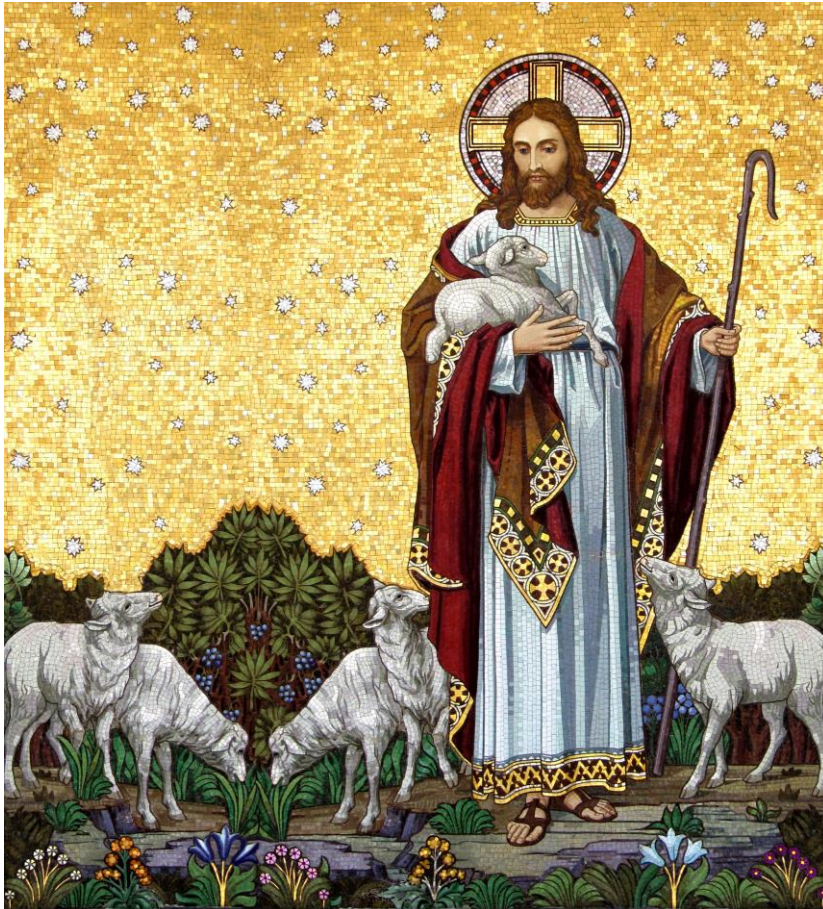


Misericordias Domini

The Second Sunday after Easter
The Sunday of the Good Shepherd
April 19, 2026



I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, declares the Lord GOD.

Theme of Today's Liturgy

Our Lord says, "I am the Good Shepherd" (*Gospel*); and the Church sings, "Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous" (*Introit*). Our Lord bears our sins in His own body to death on the tree (*Epistle*); and the Church prays the Father to grant us the "perpetual gladness and eternal joys" which Our Lord has won for us (*Collect*). The Lord promises to search out His flock and feed them (*Old Testament*); and the Church knows her Lord and His loving-kindness in the breaking of the Bread (*Gradual*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

The celebration of the Lord's Supper is a continuation of the Resurrection appearances of the Risen Savior. It is much the same as Jesus saying to Thomas: "*Put your finger here; see My hands. Stop doubting and believe*" (Jn 20:27). As Jesus promised, we believe that He is present in this Sacrament with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. We also believe the biblical teaching of oneness in doctrine for those who receive the Sacrament together. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, we ask that guests desiring to commune speak with the pastor before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

Cover: *Jesus as the Good Shepherd* (19th century), mosaic on tomb in Kufstein, Austria.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

“This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† **Processional Hymn** 548 *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

† **Confession and Absolution** p. 184–85 *LEFT-HAND COLUMN*

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 33; antiphon: Psalm 33



THE earth is full of the goodness | of the LORD, *
By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made.
Rejoice in the LORD, O ye | righteous; *
for it becomes the just to be | thankful.
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.
The earth is full of the goodness | of the LORD, *
By the word of the LORD were the | heavens made.

† Kyrie

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

† The Gloria in Excelsis

☐ Glo-ry be to God on high: ☑ And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, *we wor-ship Thee*, we glo-ri-fy Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

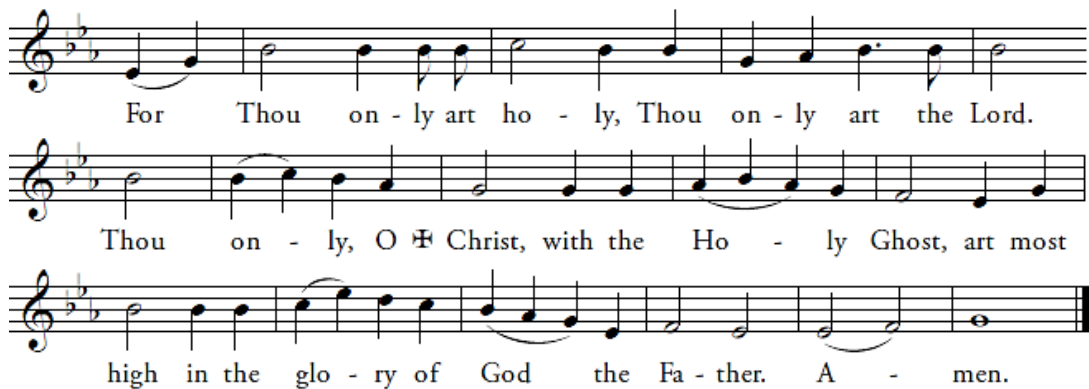
God the Fa-ther Al - might-y. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten

Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on_ us.

Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, *re-ceive our prayer*. Thou that

sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.



For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

† Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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.



A-men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16

Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. 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. 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. 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. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.



† Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

✠ *At that time Jesus said:* “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd. Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

† Nicene Creed

p. 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

Hymn of the Day

TLH 211

Lo, Judah's Lion Wins the Strife



- 1 Lo, Ju - dah's Li - on wins the strife And reigns o'er death to
2 'Tis He whom Da - vid did por - tray When he did strong Go -
3 Like Sam - son, Christ great strength em - ployed And con - quered hell, its
4 The pow'r of death he brake in twain When He to life a -



- give us life. Hal - le - lu - jah! Oh, let us sing His prais - es!
- li - ath slay. Hal - le - lu - jah! Oh, sing with glad - some voic - es!
gates de - stroyed. Hal - le - lu - jah! Oh, let us sing His prais - es!
- rose a - gain. Hal - le - lu - jah! To Him all praise be giv - en!

- 5 He led to freedom all oppressed
And pardon won for sin - distressed.
Hallelujah!
Oh, praise Him for His mercy!

- 6 In festal spirit, song, and word,
To Jesus, our victorious Lord,
Hallelujah!
All praise and thanks be rendered.

- Δ7 All honor, glory, praise be giv'n
Our Triune God, who reigns in heav'n.
Hallelujah!
Now gladly sing we: Amen.

Sermon

Offering *Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.*

† **Offertory** *This Is the Feast* (see next page)

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: Lord, in Your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly, — Lord God of



Sab - a-oth; heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is — He that com - eth in the



name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

† The Lord's Prayer

† The Words of Christ's Testament

Distribution Hymns

solo	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, Leading Me</i>
633	<i>At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing</i>
709	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>
710	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want</i>
666	<i>O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe</i>
467	<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

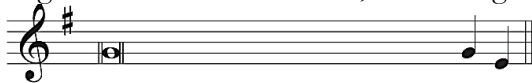
† Nunc Dimittis



| Lord, now | lettest Thou Thy servant depart / in peace,
ac- / ording- to Thy Word;
| for mine | eyes have seen Thy / salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the face / of all- people,
| a- | light to lighten / the Gentiles,
and the glory of Thy / people- Israel.
| 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 for- / ever-. Amen.

† The Post-Communion Collect

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



And His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

Let us pray. . . . one God, now and forever.



A-men.

† Conclusion

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God. _____

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



A - men. A - men. A - men.

† Hymn 473 *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free*

Organ Postlude

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!”

Psalm 84:4

Christ Is Risen!

TODAY'S NOTICES

The Board of Social Ministries is hosting the **church picnic at Elmwood Park on Saturday, June 13th from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**. The board will provide the main meat, water, and lemonade. We ask that anyone planning to attend sign up with the number of people attending and bring a side or dessert dish to share for the potluck. Please bring any outside games or activities you enjoy! A sign up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board.

Confessional Connections in Christ: Are you between the ages of 20 and 30? Do you wish you could meet other young adults who have a similar faith? Do you wish you could meet other young adults with a similar worldview? If you answered "Yes" to these questions, this event could be what you are looking for. You are invited to an afternoon of prayer, education, conversation and fellowship on Sunday, May 31, from 2:00 pm–7:00 pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Louisville, NE. Find more information and a registration form on the narthex bulletin board.

Prayer Requests: *Sister Churches in:* South Sudan, Philippines, France & Guatemala; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Norma Kelly, Marilyn Pacas, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jessica Whirrett, Shayla Gerike; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Larry Ashe, Jean Young, Jean Babel, Hayes Gonzalez, Genelle Rohe, Nancy Goesch, Ezra Venteicher, Art Huntley, Pat Helmke, Jeremy Long, Kitty Schamber

This Week's Calendar

Today (4/19)	MISERICORDIAS DOMINI: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Board of Trustees meeting after church Children's choir after church
Wednesday (4/22)	Matins 10:00 am Vespers 6:30 pm Youth Catechesis 7:00 pm
Thursday (4/23)	Choir practice 6:30 pm
Saturday (4/25)	First Communion Class 9:00 am
Next Sunday (4/26)	JUBILATE: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Assembly of Voters after church Children's Choir after church

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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins is prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Vespers is prayed in Advent & Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3–12 is year-round. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist – Annika Buckley

Soloist – Charlotte Vanek

Elder – Louis Riva

Trustee – Dave Emken

Altar Care – Buffy Linke & Cybil Boss

Counters – Carlene Lange, Carrie Rhine, Erika Riva

Ushers – Glen Rademacher, Scott Andersh, Dan Bartels, Matt Meyer