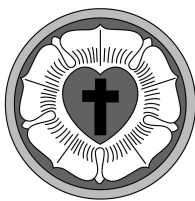


Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Misericordias Domini
Third Sunday of Easter
14 April 2013



James Tissot (1836–1902), *Le bon pasteur*

**The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep**

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A note to visitors

We are delighted to have you with us this morning to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Please also record your visit in the visitors' book at the back. If you would like a phone call or a pastoral visit, speak to the pastor or leave a note in the visitors' book.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

There is a Sunday School for children during the sermon. The children leave at the beginning of the sermon and return to church before the Service of the Sacrament.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

Therefore, we ask that only those who are instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's spiritual care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church.

Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

A note on the service:

Both the hymns and the order of service are found in the Lutheran Service Book. The outline of the service is given in this bulletin. The congregation stands for the parts of the service printed in italics and sits for the rest.

The numbers in the bulletin refer to page numbers in the service booklet. It helps to follow the service if you mark your place in the liturgy with this bulletin.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

487 *Hymn: Come, Ye Faithful*3 *Confession and Absolution**Catechism*

P The Lord's Prayer, the First Petition

C **Hallowed be Thy name.**

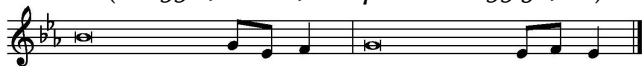
P What does this mean?

C **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

P How is God's name kept holy?

C **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

Introit (Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a)



A 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.

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

Praise befits the | upright.

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

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

C **that he may deliver their | soul from death***

and keep them alive in | famine.

A Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

C **❖ *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.

A 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.

5 *Kyrie*5 *Gloria in excelsis*7 *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

O God, through he humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the perils 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.

The Readings

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).

Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 34:11–16

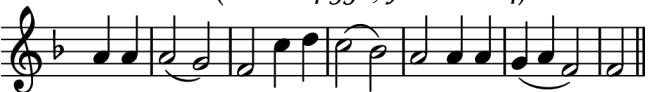
¹¹ [Thus] says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ 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.

710 Psalm: The Lord’s My Shepherd

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:21–25

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

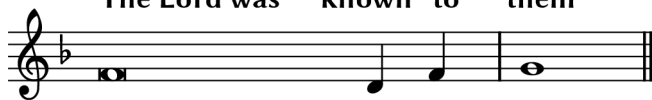
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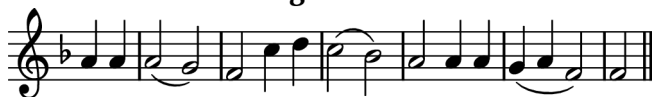
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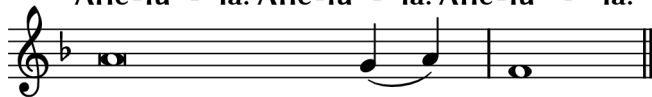
The Lord was known to them*



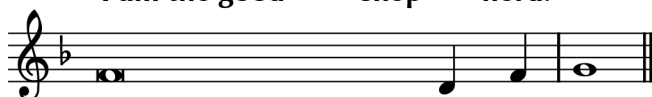
in the breaking of the bread.



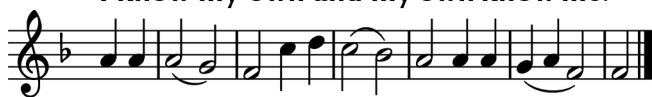
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I am the good shep - herd.*

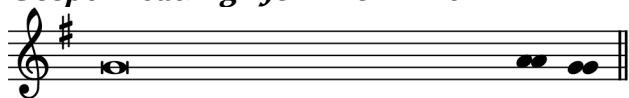


I know my own and my own know me.

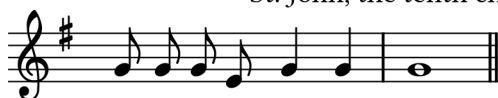


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Gospel Reading—John 10:11–16



P The **X** Holy Gospel according to
St. John, the tenth chap - ter.

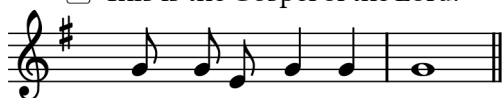


G Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¹¹ [Jesus said,] “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.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord!



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

11 *The Nicene Creed*

790 **Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

Sermon

12 *The Offertory*

Offering

12 *Prayer of the Church*

621 **Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

13 *The Service of the Sacrament*

17 *Nunc Dimittis and Post-Communion Prayers*

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Now the ir - on bars are bro - ken,
3. Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first - fruits
4. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en!



Hearts to heaven and voi - ces raise:
Christ from death to life is born,
Of the ho - ly har - vest field,
Shed up - on us heav - enly grace,



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
Glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal,
Which will all its full a - bund - ance
Rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry



Sing to God a hymn of praise.
On this ho - ly East - er morn.
At his se - cond com - ing yield:
From the bright - ness of Thy face;



He, who on the cross a vic - tim,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer
Then the gold - en ears of har - vest
That we, with our hearts in heav - en,



For the world's sal - va - tion bled,
By his might - y en - ter - prise:
Will their heads be - fore Him wave,
Here on earth may fruit - ful be,



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry,
We with Him to life e - tern - al
Rip - ened by his glor - ious sun - shine
And by an - gel hands be ga - thered,



Now is ris - en from the dead.
By his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
From the fur - rows of the grave.
And be ev - er, Lord, with Thee.

Sunday School Presentation

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members

Ron, Forbes, Frank

Family of members

Lucy, Diana (old age); Alex, Sarah & family; Jerry Harbin (cancer)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Paul (homeless); Mike (health); Claire and Phil (health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Margaret & Patrick Tustin (Alzheimer's); Rob (depression); Debra (depression); Dave (mental illness); Claire (leukaemia); Don & Julie Gardner (cancer); Ronnie (cancer); Lisa & children (cancer); Baby Thomas (health); Liz Wright and family; Ros and Peter (health)

ELCE

St. David Lutheran Church; Pr. Naumann; *The British Lutheran*; Norma Rakow (illness & old age)

The Church of God

Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Lutheran Church in Southern Africa; Holy Trinity CofE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD

FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION

THE SUMMARY CONTENT, RULE AND NORM

It is not only necessary that the pure, wholesome doctrine be rightly presented for the preservation of pure doctrine and for thorough, permanent, godly unity in the Church, but it is also necessary that the opponents who teach otherwise be reprov'd (1 Timothy 3; [2 Timothy 3:16;] Titus 1:9). Faithful shepherds, as Luther says, should do both things: (a) feed or nourish the lambs and (b) resist the wolves. Then the sheep may flee from strange voices (John 10:5–12) and may separate the precious from the worthless (Jeremiah 15:19).

Regarding these matters, we have thoroughly and clearly told one another the following: a distinction should and must by all means be kept between (a) unnecessary and useless wrangling (the Church should not allow itself to be disturbed by this, since it destroys more than it builds up) and (b) when the kind of controversy arises that involves the articles of faith or the chief points of Christian doctrine. Then the false, opposite doctrine must be reprov'd for the defence of the truth.

The aforesaid writings offer the Christian reader—who delights in and has a love for the divine truth—clear and correct information about each and every disputed article of our Christian religion. They show what he should regard and receive as right and true according to God's Word of the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures. They also show what he should reject, shun, and avoid as false and wrong. The truth must be preserved distinctly and clearly and distinguished from all errors. Nothing must be hidden and concealed under common words. Therefore, we have

clearly and directly declared ourselves to one another on the chief and most important articles taken one by one. At the present time these articles have come into controversy so that there might be a public, definite testimony, not only for those now living, but also for our descendants. We make known what is and should remain the unanimous understanding and judgement <decision> of our churches in reference to the articles in controversy. Paragraph 14–16

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The Week Ahead

Today	4.30pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
Wed	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
Sun	10.30am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)

Further ahead

24 April	10.30am	Bible study (Parsonage)
	12.30pm	Pastor's Surgery (The Hub)
	3pm	Devotion (Merry Hall)
27 April	10am	Worship Conference (Luther-Tyndale L.C.)
28 April	10.30am	Divine Service (St. Francis, Funtley)— N.B. Changed Venue
9 May	tbc	Ascension Day Service

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:25–31; 1 Peter 2:11–20; John 16:16–22

Daily Readings:

Sun: Exodus 32:15–35 Luke 6:39–49 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII: 73–76*

Mon: Ex 33:1–23 Luke 7:1–17 *FC SD VII: 77–84*

Tue: Ex 34:1–28 Luke 7:18–35 *FC SD VII: 85–90*

Wed: Ex 34:29–35:21 Luke 7:36–50 *FC SD VII: 91–103*

Thu: Ex 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31 Luke 8:1–21 *FC SD VII: 104–106*

Fri: Ex 39:32–40:16 Luke 8:22–39 *FC SD VII: 107–115*

Sat: Ex 40:17–38 Luke 8:40–56 *FC SD VII: 116–123*

[Why] Are You a Lutheran?

What makes a Lutheran a Lutheran? What does it matter? Does it matter?

The current Bible study series answers this question through a detailed study of the Augsburg Confession, the chief confession of the Lutheran Church.

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