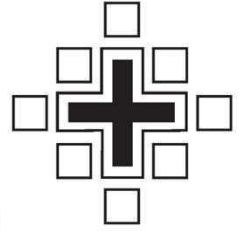


# Third Sunday of Easter

*Misericordias Domini*

April 14, 2024



**INTROIT**      *Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*

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.

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 be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

## GRADUAL

*During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the Verse is expanded.*

**VERSE**      *Luke 24:35b; John 10:14*

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.

## DAILY READINGS

**April 14:** Ex. 32:15–35; Luke 6:39–49; **15:** Ex. 33:1–23; Luke 7:1–17; **16:** Ex. 34:1–28; Luke 7:18–35; **17:** Ex. 34:29–35:21; Luke 7:36–50; **18:** Ex. 38:21–39:8, 22–23, 27–31; Luke 8:1–21; **19:** Ex. 39:32–40:16; Luke 8:22–39; **20:** Ex. 40:17–38; Luke 8:40–56.

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### **Old Testament Lesson: Ezekial 34:11-16**

“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.

### **Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:21-25**

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.

### **Gospel Reading: John 10:11-16**

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.

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**In our prayers:** Remember all who are ill and weak, shut-ins, our families, our congregation, hospitals, doctors, nurses, police, military personnel, and wisdom for our government leaders. Pray for Pauline Cizmansky, Don Demchak, Jack Findlay, Jennifer Jarvis, Paul Kushner, Carrie Thomas.

**SPECIAL UPDATES**

**Join us for Bible Study** on Saturdays in the basement fellowship hall at 3:00 pm as Reverend Mullins leads us through the Small Catechism.

**Flowers on the altar today** are presented by Bob Demchak. Thank you.

**Today's Lector:** Dan H. Usher: Gary B. Acolyte: Gary B Communion Assistant: Phil B.

**Holy Cross is happy to welcome** guest pastor Rev. Mike Kettner back to the pulpit today.

**Soup and Sandwich Sale:** The church will be holding a Soup & Sandwich Sale on Saturday, April 20 from 11 AM to 2 PM. This will be the first event in our Good Neighbor Series. We're looking for volunteers for setup and service beginning at 9 AM.

**Men's Club Friday, May 3 at 6:00 PM,** and continuing the first Friday of every month, Pastor Mullins will be hosting a men's club at his home: cards, darts, beer, snacks and conversation. Feel free to invite friends and family. An opportunity to gather together as Christian men.

**The Trinity ladies have invited Holy Cross** to join them for an outing. Date: Friday, 26 April at 5:30 PM. Coalfields Diner, Berlin 3494 Berlin Plank Road 15530 Cash only - no debit or credit cards.

**4th Ave. Bridge Dedication** In memory of Robert Rusnak: Friday, May 3 at 2 PM at Johnstown American Legion Post 294, 114 Main St with a reception following. Handicap accessible through the rear entrance.

*Organist: Jennifer Jarvis*

**Welcome!** It is good for us to worship together. May our worship be a source of richest blessing for you. If you are without a church home, interested in church membership, or having spiritual problems, please contact one of our elders. We believe that Christ Jesus is true God, together with the Father and Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is the divinely-inspired Word of God. 'And that Christ Jesus atoned for our sins and we are saved solely by God's undeserved love toward sinners through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Saturday Bible Study: 3:00PM  
Saturday Worship and Communion: 4:00PM

### **Holy Communion**

The sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted for the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life in Christ for all who believe and repent. As a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we offer this sacrament to those who belong to member congregations, who publicly confess the *Real Presence*, that the real body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the sacrament and that the sacrament grants these blessings- forgiveness of sins, peace, and strengthening of faith in Jesus. Persons who are not members of Holy Cross or another LCMS congregation should speak with the pastor prior to the service; all repentant believers are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing while members are communed.

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