

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – MISERICORDIAS DOMINI– April 15th, 2018

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 740, (Late Service: 594) 709,
(155, Late Service 740, 617, 634, 628), 707

Psalms: 23

Catechetical Review: Tables of Duties

Q: What do the Scriptures say of Civil Government?

A: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou, then, not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid, for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Rom. 13:1-4.

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US! One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as "closed communion" because of the Bible's teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

REMINDER: Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering. It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

FOR PRAYER REQUESTS for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

FRIENDS AND VISITORS: Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK: **Elder:** Wednesday – Jerry Nigro; Sunday: 8:00 – Randy Verbeten and Todd Wilks; 10:30 – Doug Just and Bob Katterhagen. **Organist:** Wednesday – Lora Heinz; Sunday: 8:00 – Sharon Mueller; 10:30 – Lora Heinz. **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; 8:00 – Maryann Melby; 10:30 – . **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .

PRELUDE 8:00 SERVICE: "He Reigns Triumphantly"

ATTENDANCE: Last Week: Wednesday – 11; Sunday: 8:00– 70; 10:30– 62; **TOTAL:** 143. Sunday School- 11.

OUR GIVING: Last Week: General Fund - \$3,942.00; Sunday School – \$8.75; **TOTAL** - \$3,950.75. Needed each week to meet budget - \$5,450.00.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE for the month of April is given to the glory of God by Robin Andersen in loving memory of Valerie Goetsch, Dean Goetsch, and Wilber & Bonnie Andersen.

CONGRATULATIONS as we celebrate the baptism of Roland Gelhaar, son of Errol & Elizabeth, at the 10:30 service.

THANK YOU: The family of Vicky Poisl would like to give a heartfelt thank you to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and all those who helped us commemorate Vicky's life. We truly appreciate all the work and preparation that went into providing such a warm celebration of Vicky going to her eternal home with a special thank you to the Ladies Guild for the wonderful luncheon.

HYMN SING: In honor of St. Paul's new organ being paid off, we will be having a special service on Wednesday, April 25th. Plans are being made to have a Hymn Sing that evening at 7:00pm instead of the normal Wednesday evening service. The choir, organists, and pastor will be working together to make it a service filled with praises to God as we all join in giving thanks for His great deeds. After the service, instead of Bible Study the Ladies' Guild will be hosting a reception for all. They will be serving pie along with coffee and other drinks.

CASSEROLE LUNCHEON will be on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 from 11:00 – 1:00. Please look for the sign-up sheet that will be in the Narthex, and see how you can help the Ladies who do so much for us and our church throughout the year!

ABOUT THE COVER: Jesus is our Divine Shepherd. He loves us because we are His sheep. He feeds us His Word of forgiveness. He shows us that He is our good and noble Shepherd by His laying down of His life for us.

