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Misericordias Domini

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I am the
good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays
down His life for
His sheep.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ezek. 34:11-12; 15-6

¹¹ "For 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. ... 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.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #627:1,4-5

"Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C  A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 33:1, 5, 6, 18-20

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia. By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

C Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

P 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.

P Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Lk. 24:35; Jn. 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.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *♩* A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 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. 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.

GOSPEL READING – John 10:11-18 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. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

CONFESSON OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: *Back of Bulletin* "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

SERMON – Psalm 119:161-176 Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. ¹⁶² I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil. ¹⁶³ I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law. ¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules. ¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them

stumble. ¹⁶⁶ I hope for your salvation, O LORD, and I do your commandments. ¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly. ¹⁶⁸ I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my ways are before you. ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! ¹⁷⁰ Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. ¹⁷¹ My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. ¹⁷² My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

The Guiding Word of the Good Shepherd

I. The Word of peace amid persecution

II. The Word of salvation amid sinners

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☩** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

HYMN: WS #783

“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- ☩** **♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

- ☩** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**



Order of Holy Communion



- P** Holy Communion is called the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:20), the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 10:21), and the Sacrament of the Altar (1 Cor. 11:24). What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us Christians under the bread and wine to eat and to drink, as it was instituted by Christ Himself.

HYMN: WS #755:1

"What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is peace.

✠ The Institution of the Lord's Supper ✠

P But where is this written?

C The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul write this way:

P "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.'



C In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,

P 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

HYMN: WS #755:2

"What Is This Bread?"

- C** ♪ What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace, Brings His embrace, Of life and love, And so I sing: Oh taste and see- The Lord is King.

✠ The Blessings of the Lord's Supper ✠

P What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C The words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that God gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through the Sacrament.

P For where there is forgiveness of sins,

C There is also life and salvation!

HYMN: WS #755:3

“What Is This Bread?”

C ♪ So who am I, That I should live and He should die, Under the rod.
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? Oh taste and see- the Lord is free.

✠ The Power of the Lord’s Supper ✠

P How can eating and drinking do such wonderful things?

C Eating and drinking actually do nothing. It is the words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” which do this.

P These words, together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main part of the Sacrament.

C Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

HYMN: WS #755:4

“What Is This Bread?”

C ♪ Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear. In mouth and soul, He makes us whole- Christ, truly present in this meal. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is real.

✠ The Reception of the Lord’s Supper ✠

P When is one properly prepared to receive this Sacrament?

C Customs in connection with eating and clothing are indeed a fine preparation.

P However, a person is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

C Whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. The words, “for you,” require nothing but believing hearts.

HYMN: WS #755:5

“What Is This Bread?”

C ♪ Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe, That I receive, His very body and His blood. Oh, taste and see- the Lord is good.

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

After the distribution, we will continue with the hymn verse below.

✠ Thanksgiving for the Lord's Supper ✠

HYMN: WS #755:6

"What Is This Bread?"

C ♪ What can I say, To ever thank Him for His grace? I'll take my place, Among His saints, And join my tongue in word and song. Oh, taste and see, Praise God with me!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P 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 His peace.

C Amen!

HYMN: TLH #436

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

✠ Announcements ✠

Arise and Shine Retreat registration is now open! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the

salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

Petty Cash There is a need for petty cash to pay for stamps and other necessities, if you are able and willing to help. Thank you!

Prayer Opportunities from the Mission Field Myanmar –

Pastor Thang has been discharged from the hospital. He will need several more weeks of rest at home before he begins rehab to regain his strength. Thank the Lord for blessing Thang with successful surgery and healing. Continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless his recovery and to provide for all his and his family's needs.

<> **Nepal** – Recently three Nepali Christian pastors along with one American and one Australian

missionary were arrested for proselytizing in a district where the HCLCN has also been working. The Nepali pastors have been imprisoned and the foreign missionaries were arrested and then deported. Pray that Satan's efforts to stop the spread of the Gospel in this area of Nepal will be thwarted and that many more may hear the Gospel, repent of their sins, and join us in rejoicing in the forgiveness and eternal life we have through faith in Jesus.

<> **New Missionary to begin work in Togo and West Africa** – Missionary Peter Evensen is flying to Togo on May 3rd. Missionary Ohlmann will accompany him to introduce him to the leaders, pastors, and work in Togo. Missionary Evensen take up residence in Lomé, Togo where he will be working with Pastor Kossi Blewu and the Mission Evangelique Lutherienne Church of Togo (MELC). Since Missionary Evensen is conversant in French, this will be a great blessing in working with the seven men who are currently studying to be evangelists and ordained pastors at the MELC Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible

Looking Ahead...

- ✚ **Today:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✚ **May 12:** Orlando Service
- ✚ **May 12:** Mother's Day
- ✚ **May 25:** ILS Wiffle Ball Tourney
- ✚ **May 26:** No Bible Class or SS; Summer Schedule Begins
- ✚ **May 31:** Last Day of School; Party starts 6 pm

Institute. He will also have opportunities to preach and teach at the French speaking congregations and preaching stations of the MELC in Togo and Benin. Offer prayers of thanks to the Lord for the language gifts that He has given to our missionary and pray for all that is necessary for such a transition. Pray also for the Lord's blessings on all the opportunities Missionary Evensen will have to proclaim the truth of God's saving word. <> **CLC Mission Visit to Kenya** – Pastor Michael Gurath, who serves as our CLC part-time visiting missionary to Kenya and Uganda, is in Kenya for the first two weeks of May to visit to the two schools that are being supported through Project Kinship. He will also be on hand for a pastoral conference for pastors and contacts from Kenya and Uganda. Pray for Pastor Gurath, his wife and family, and for those he goes to work with, train, and encourage. <> **India** – National Elections are taking place in India over the next several weeks. For the past four years the Hindu nationalist political party (BJP) has held the majority in their government and has appointed a BJP Prime Minister. This has led to an increase in persecution of Christians in India. Continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-India and the BELC as they carry on with the great privilege of making disciples of all nations as they baptize and teach all that God has commanded in His Word. Pray that the Lord will keep them strong in the faith and filled with confidence in His love and the privilege of suffering for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers.

Last Week (4/28) WH – 32 Orlando – 35

General = \$1,289 | Tuition = \$1,025 | Property Improvement = \$395
Building Fund = \$60 **Total Offering = \$2,769**

May Usher: Caleb Moorehead

| **Acolyte (5/12):** Grant R.

| **Cleaner (5/11):** Rodebaugh

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.