

*Misericordias Domini*  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
April 14, 2024 ✠ 9:00 AM



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-9), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit [stjls-mattoon.com](http://stjls-mattoon.com), or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers\*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

\**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

| <u>Hymns</u> |     |
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| ~            | 464 |
| 625          | 709 |
| 711          | 463 |



Prelude  
Announcements

APRIL HYMN OF THE MONTH  
**Opening Hymn: *Lo, Judah's Lion Wins the Strife* ..... insert**

*Please stand for the final stanza.*

Confession and Absolution ..... page 184

Introit (sung by choir) *Psalm 33:1; antiphon v. 5b*

*The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made.*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:  
for praise is comely for the upright.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen. (Antiphon repeated)*

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis ..... pages 186–189

Salutation and Collect of the Day ..... page 189

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray.

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** *Amen.*

Sit

## Old Testament 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** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (sung by choir)

Luke 24:35

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Then was the Lord Jesus known of the disciples:  
in the breaking of bread. Alleluia!*

## Epistle

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** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Choir) *I am the Good Shepherd:*

*I know My sheep and am known of Mine.*

John 10:14



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Nicene Creed .....page 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *The Lord My Trusty Shepherd Is* ..... back page

*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.*

### Sermon

Stand

Offertory: *Create in Me*..... pages 192-193

Sit

## Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through Agnus Dei ..... pages 194–198

Sit

### Distribution Hymns (as needed)

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* ..... 464

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb* ..... 740

*Choir sings an introduction and stanza 1 (Setting by Michael Costello)*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread* ..... 625

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ..... 709

*Choir sings stanzas 3 and 5.*

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ..... 711

Stand

Nunc Dimittis through Benediction ..... pages 199–202

Closing Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia* ..... 463

## Postlude





### Easter 3 - 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 Holy 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).

-LCMS Lectionary Summaries

### About the Hymn of the Day: The Lord My Trusty Shepherd Is

When Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd, He draws together various passages and images from the Old Testament Scriptures, one of which, no doubt, is Psalm 23: *The Lord is my shepherd* . . . This well-loved psalm has been paraphrased and put to music by many over the centuries, hymns 709 and 710 being lovely examples of such psalm paraphrases.

Our Hymn of the Day this morning is a Psalm 23 paraphrase that dates back to the Reformation era by an anonymous author in 1531, Augsburg. It was well-known in the Lutheran Church for hundreds of years, as evidenced by the use of the hymn and its tune by composers (like Bach and Schütz), and it's not difficult to see why. The tune and poetry are both beautiful vessels for conveying the comfort of Psalm 23.

Note especially how this hymn's text goes beyond paraphrasing the psalm and interprets it for us in light of Christ and His Sacraments. The still waters for us Christians are the waters of Holy Baptism (st. 2); and the table he lays before us in the presence of our enemies is the Holy Communion we receive at the altar (st. 4).

Thanks to the work of Rev. J.S. Bruss and cantor Bethany Johnson (St. John's, Topeka, KS), the hymn is now translated from German into English and set to a fresh harmonization, so that we may enjoy it as our Lutheran forebears did for so long.

**4/14/24**  
**Easter 3**

**4/21/24**  
**Easter 4**

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| <b>Celebrant</b>   | Rev. Andrew Herzberg             | Rev. Andrew Herzberg         |
| <b>Organist</b>    | Peter Eckardt                    | Peter Eckardt                |
| <b>Head Elder</b>  | Kevin McReynolds                 | Kevin McReynolds             |
| <b>Asst. Elder</b> | Mike Colvis                      | Mike Colvis                  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Margaret Hagen &<br>Laura Zuhone | Cindy Phipps                 |
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | Max Wetzel &<br>Eilley Hughes    | Jack Bowen &<br>Bella Bowen  |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Scott Harris &<br>Jack Bowen     | Scott Harris &<br>Jack Bowen |

***Altar Flowers are given by the Ferree children. Happy 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Mom!***

***Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery***

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| <p><b>Our Members:</b> Norma Schussler, Marge Anderson, Connie Elder, Rich &amp; Clara Woelber, Kay Pointon, J. Tom Donnell, &amp; Don Traub</p> <p><b>Those Shut In:</b> Pat Smith, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin &amp; Judy Schagemann, Art Zuhone, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doehring, &amp; Doris Dallas</p> <p><b>Friends of our Congregation:</b> Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Megan Gilbert, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Jim Duey, Larry &amp; Bebe Griffith, Susan Sochowski, Chris Greer, Brooklyn Dotson, Terri Fry, Connie McNeillius, John Bell, Gary Willenborg, Lee Pygott, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Larae Sharp, Dave Jones, Addison Orris, Clint Wilson, Raelle Jackson, Karen Phillips, Jacob McQueen, Bill Crane, &amp; Betty Ann Froemming</p> |
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**Church Announcements**

**Organ News:** The organ is currently being repaired. Due to the piece not being delivered yet, we will have another week without the organ.

**YMCA Night:** The YMCA family night is from 4-8 on TONIGHT. Enjoy a fun night out with pizza, games, and friends. Hope to see you there!

**Book Fair:** Please join us for our annual book fair located in the Fellowship Hall! This is an I:55 Book Fair. They are a Christian company that doesn't include books that contain story lines or items that would go against our Christian values. Please see the calendar below for dates and times



**In Deuteronomy** God tells His people what they are to do with His Word, Moses records, "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." They were to cover the house in God's Word as a reminder to them of who they were, His chosen people. On April 22, we invite you to help us do the same thing in the new school building. We will have markers ready for you to go around the building and write God's Word on the frame of the building so that we will be surrounded by it daily. You are welcome anytime from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the 22nd.

**Check out the new display** at the east end of the main hallway about the stages of development in the womb. This poster set is part of a display from the Creation Museum and shows the amazing wonders of God's creation.

**Ladies Aid Meeting:** Due to a scheduling conflict, Ladies Aid will be meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> this month. All are welcome to join!

**Save the Date** for our next Voter's Meeting which will be June 9, 2024.

**Annual Reports:** Just a reminder that all church organizations must turn in a 2023 annual report to the church office.

**Tuition Grant:** In April, we will determine tuition grant awards for the school families needing financial assistance. In years past, the church has given \$30,000-\$35,000 of assistance to 20+ families. The account is getting low, which will reduce this amount of assistance for the 2024-25 school year. Please consider giving to the tuition assistance fund (previously known as the scholarship fund). There are envelopes available on the ledge outside of the church office or you can leave a check in the office as well.

**Attendance Last Week:** 196

**Sunday School Attendance:**

**Adults:** 32      **Children:** 24

**Giving Numbers-**

**Budgeted:** \$349,288      **Received:** \$354,490

**Stewardship Thought:** 1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

### Schedule for April 14 – April 21

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| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 3)</b><br>10:20 – 11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School<br>11:30 am – 6:00 pm Bowen – Fellowship Hall & Gym<br>4:00 – 8:00 pm YMCA Family Night<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes Gym |
| <b>Mon</b>   | <i>No School – Teacher Forum – Office Open (10am – 2pm)</i><br>8:00 am Laborers of Love<br>2:00 – 5:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>4:30 pm PTL Meeting   |
| <b>Tue</b>   | 6:30 am Men’s Bible Study – Honey Bee Café<br>3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Choir<br>2:00 – 5:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes – Gym  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 8:30 am Chapel<br>2:00 – 5:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>6:00 – 7:30 pm Confirmation Class<br>6:00 – 7:30 pm Adult Choir  |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 7:00 – 11:00 am Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>10:00 am Bible Class<br>5:00 – 7:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>7:00 pm Men’s Study in Windsor   |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 2:00 – 5:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall   |
| <b>Sat</b>   | 8:00 – 12:00 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>2:00 – 6:00 pm Stortzum Gym   |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>9:00 am Divine Service (Easter 4)</b><br>10:20 – 11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School<br>11:30 am – 12:30 pm Book Fair in Fellowship Hall<br>6:00 – 8:00 pm Hughes Gym                                     |

# The Lord My Trusty Shepherd Is



1. The Lord my trusty Shep - herd is, And  
 2. He steers my course to wa - ter pure, Re -  
 3. Al - though in deep - est vale I tread, And  
 4. You lay a Ta - ble for my good. Though  
 5. Your mer - cy, good - ness, and Your care Will



keeps me in His car - ing. There ne'er a lack - the  
 vives me when I'm pant - ing; His Bap - t'ism giv'n to  
 live in great af - flict - tion; No tor - ment, tor - ture,  
 sin and death and de - vil A - round me swarm, Your  
 fol - low me when test - ed. I shall re - main both



meal is His - of grace and love un - spar - ing. He  
 me, so dear, His Spir - it, glad - ness grant - ing. He  
 no great dread, No griev - ous der - e - lic - tion Can  
 Bod - y, Blood Pro - tect me from all e - vil. You  
 now and e'er In God's house safe and rest - ed, With -



past - ures me with - out re - prieve In fields of green where  
 guides me in His right - eous way, His pre - cepts are my  
 give me e - ver - last - ing fear, For You are al - ways  
 daub my head with cheer - ful oil, Your Spir - it strength - ens  
 in Christ's ho - ly Church on earth. And then, in death, my



I re - ceive His Word, to me life giv - ing.  
 light each day, And leads me there well - guard - ed.  
 with me, near, Your Word re - mains my com - fort.  
 me in toil, And fills my soul with plea - sures.  
 great - est mirth, I'll be with Christ, my Sav - ior!

