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May 12, 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

# **Service Notes**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

This morning we welcome the **Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir** from Saginaw; they will furnish several music selections to the glory of God for this morning's Divine Service.

# **THE COMMON SERVICE** (page 15)

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #508** "Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd"

#### STAND

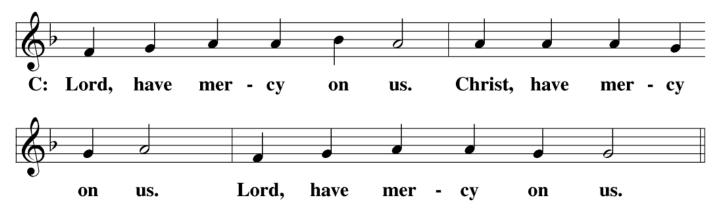
**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

# LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### BE SEATED

**CHOIR SELECTIONS** (See the MLS booklet page 1-4 for text.)

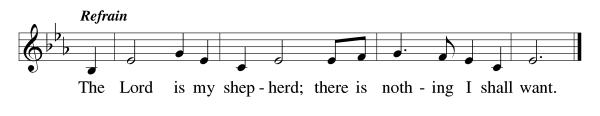
- God's Word is Our Great Heritage
- Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled (congregation participation)
- Children of the Heavenly Father
- Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place



# FIRST LESSON: Acts 13:15,16a,26-33

<sup>15</sup> After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it." <sup>16</sup> So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: ...<sup>26</sup> "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.<sup>27</sup> For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. <sup>28</sup> And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed.<sup>29</sup> And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, <sup>33</sup> this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you.'

# **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23**





The LORD is my <u>shep</u>herd,\* I shall not <u>be</u> in want.

He makes me lie down in green <u>pas</u>tures;\* he leads me beside quiet <u>wa</u>ters.

He restores my soul;\*

he guides me in paths of righteousness for his <u>name's</u> sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no <u>e</u>vil,\* for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <u>com</u>fort me. *Refrain* 

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my <u>en</u>emies.\*

You anoint my head with oil; my cup <u>overflows</u>.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days <u>of</u> my life,\* and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for<u>ev</u>er.

# Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,

# as it was in the beginning,\*

# is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

# **Refrain:** The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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# SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

# VERSE OF THE DAY (spoken by the pastor)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia! (John 10:14)

#### STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



# GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."
<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about

me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."



# NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

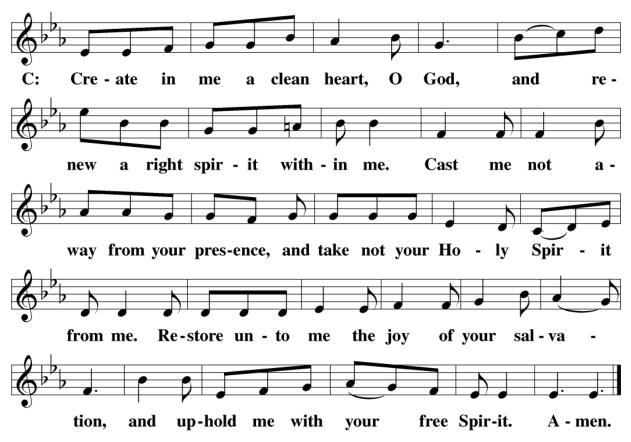
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**HYMN OF THE DAY: #375** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

# SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



#### BE SEATED

**CHOIR SELECTIONS** (See the MLS booklet page 5-7 for text.)

- E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
- Jesus Christ is Lord
- Alleluia

# **OFFERING** (Music by MLS)

STAND

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# FOR THE EASTER SEASON (page 126)

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.
- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- **M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
 C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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# LORD'S PRAYER

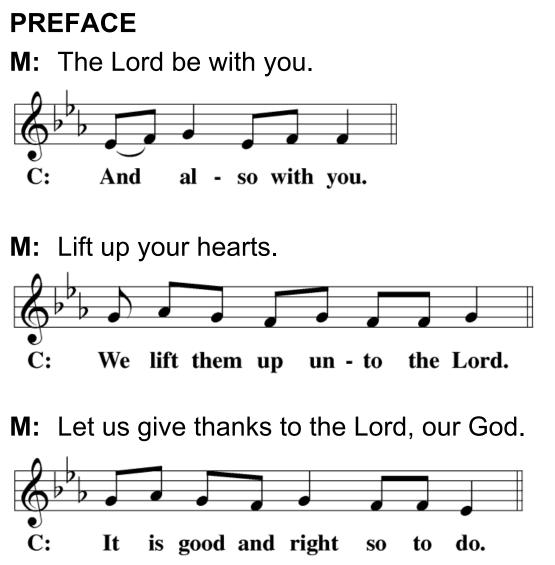
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from (+) evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**CHOIR SELECTIONS** (See the MLS booklet page 9-11 for text.)

- When God the Spirit Came (congregation participation)
- Create in Me
- Ain-a That Good News!
- O Day Full of Grace
- Grace Alone

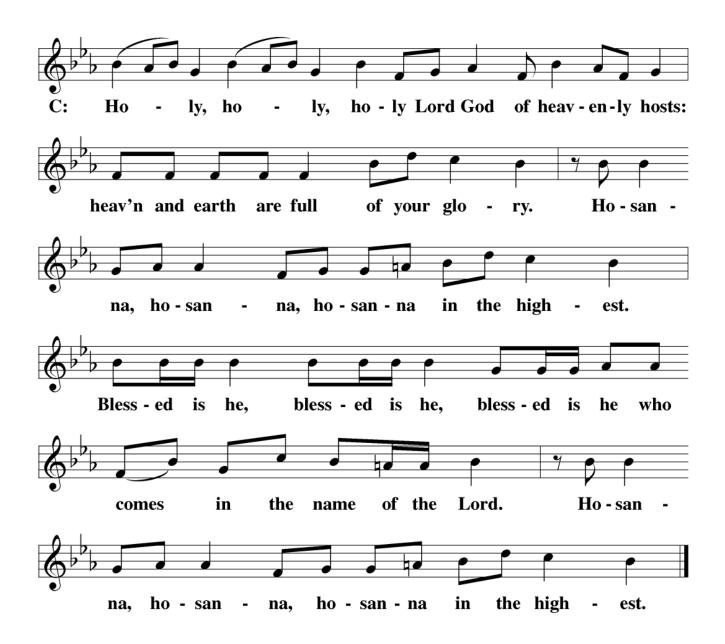


# THE SACRAMENT



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



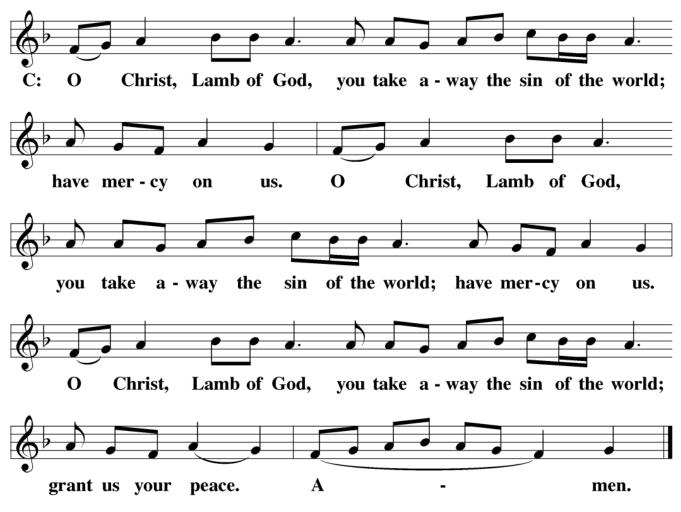
# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." **M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



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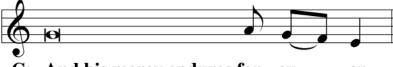
# DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**#360** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" **#436** "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

#### STAND **SONG OF SIMEON** (Nunc Dimittis) C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing Ю O to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared be - fore the face of all people, a light light - en the to Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

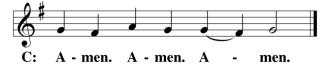
O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M**: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today	<ul> <li>- 9:30 AM Divine Service</li> <li>- 11:00 AM Luncheon for MLS and congregation</li> <li>- 7:00 PM Huron Valley Lutheran High School Spring Concert (See paragraph below.)</li> </ul>
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Sunday	<ul> <li>- 7:00 PM Voter's Meeting (Budget and Elections)</li> <li>- 8:30 AM Bible Class</li> <li>- 7:00 PM Senior Choir practice</li> <li>- 9:30 AM Divine Service</li> <li>-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class</li> </ul>

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Mimi Barber; Ushering – Team 1

Altar Flowers have been donated to the glory of God and in honor of Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

**VACATION--** Pastor Schaefer is on vacation from May 18 to 25. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. John Gierach, St. John's, Northfield (734)761-1740. Pastor Jon Baumann will be officiating at our Divine Service on May 19, and will be teaching our adult Bible class.

**HVL Concert -** Please join us (33740 Cowan Road, Westland) on Friday, May 17, at 7pm for the annual spring concert featuring songs and musical selections from the HVL full choir, Hawk Singers, and band. Following the concert there will be a dessert reception in the multi-purpose room to give a chance to say our thanks to the Kasten family. Mr. Brian Kasten has served as a teacher, coach, and the athletic director at HVL for the past 5 years. He has taken a call to serve at Divine Savior in Doral, Florida, beginning next fall. In thanks and gratitude for his service at HVL we will be having a dessert reception following the concert. Desserts can be brought to the kitchen prior to the concert. We will also have a spot for cards and notes of appreciation for the Kasten family.

**Visit by Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir** – Our synodical prep school from Saginaw will is providing music for our morning service today. The St. Peter's Board of Stewardship provided a light breakfast for the singers and their guests, and are hosting a luncheon after the service. Please join us in food and fellowship; and welcome those who are attending our synod's training school for called workers. Also please contribute to a free will offering to defray the choir's costs for coming here.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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