

THE OFFICE OF MATINS  
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WELCOME TO OUR MATINS SERVICE FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Please use this Service Folder** to participate in today's liturgy. As usual, the hymns are linked in [blue](#), so just click on the links and sing along. (There might be other links in blue for you to click, too, for further devotional material.) Once each hymn is completed, return to Pastor's video and continue with the Service. In order to make your participation as reverent as possible, dress for the occasion, and follow the *rubrics* by listening, ♪ singing, **responding**, and *sitting, standing, and kneeling*, just as if you were in the nave at TGS. The service begins on page 2.

**Misericordia Domini** means “**the goodness of the Lord.**” These are words that end the *Historic Introit* (meaning, “entrance;” a Psalm or verse sung as the pastor *entered* the church) for the day, Psalm 33:5. In Latin, verse 5 ends “*misericordia Domini plena est terra*”—“the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.” Psalm 33 proclaims the joy and awe of the Christian at the miraculous grandeur of the creative and redemptive acts of Our Lord. **Misericordia Domini** is frequently called “**Good Shepherd Sunday**” because the Gospel reading is John 10:11-16, where our Lord identifies Himself as our Good Shepherd.

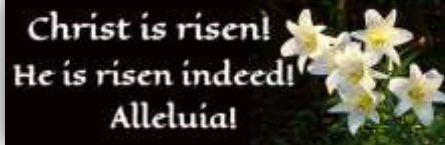
St. Gregory the Great once said, “The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep in order to change his body and blood into a sacrament for us, and to satisfy the sheep he had redeemed with his own body as food.” Christ as our Shepherd is also the theme of the Old Testament (Ezekiel 34.11 -16) and the Epistle (1 Peter 2.21-25).



*Prayer to Prepare for the Service:* Lord God, heavenly Father, who of Your fatherly goodness have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have 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: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd know us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation, through the same, Your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



## Announcements

*Pr von Hindenburg*

## Hymn

### 753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have  
2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good  
3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -  
4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this  
5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its  
thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at  
plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through  
be the day I die, God will keep my  
clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.  
peace I fol - low Where He leads me . . . why look back?  
death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.  
spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.  
path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

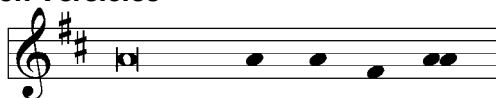
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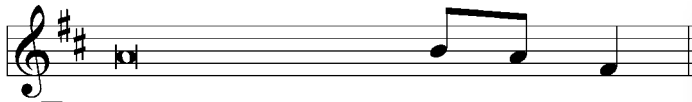
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## Common Versicles

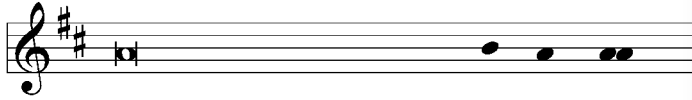
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon (Easter)



**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

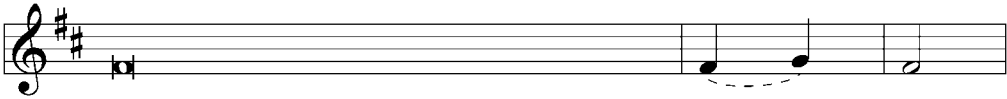


**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

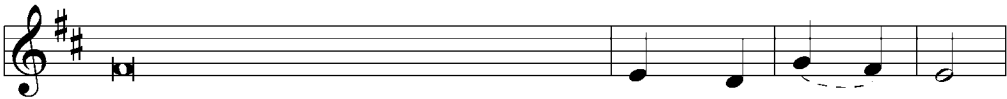


Venite

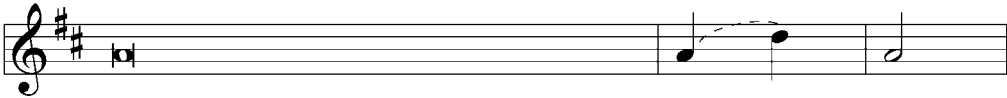
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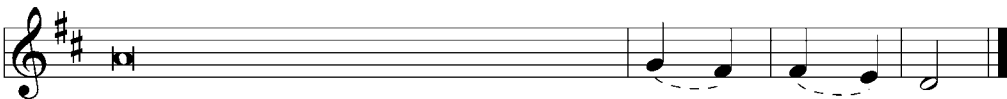
- 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
  
- 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
  
- 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
- 4 For He . . . . . is our God,
- 5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
- 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
- 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- 5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.



## Antiphon (Easter)



**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Historic Introit

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

**P** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

**P** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\*

Praise befits the | upright.

**C** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

**P** that he may deliver their | soul from death\*

and keep them alive in | famine.

**C** Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

he is our help | and our shield.

**A**ll - 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.

**P** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.



## Additional Psalm

*Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6*

**P** 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.

**P** The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

I | shall not want.

**C** He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

He leads me beside still | waters.

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

**A** || - **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.**

**P** 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.



*Sit*

Office Hymn

709 [The King of Love My Shepherd Is](#)



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!

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## Readings

### First Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I 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.”



- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.



## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:21-25

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>He 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. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Third Reading

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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."

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.





# Canticle

*Stand*



Te Deum

941 [We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God](#)



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring;  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

### Kyrie

*LSB 227*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.



### Collects

### Salutation

*LSB 227*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

### Collect of the Day

**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.

### Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

*LSB 228*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

LSB 228



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

In Christ there is  
no East nor West...



*Sit*

# Hymn

## 653 [In Christ There Is No East or West](#)



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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## ✠ Parish Announcements ✠



### Pastoral Care

"While the pandemic occupies much of our concern and prayers right now, I know that these are not the only matters for which you may desire pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide pastoral care and apply the Word of God in any situation you may be facing." – Pastor von Hindenburg

### Your Church Offerings

Don't forget to collect your offering for today, and put in its envelope, and either mail to the church, or gather all your envelopes and drop in the plate when we next meet. Currently, we do not have an online giving option, although the Council is exploring our options. At all times, our gifts and offerings are an expression of faith and worship, recognizing that all things we have come from our heavenly Father's hand. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!"



### A Stewardship Thought

John 10:16 – "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice." On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction.

Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!



### Portals of Prayer

If you have not already picked up a copy or had one delivered, and would like the Church Office to mail one to you, just pop an email to [goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net) with your request, and Karina would be delighted to get one out to you.



## Synod Sentences for *Misericordia Domini*

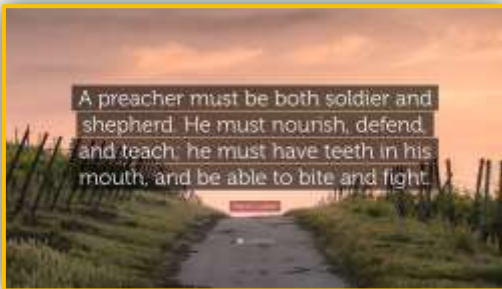
### **The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep**



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).

## From Martin Luther’s Gospel Sermon for *Misericordias Domini*

*John 10:11-16*



Let us, therefore, ever be wise and learn to know Christ well, and to know that in his kingdom there are only weak and sickly people, and that it is nothing but a hospital, where the sick and infirm, who need care, are gathered. And yet there are so few who understand that! And this fact seems so obscured that even they who have the Gospel and the Spirit are lacking in the knowledge of it; for it is the most profound wisdom that

man can attain. For even though they see that the Scriptures praise this kingdom and speak of its preciousness, yet they do not realize what the words mean, and do not understand that they contain that true wisdom which is far above the wisdom of men. For it is not our wisdom that we deal with, and that we speak of and preach to sensible, prudent and wise people; but it is this, that we go among fools and simpletons, and care for them, not because we find pleasure in so doing, but in order that we may help them to get rid of their sins and foolishness and to find righteousness and true knowledge. So you see that Christian wisdom does not consist in raising our eyes to that which is lofty and wise, to see ourselves reflected there, but in lowering our eyes to that which is lowly and foolish. Let him who knows this, thank God; for such knowledge will fit him to accommodate himself to, and guide him under, all circumstances in this life. Therefore



you will yet find many even among those who preach the Gospel, who have not yet attained it. They never taught us thus before, and we were accustomed to think we did not dare to come to Christ until we had first become perfectly pure. Now you must get out of that way of thinking and come to a proper understanding of Jesus, and learn to know him as a true shepherd.

## **A Bold Request – A Devotion of Rev. William Weedon**

Hear more of Rev. Weedon at his podcast, [The Word of the Lord Endures Forever](#)

Each year when it comes round, and we pray the collect for this day (Misericordias Domini), it strikes me as such a bold thing to ask of the Lord: "perpetual gladness and everlasting joy."

What does such a request mean? I think if we remember Psalm 16 (one of the great Easter psalms), we get a huge hint:

"You make known to me the path of life;  
\*in your presence\* there is fullness of joy;  
\*at your right hand\* there are pleasures forevermore."

As the people who have shared in Christ's paschal mystery and so through the grace of Holy Baptism been "rescued from the peril of everlasting death," we ask for unending joy, which is the exact same thing as to ask to live continually in the presence of God and in the place of His favor.

And when you stop and realize that this "bold" request is EXACTLY what the Blessed Trinity wants for us, and that to give it to us such unending joy is why our Lord took on flesh and surrendered that flesh to death, well, the joy starts welling up at the thought of it!

Our great Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us, knows us and we know Him and He gives us eternal life and we shall never perish and no one shall snatch us out of His hand.

In the confidence of that, we cry together: "Grant to your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys!" Amen and Amen!

