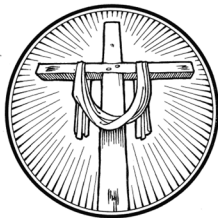


A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Lord Jesus,
You are the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Help us always to understand that You want what is best for us. Help us always remember what You took upon Yourself when You came to seek out those who were lost. You gave Your life for the sheep. ... Amen.

~ Bo Giertz



The Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordia Domini + April 14, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Who are the "other sheep" to which Jesus refers in today's Gospel? We know that Jesus had previously warned about false prophets, men who were likened to "ferocious wolves" in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15). And prior to sending out the Twelve Apostles, a foretaste of later missionary ventures, Jesus likened their calling as being sent out "like sheep among wolves" (Matthew 10:16). If Jesus has come to reconcile all sinners to the Father by his blood and resurrection, could some of those very "wolves," in fact, be "sheep"?

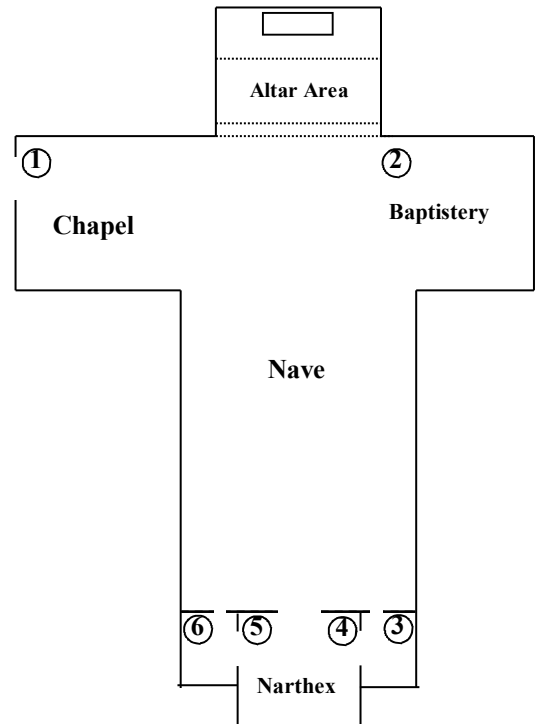
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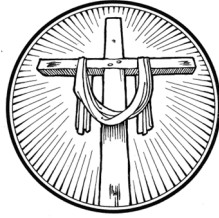
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast and the flowers at the altar are sponsored by Phyllis Bliese in remembrance of Ralph and other loved ones and also in celebration of her great-granddaughter Ada Ann's baptism on April 14, 2024.
- The bulletins are sponsored by Donna Nuernberg in loving memory of her mother, Vergie, whose birthday was April 13.
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by number (1-6) or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

... Jonathan Kohrs and Anne Krentz Organ

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

... LSB #466

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

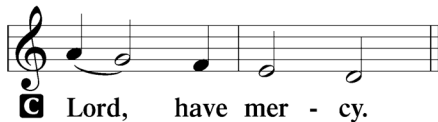
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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

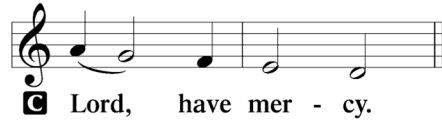


What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing... Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

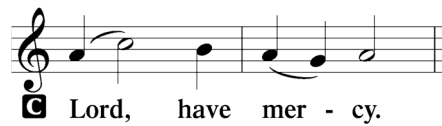
~ Luke
15:4-5, 7

Only one thing is necessary in order to belong to the one fold that will be saved, and this one thing is to listen to the voice of Christ, know Him as the only Shepherd of his soul, and remain with Him... You remain on the way that your Shepherd leads you. You will be saved...

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

... Let others pin their hopes on other things, on their works, on their sanctification, on their pious practices, struggles, improvements, feelings, experiences, and the like; pin your hope on your Lord Christ. Doing this you will never be ashamed. Whoever is with Christ in in the true flock and the true Church; his salvation is unshakably firm.

~ C.F.W. Walther, Gospel Sermons: Vol. 1, 1870 A.D.

Our Lord
Jesus has an
elect re-
deemed peo-
ple all over
the world at
this time,
though as yet
they are not
called by
grace...for
certain He
has them
somewhere,
since it still
stands true,
"Other sheep
I have which
are not of this
fold." This is
a part of our
authority for
going out to
find the lost
sheep, for we,
brethren,
have a right
to go any-
where to ask
after our
Master's
sheep.

~ C.H.
Spurgeon,
"Other
Sheep and
One Flock,"
1883 A.D.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so 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 forev-
er.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT 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 in-
habited 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, de-
clares 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 23*

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

... John A. Behnke

Cantor: The Lord’s my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He leads me. He leads me.

All: Refrain

Refrain:

The Lord's my Shep - herd, I shall not want. He
leads me. He leads me.

Choir: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me by
still waters.

Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

Choir: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

Choir: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil.

Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

Choir: You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies. You
anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Choir: Refrain

All: Refrain

*The day of our
Lord’s first
advent was the
culmination
and the crisis
of the world’s
career of sin,
and yet the
Good Shepherd
had a fold
among men in
the midnight
of history.*

*~ C.H.
Spurgeon,
“Other
Sheep and
One Flock,”
1883 A.D.*

He shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

~ Micah 5:4-5

Choir: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Choir: He leads me, he leads me.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE

L: Alleluia. [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking | of the bread. * Alle | - luia.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my | own know me.* Alle | - luia.

GOSPEL

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



C Glo - ry 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: The Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**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**

If a man dies to achieve a purpose, you feel sure that his very soul must have been in it. But if a man should rise again from the dead, and still pursue his purpose, you would see how resolutely he was set on his design...If Jesus died for a purpose, He will accomplish it. If Jesus rose for a purpose, He will accomplish it. If Jesus lives forever for purpose, He will accomplish it.

~ C.H. Spurgeon,
"Other Sheep and One Flock," 1883
A.D.

You must contribute something that the light which has been given us be placed on a candlestick to enlighten others; perhaps many of our sincere brothers will then be rescued from the bonds in which they now groan, perhaps unknowingly...

**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 catholic 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.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

... LSB #709

SERMON

"Lambs in Sheep's Clothing"

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”

... Christopher M. Idle and Phillip Magness

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

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:

... We must see to it that ever greater peace be in Christ's Israel, that as it pleases the Lord a friendly evening star will arise in this midnight hour until finally the great Shepherd of the sheep comes and will lead His triumphant flock into the heavenly fold.

~ C.F.W. Walther, Gospel Sermons: Vol. 1, 1870 A.D.

No land, no river, no sea, no mountain, no language, no system, and no climate sets limits now to the elect flock of God. Through faith in Christ millions of people from all nations, ages, peoples, and stations were now united into one congregation, which is of one heart and one soul under their invisible Lord and Head, Jesus Christ.

~ C.F.W. Walther, *Gospel Sermons: Vol. 1*, 1870 A.D.

SANCTUS ("Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 the 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 of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"

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!

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!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

~ Isaiah 40:10-11

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

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

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	... LSB #711
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”	... LSB #741
“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”	... LSB #740
“Have No Fear, Little Flock”	... LSB #735

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no 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**

BENEDICTION

P: 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.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

... LSB #469

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Gavotte"

... William Boyce ed. David N. Johnson

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer

As You Go

Lord Jesus,
You continue to look for us when we go astray. Help us understand what it means when Your hand touches us. Touch our hearts, so we are not afraid and do not try to escape. Let us experience how comforting and delightful it is to be lifted up in Your arms to be carried through all dangers. Amen.
~ Bo Giertz.

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
Preaching: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
(Pr. Gjerde to Bethany at 10:30 am)
Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe
Trumpet: Matt Rueth
Choir: The Zion Kantorei
Radio: Jon Oestreich
Lector: Robert Hochberger
Acolytes: Ethan Loppnow, Anja Oestreich, Elsa Oestreich
Communion: Rob Kittel, Lois Jarosz
Elder: Adam Holzschuh
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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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