

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Third Sunday of Easter
(Misericordias Domini)
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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is **LSB 709**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit

(Ps. 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Alleluia. The Lord was known to them in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Hymn: The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

LSB 710

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn*: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² 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. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed*

LSB 159

Hymn of the Day: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Offertory*

LSB 781

Lord's Prayer*

Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

LSB 473

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What does this mean: Misericordias Domini comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Misericordia Domini plena est terra), meaning “The earth is full of the tender mercy of the LORD.”

The word “pastor” comes from the Latin noun pastor which means “shepherd” and the Latin verb pascere, which means “to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat.” Pastors are under-shepherds of Christ. They are instructed to feed (administer the Holy

Sacraments) and preach the Gospel to Christ's sheep (congregation) according to Christ's example.

Voters' Meeting: Our Voters' Meeting is **tonight at 7:00pm.**

Braille Prayer Books: We will be doing Braille Prayer Books on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 9:00am–11:00am** at New Minden School. Opal

Agape Youth Easter Baskets on the Table in Back of Church: One has eggs with candy and a fact about the gathering. The other is to return eggs. We are inviting everyone to take an egg and return it with loose change to help the group raise funds for their trip this summer. You may return it to the basket or a youth member. Thanks!

LWML Mission Night with Eunice Hausler: What a wonderful night of fellowship with our dear sisters in Christ! Thank you to Pastor Jennings for his opening and closing prayers, and for running the sound system. A special thank you goes to Ms. Judy for playing our hymns for the evening. As the 55 ladies, along with Pastor, sang, it seemed a little like, what I imagine the angel's choir in heaven, will sound like! It was very uplifting!

On the first page of Eunice's book, "Thank You Lord For The Privilege", there is a picture of the plaque that was still hanging on the wall, as they came up from the basement after the EF4 tornado destroyed their home in 2013; the plaque is a picture of Jesus with the words "Trust in the Lord." Eunice has definitely done just that throughout her life. We enjoyed listening to a few of the stories of her life. Wherever the Lord led her, she followed. She has experienced joys and hardships but the Lord with her through them all. She knows who Jesus, her Lord and Savior is, and she wants others to know and love Him too, so that the heavenly reunion can be celebrated by as many as possible. What a witness she has been and still is for Christ. Thank you to our dear ladies for bringing cookies and helping out on Monday evening so we could all enjoy the night. A special thank you to Marla Corry and Susan Kleiboeker for planning this event. I was blessed to be here! Deb

Ladies Aid/LWML: Our May meeting will be **May 9th at 6:00pm** at Dominos located at 320 South Elm Centralia, Il 62801. Let Ronda or Dolores know if you are coming by

May 6th! Bring your Mite Boxes, your pantry items and a hungry tummy. This is our last evening together until August. Hope to see you all there!

VBS is fast approaching! **Baptized Into Christ** will take place from **8:30am-11:00am** each morning, **June 27-June 30, 2022**. We will be learning Bible stories on Baptism, having snacks, making items for a home altar, doing service projects, and of course, having fun! Please speak with Deb Albers, if you are able to help with this year's activities. Many hands make light work.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings

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This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 9:30am Divine Service
7:00pm Voters' Meeting

Monday: 8:30am-11:00am Preschool
7:30pm Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins
8:30am-11:00am Preschool
6:00m-7:30pm Religion

Friday: 8:30am-11:00am Preschool

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service