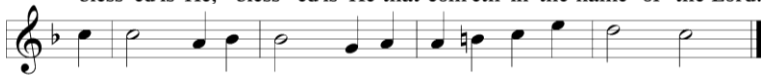
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Thanks be to you, O Lord, because in these last days you did send to us your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of your will; who is your Word inseparable from you; through whom you made all things and with whom you were well pleased; whom you did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin; who, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread Hades underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish an everlasting covenant, and manifest the resurrection in His flesh,

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

*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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to you, Holy Father, because you have counted us worthy to stand before you and to serve you. Gather into one, we pray you, all your holy people who partake of this bread and this cup; fill them with your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify you through your Servant, Jesus Christ, through whom all honor and glory belongs to you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

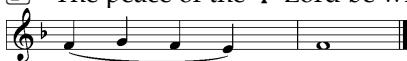
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but  $\text{✠}$  deliver us from evil.

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

## PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the  $\text{✠}$  Lord be with you always.



**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.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin.

Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### **Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion**

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

*This Is the Feast*

155

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want*

710

*O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe*

666

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

740

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

735

### **Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion**

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

## 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

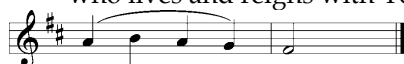
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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 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** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**A** Bless we the Lord.



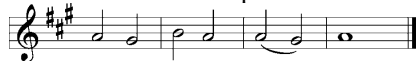
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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

△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

## CLOSING HYMN ~ Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

*Numbers 6:24-26*