

+ **Misericordias Domini (3rd Sunday of Easter) +**

Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184

April 14, 2024

As We Gather: 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).

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary,
God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

Exhortation

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[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.

Confession of Sins

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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.

Absolution

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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.

Opening Hymn 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is'

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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



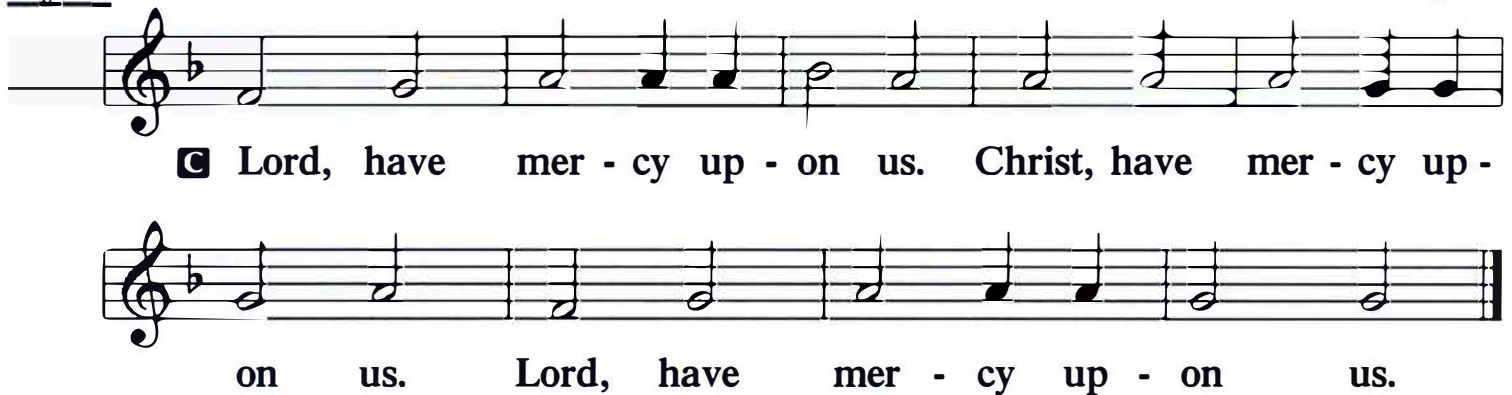
I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 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 days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

*Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77
Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.
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Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

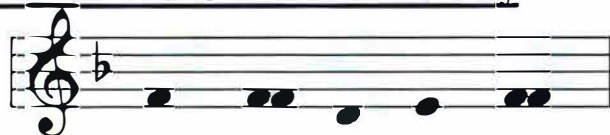
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

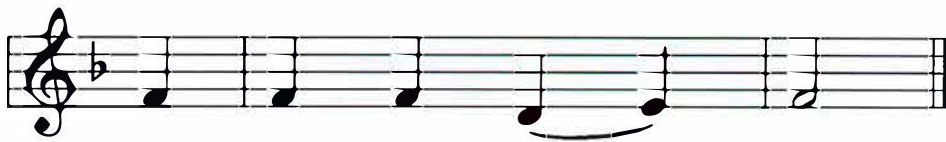
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter 3



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Please be seated.

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.

Introit

Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

that he may deliver their soul from death

and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;

he is our help and our shield.

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.

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

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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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11–16

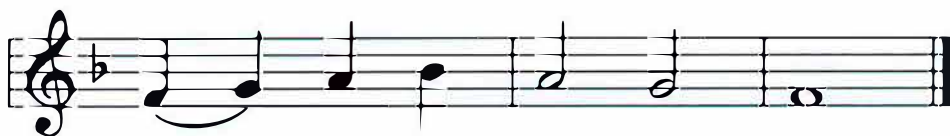
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.
 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn 'Lord Jesus, Who Art Come'

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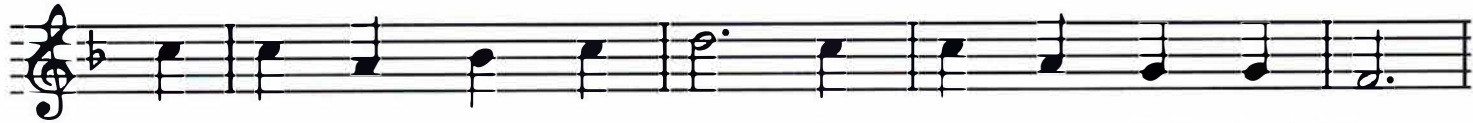
1 Lord Je - sus, who art come A Teach - er sent from heav - en
 2 Thou hast, O Lord, re-turned, To God's right hand as - cend - ing;
 3 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
 4 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest - days are keep - ing;



And by both word and deed God's truth to us hast giv - en,
 Yet Thou art in the world, Thy king - dom here ex - tend - ing.
 That shows the way to God And brings to us sal - va - tion!
 And since the fields are white And hands are few for reap - ing,



Thou wise - ly hast or - dained The ho - ly min - is - try
Thro' preach - ing of Thy Word In ev - 'ry land and clime
By Thine e - van - gel pure, Lord, Thou pre - serv'st Thy fold,
Send work - ers forth, O Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in



That we, Thy flock, may know The way to God thro' Thee.
Thy peo - ple's faith is kept Un - til the end of time.
Dost call, en - light - en, keep, Dost com - fort and up - hold.
That not a soul be lost Which Thou are come to win.

- 5 The servants Thou hast called
And to Thy Church art giving
Preserve in doctrine pure
And holiness of living.
Thy Spirit fill their hearts,
Endue their tongues with pow'r;
What they should boldly speak,
Oh, give them in that hour!
- 6 Yea, bless Thy Word alway,
Our souls forever feeding;
And may we never lack
A faithful shepherd's leading!
Seek Thou the wand'ring sheep,
Bind up the sore opprest,
Lift up the fallen ones,
And grant the weary rest.
- 7 Bring those into Thy fold
Who still to Thee are strangers;
Guard those who are within
Against offense and dangers.
Press onward with Thy Word
Till pastor and his fold
Through faith in Thee, O Christ,
Thy glory shall behold.

Sermon

"The Wonderful Voice of the 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.

Please stand, as you are able.

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the increase of faith in Christ, who bore our sins; and for inspiration to follow His example, who suffered and did not threaten, who was judged and did

not condemn, and who commended His Spirit to the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that God would send faithful shepherds to care for His flock here and scattered throughout the world; that He would keep them devoted to Christ and His truth, and so turn them in dutiful service toward His people; that God would spare us from hirelings who serve ego, belly or the world's doctrines; and that He would give discerning ears to His sheep to listen for the voice of Christ, our Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of good government, that as the Paschal Lamb has wrought peace between man and God, so He would grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world; and that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for our risen Christ, the firstfruits from the dead, who has secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences, that He would also bless with temporal health those who suffer [*especially* _____]; and that He would grant us aid not only in this moment, but also true, immortal health in the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful reception of Christ's very body and blood, that God would give us the Holy Spirit so that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the fellowship of the Church, that our Shepherd would bring us at last with all His saints to share in the feast that has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in

every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

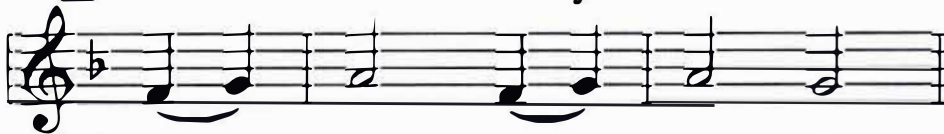
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Preface

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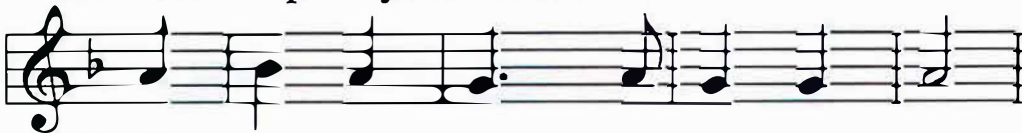
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



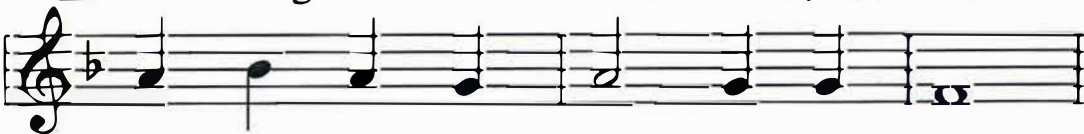
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

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

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C 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,



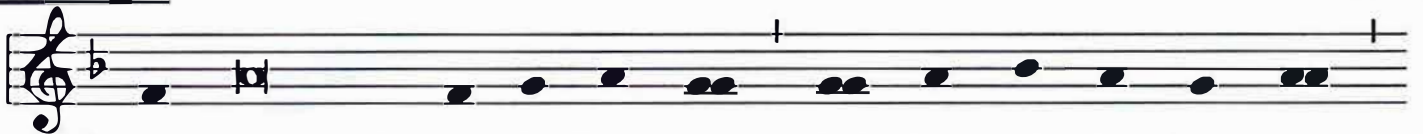
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

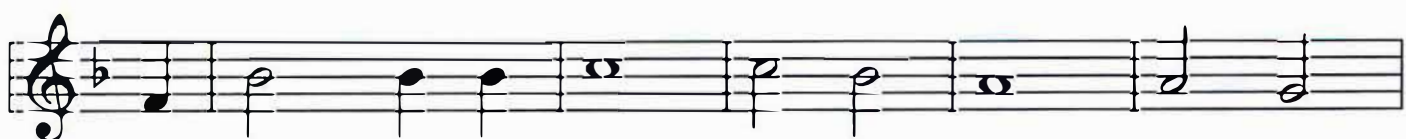
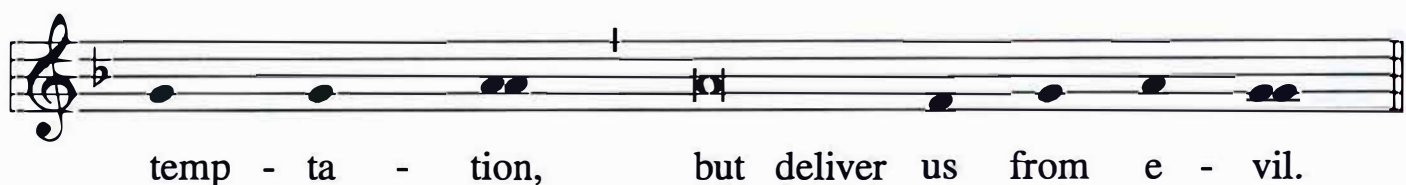
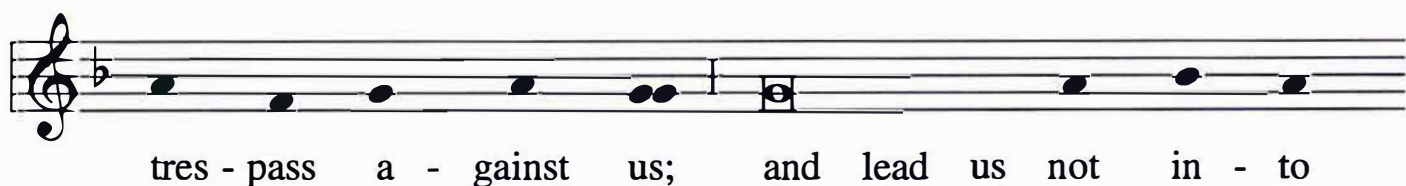
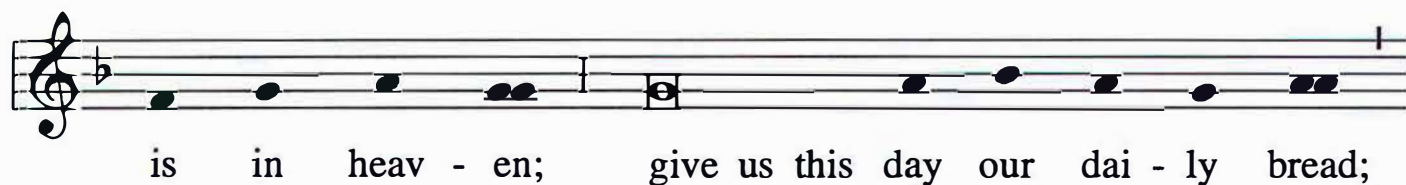
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

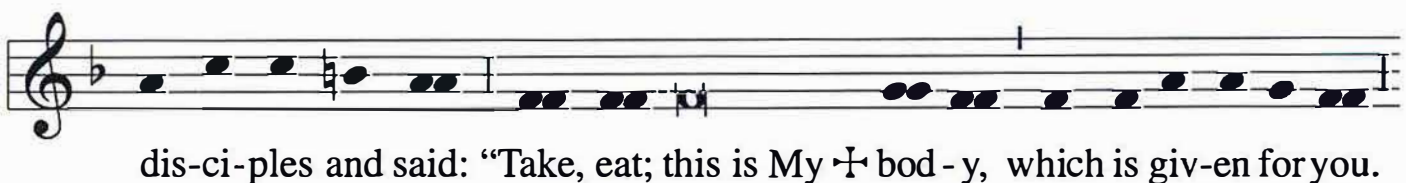
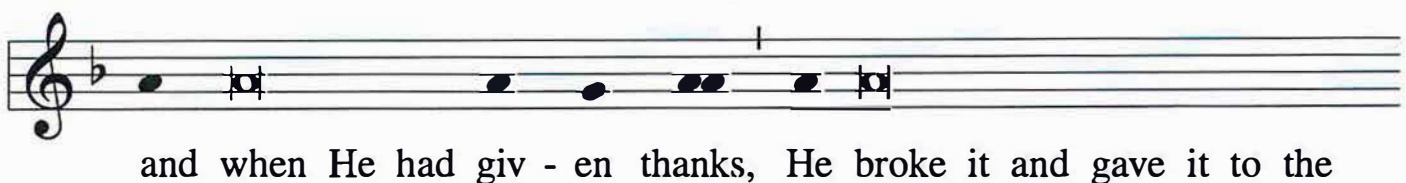


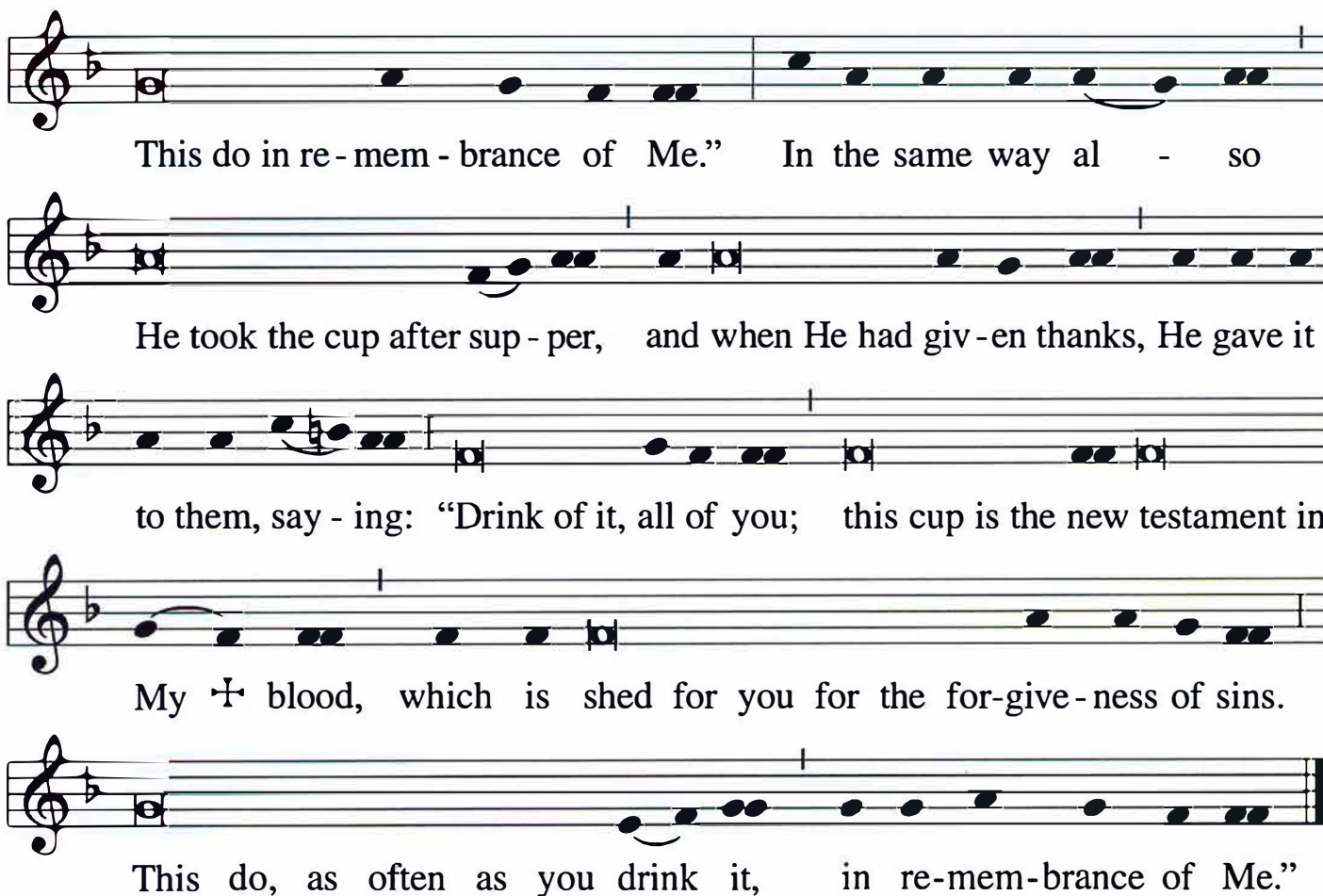
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



The Words of Our Lord

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This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it

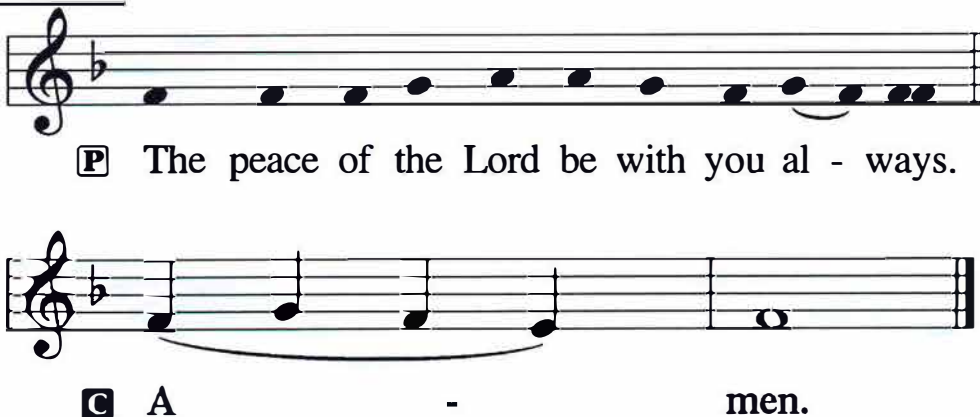
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give - ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

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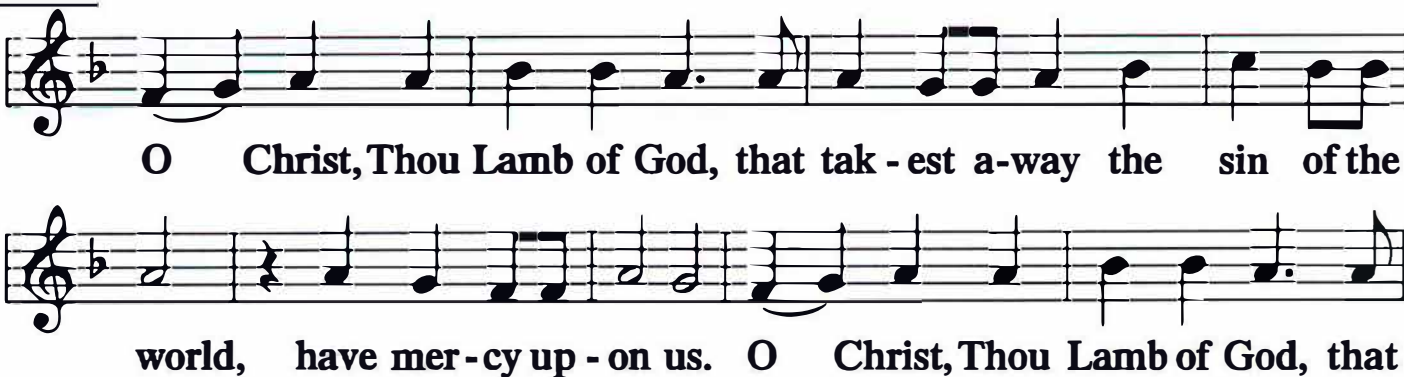


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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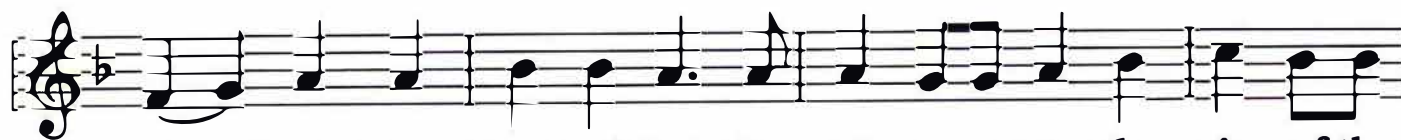


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

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

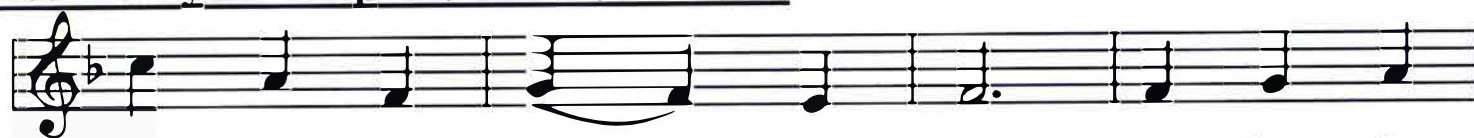


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn 'Shepherd of Tender Youth'

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1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
You so might save our race And give us life.
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

*Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.
Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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Distribution Hymn ‘I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb’

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



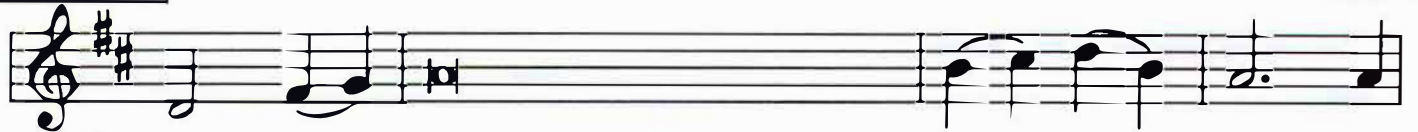
Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



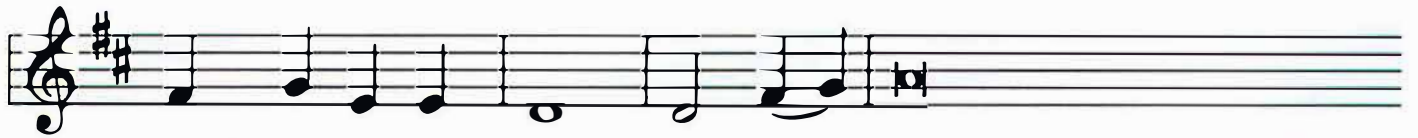
day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

*Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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Please stand, as you are able.



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



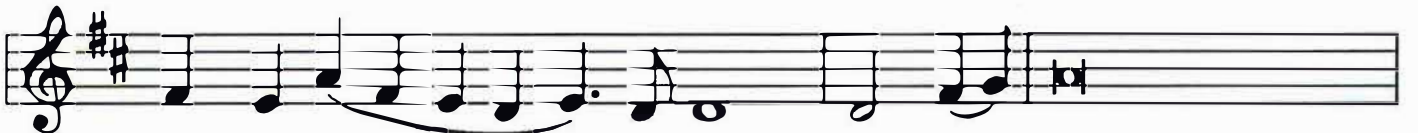
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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,



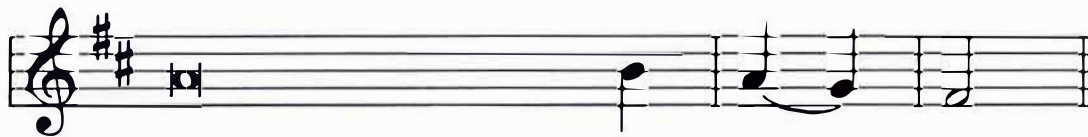
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

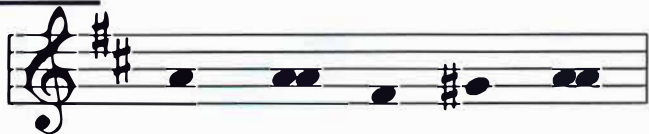
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



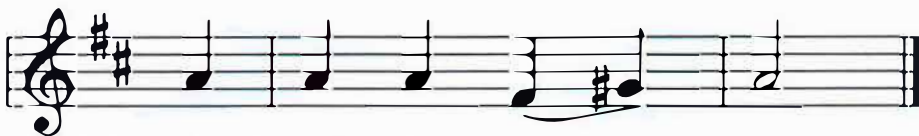
C A - men.

Salutation

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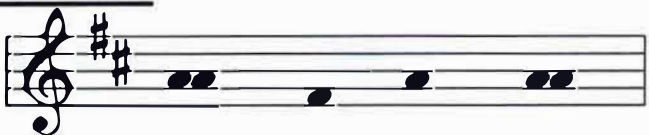
P The Lord be with you.



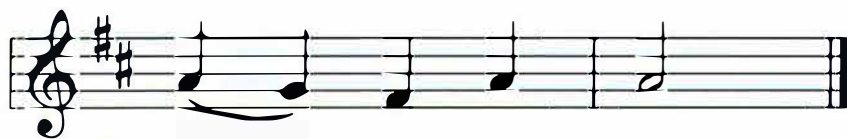
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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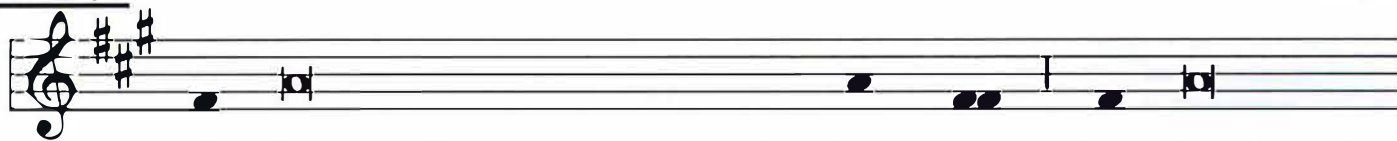
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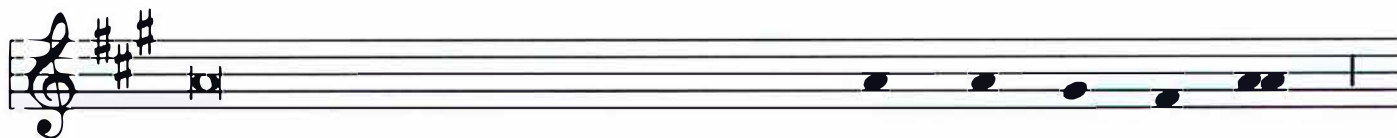
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Benediction

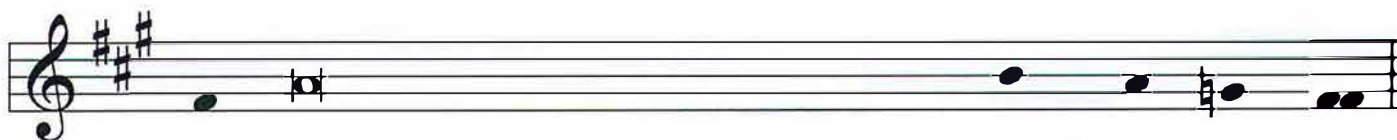
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 'O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe'

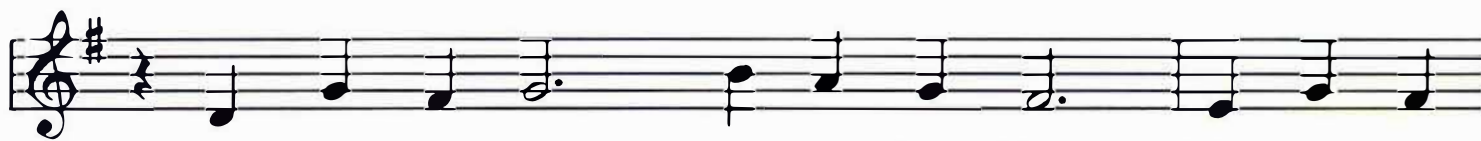
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1 O lit - tle flock,	fear not the foe	Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer;	your cause be - longs	To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true,		Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer;		Great Cap - tain,



seeks	your o - ver - throw;	Dread not	his rage and pow'r.
can	a - venge your wrongs;	Leave it	to Him, our Lord.
hell's	sa - tan - ic crew	A - gainst	us shall pre - vail.
now	Thine arm make bare,	Fight for	us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

1st quarter giving statements are in your boxes.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, April 21 after the service.

Sunday School: As we gather today, we will study "The Restoring King." Josiah becomes king of Judah at only eight years old. During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah begins the restoration of the temple. When they clean the temple, Hilkiah, high priest and Josiah's faithful teacher, discovers the Book of the Law. Hearing the words of the Law, Josiah tears his clothes in repentance and directs Hilkiah to inquire of the Lord concerning the people. The Lord responds, telling Josiah that because of his penitent heart He will hold back the disaster from Josiah's kingdom.

Stewardship: John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

Building Healthy Families for April 14th: Wives, want to build up your marriage? Stop and think about your husband's gifts. (No, not the ones he gave you for your last birthday and Christmas!) What are his talents? What does he love to do? What are his spiritual gifts? What are his aspirations? Accomplishments? Recognize them, name them, and communicate your respect for them...to him and to others. It will help build a great relationship! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for April 14th: "So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life." Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 21st: Hear "More Than He Bargained For" based on Acts 3:6 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 14th: With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as "Author of life" (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

1 PETER BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: It's Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFUE Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at kfuo.org/sharathon.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/14—4/20 is **Stanek**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/21—4/27 is **Wyatt**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Members of Immanuel – coming soon to your home mailboxes, you will find a copy of the Lutheran Witness (a publication of the LCMS). The church has taken on the cost for getting this monthly resource into your hands. You should receive one every month, except in the summer where there is a combined issue for June/July. If you need to update your address or have problems with your delivery, please let the church office know. What is the Lutheran Witness? In 1844, C.F.W. Walther founded the German magazine, *Der Lutheraner*, for the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Walther set out of a fourfold purpose for the newsletter: First, to make known the doctrine, treasures and history of the Lutheran Church. Second, to show how the Evangelical Lutheran Church is the true church of Jesus Christ on earth. Third, to help Lutherans know how to believe, live and die in the faith. Fourth, and finally, to uncover the false doctrine afflicting Lutherans of his time. Today, That tradition continues today, as The Lutheran Witness seeks to help you interpret the world from a Lutheran perspective. The editors and designers work to craft articles and magazines that point readers to Christ and Him crucified for the sins of the world. In the end, it's not about us and our crafted words and refined designs, it's about Him and His life, suffering, and death for the sins of the world. May this resource serve to strengthen you in your life together with Christ and His Church.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED: Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec Deppe at 319-848-4187 or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) NEWS

From Helen Huedepohl, LWML IED VP of Communication:

What a JOYFUL message to receive on EASTER weekend!! Our mite goal has been reached!

Psalm 107 repeats the refrain *"Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!"*

Of course, our Convention theme verse is perfect for this occasion also. *"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."* Shout it out! Praise the Lord! Share this news.

We made our mite goal and will have enough money to pay our Mission Grants for the 2022-2024 biennium with money raised in **this biennium!**

Checks have been written for all but one mission grant, and enough money has been received to cover it!

I stand amazed at the faithfulness of God and His LWML servants."

There is still time to sign up for the Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally on April 20, 2024. We can carpool from church – be at Immanuel by 8:25am, if you are willing to carpool or need a ride. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Entryway before *Friday, April 12.*

Are you still pondering about attending the Iowa East LWML Convention to be held on June 21-22 at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA? The deadline for Early Registration is

May 1, 2024. Grab a Registration Form from the table in the Entryway. I can promise you that you won't be disappointed you attended the Convention.

For more information, come to our LWML Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 11:30. :)

Members of Immanuel,

The following is a resolution that will be presented for vote at the Voter's Meeting on April 21. It attempts to gather the information that has been discussed thus far and decided at previous meetings. As brought forward at the last discussion, this is given to you ahead of time for your prayerful consideration. The vote will be by written ballot, not by voice vote.

To Add the Corpus of Christ on the Cross in the Sanctuary

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18); Likewise, "we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24); Also, "And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul also says, "Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14); and

WHEREAS, Art is a powerful symbol of confession and teaching; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS has always recognized both the power of art and the freedom of its use in congregations; and

WHEREAS, the cross, a symbol of Christ's death, is being adopted for other uses not always rightly associated with its biblical understanding that it was Christ's death on the cross that defeated death and paid for sin; and

WHEREAS, a desire for making a more clear confession of the cross and teachings by adding a corpus to the cross in the front of the sanctuary (i.e. "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh" 1 Peter 3:18) was passed at the last voter's meeting to have a period of discussion surrounding this issue, after being discussed and passed by the elders and the church council; and

WHEREAS, the past quarter (January 2024-April 2024) has provided information by way of a newsletter article, as well as two open discussion times, one of which provided a mechanism for members to submit questions anonymously; therefore be it

Resolved, Immanuel moves forward with adding a corpus to the cross in the front of the sanctuary; and be it further

Resolved, that Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees be tasked with getting the details of size, color, cost, etc.; and be it further

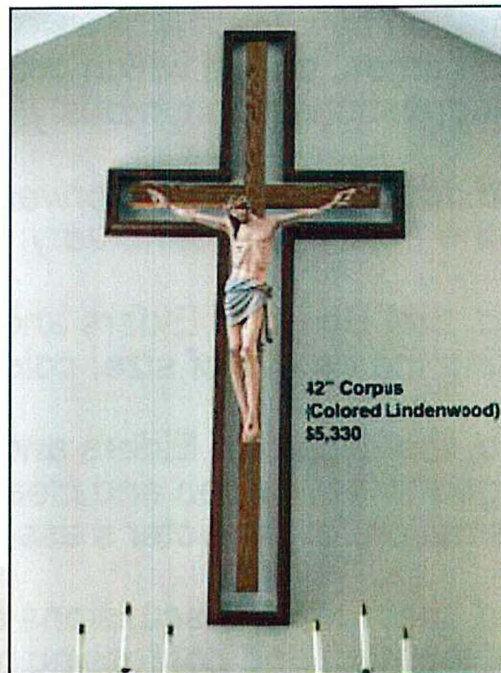
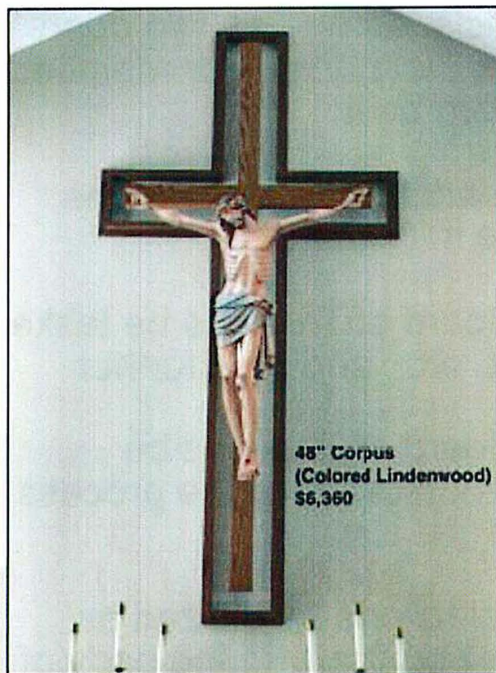
Resolved, that Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees be encouraged to have open and clear communication in the process and information for the voter's assembly;

Resolved, that further discussions and objections be utilized as places of learning and confessing together our unity in the body of Christ, which may best be served in conversations with pastor and the elders; and be it finally

Resolved, That the cost of the corpus will be covered by the general fund.

The Board of Elders
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grinnell, IA

Proposed Corpus Project



Proposal

One of our younger congregational members has presented a proposal to turn our main cross into a crucifix by adding the Corpus of Christ onto our pre-existing cross.

Why: A cross can represent anything nowadays. Many people wear it just as something to match their outfit without really knowing what it is meant to represent.

By putting the Corpus on our church's cross, we could better represent our shared belief in Jesus's crucifixion, sacrifice and fulfillment of the covenant.

- Has been approved by Board of Elders
- Has been approved by Church Council
- Is under discussion by Church Voters
- Needs congregational consideration and approval
- Will be reviewed and voted upon by Church Voters at the next quarterly meeting in April 2024

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp or a church elder.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 7, 2024

Attendance	53
Communion	37
General Fund	\$4570.00
Missions	\$115.00
Marvin Honold Memorial	\$105.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Misericordias Domini (3rd Sunday of Easter)
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Routier
		Usher: Keith T.
		Servers: Melissa M./Diane S.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Alivia
		Elder: Steve H.
Monday	11:30am	LWML
	1:00pm	Board of Evangelism & Missions
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Friday	10:00am	Pastor in class
Saturday		Marshalltown Zone LWML Spring Rally
Next Sunday	9:00am	Jubilate (4th Sunday of Easter)
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:30am	Voters' Assembly
		Greeter: K. Schultz
		Usher: Ben L.
		Servers: Amanda W./Evonne K.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Finn/Kaitlynn
		Elder: Darlo K.

