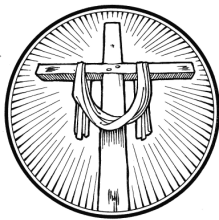


**A Prayer
Upon Enter-
ing Church**
Lord, I shall
not be afraid
of evil hap-
penings, be-
cause you
live in my
heart through
faith; you are
with me now
to ensure that
when this
shadow of
death has
passed away,
I may be with
you; through
Jesus Christ,
our Lord.
Amen

~ adapted from
Augustine
(d. 430
A.D.),
Exposition
on the
Psalms



The Third Sunday of Easter

Misericordia Domini + April 19, 2026 + 9:00 A.M.

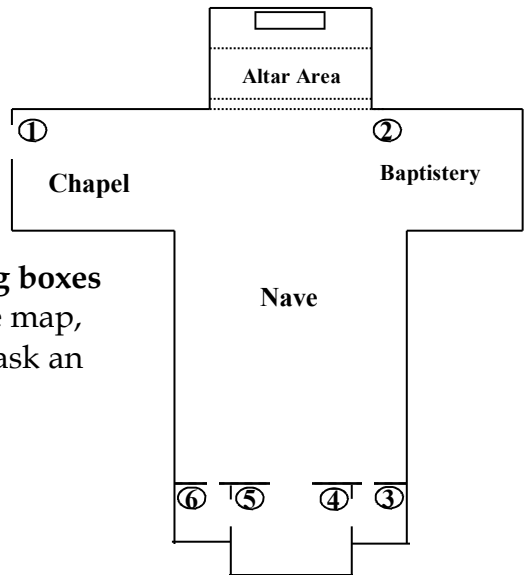
Welcome to the Lord's Day. The "Good Shepherd" window, located on Zion's upper west wall, portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd (from left to right): serving as the "door" to the sheep pen; separating the sheep from the goats as our Judge; and leading the flock to the living waters. Beneath each main image are further images of His shepherding: the ark of the covenant, by which He led Israel; holy Zion, where He shelters His people; and the slain lamb who becomes a feast for the people. What fine images for this "Good Shepherd Sunday"!

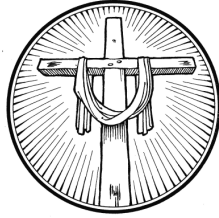
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Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.





PRELUDE

"Pastorale: Psalm 23:1"

... Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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!

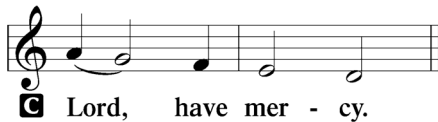
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.

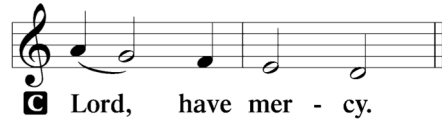


P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

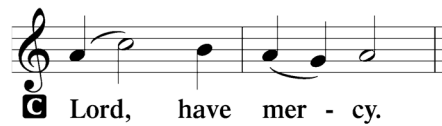


The Lord, the God of grace and faithfulness, the Redeemer of mankind, not only God the Father, but also God the Son, Jesus Christ in particular, is my Shepherd, to whom every believer stands in the relation of the most intimate fellowship, by whom and in whom the believer lives, through whose might and power the life of the believer's soul is sustained.
~ Paul E. Kretzmann, 1924 A.D.

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.

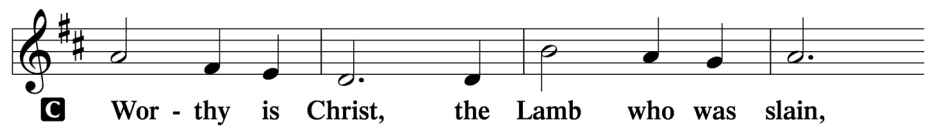


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



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.

This holy and blessed day is the first of the week, the king and master of all days, the feast of feasts and the season of seasons. On this day we bless Christ forever and ever.

O faithful, come on this day of the glorious resurrection: Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard, of the divine joy, of the kingdom of Christ! Let us praise our God forever and ever.

~ Byzantine liturgy

*The pastures
that this good
shepherd has
prepared for
you, in which
he has settled
you for you to
take your fill,
are not vari-
ous kinds of
grasses and
green things,
among which
some are
sweet to the
taste, some
extremely
bitter, which
as the seasons
succeed one
another are
sometimes
there and
sometimes
not . . .*

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 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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 23*

L: The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.**

L: He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me,*
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.**

All: **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**

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,

*... Your pas-
tures are the
words of God
and His com-
mandments,
and they have
all been sown
as sweet grass-
es. These pas-
tures had been
tasted by that
man who said
to God, "How
sweet are your
words to my
palate, more so
than honey
and the honey-
comb in my
mouth!"
~ Augustine
(354-430
A.D.)*

“The Lord leads me.” That is the word of the one whom the church, settled in a place of pasture and drawn from the water of reflection, has received, the one who is made complete from the suffering of the Lord. When the stream flows, it pours forth from deep veins, and there freshness, there pleasantness, there renewal. These things will happen to me because He has transformed my soul through His suffering.
 ~ Arnobius the Younger, around 460 A.D.

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 “Be Not Afraid” ... Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!
 lu-ia! Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy!
 Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

Repeat as led.

GOSPEL

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

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
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.**

*He shepherds
from the thistle
place*

*The flocks by
thickets torn;*

*His pierced
hands heal all
your race*

*Sore wounded
by the thorn,*

*Sore wounded
by the thorn.*

*Embrace the
Christ child,
and with songs*

*Bind up the
hearts of men.*

*To shepherd-
healer-king let
throngs*

*Sing glorias
again,*

*Sing glorias
again.*

*~ F. Samuel
Janzow,
"From Shep-
herding of
Stars"*

*I am the good Shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. That's how Jesus speaks about His work as Shepherd. Let us remember again how HE did what He speaks about here. The Passion History shows it to us. There we can follow Him in spirit step by step. It wasn't easy for Him. The cup of suffering, both for soul and body – He emptied it to the bottom . .*

**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

"What the Wolf Couldn't Stomach"

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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

... LSB #735

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

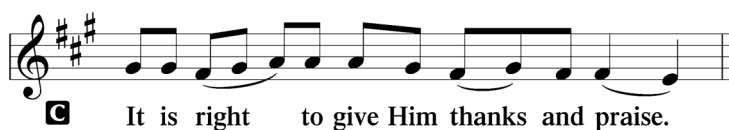
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



. . . But what moved Him to do it was His love for the flock. Who is it then that He laid His life down for? Was it for certain individuals, for the faithful or those who are better among mankind? No, it was for the whole flock – for each and every single one. It was for you who are hearing this that He died.

~ Pastor U. V. Koren, 1888 A.D.

That which is in the cup is that which flowed from His side, and that is what we participate in . . . It is a fearful and awesome thing . . . When we hold that cup in our hands we glorify God and stand amazed at that ineffable gift, namely, that He shed this very thing, and not only shed it but also distributes it to us all to drink.
 ~ John Chrysostom, bishop of Constantinople, 347-407 A.D.

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,



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



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

*On the holy table of the Lord there lie two things which are present and set before us, namely, the bread and the cup and then also the Lamb of God Himself with His precious body and blood.
~ Canons of Nicea, 325 A.D.*

Please be seated.

*Of the Supper of the Lord, our churches teach that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present, and are distributed to those who eat the Supper of the Lord.
~ Augsburg Confession, Article X (1530 A.D.)*

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

- “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” ... LSB #710
“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” ... LSB #740
“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ... LSB #711

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

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde
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Organist: Kantor Jacob Drengler
Radio: Dick Ames, Chris Murvine
Lector: Lynn Budnik
Acolytes: Elsa Oestreich, Tyler Pagel, Nik Strand
Communion: Lois Jarosz, Grace Mueller
Elder: Tim Pagel
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