

Misericordias Domini: The Sunday of the Good Shepherd

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Pray the following order as your ability and family size dictates. Musical notation is provided but you may speak instead. Hymns are provided throughout, with additional selections at the end of the document.

OPENING HYMN: 710 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor 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.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Congregation **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
Congregation **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,
Congregation **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 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.*
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

KYRIE

LSB 186

Congregation Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

Pastor Glory be to God on high:
Congregation and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation And with thy spirit.

Pastor 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.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I 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.”

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (KJV)

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The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green | pastures:*
He leadeth me beside the still | waters.
He restoreth | my soul:*
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His | name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art | with me;*
Thy rod and thy staff, they | comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine | enemies:*
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth | over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life.*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.
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.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

VERSE

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–16

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
Congregation **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And 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.”

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON

OFFERTORY

Congregation 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.

OFFERING HYMN: 711 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For all who have been baptized at the still waters of the font, that they would remain in the green pastures of the Holy Church, where they want for nothing and have their souls restored as their Good Shepherd ever cares for their every spiritual need, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For all pastors in Christ, especially Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president; and _____, our circuit visitor, that through their preaching and teaching we would be led in the paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For the members of this parish and all Christians everywhere, that we would receive strength to resist sin and temptation in our lives, fearing no evil as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, knowing that our Good Shepherd is with us to heal and comfort us, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in His mercy, and a sincere love for God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Pastor For those whom God has placed in authority over us, especially Donald, our president; _____, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve with integrity and honor, always seeking the common good of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**
 Pastor For the sick and suffering, and for all who have requested our prayers, [*including _____,*] that they would be well cared for and restored to health, or given grace to accept their time of tribulation with courage and hope, knowing that they always remain in their Good Shepherd's loving arms, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**
 Pastor For those who come to the table their Lord and Shepherd has prepared for them, that they would receive the Holy Sacrament of His true body and blood in faith, and to the eternal nourishment of their souls, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**
 Pastor For goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, that we would, together with the saints who have gone before us, dwell in the house of the Lord forever, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**
 Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

Pastor 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.

Congregation **Amen, amen, amen.**

740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
 Ever glad at heart I am;
 For my Shepherd gently guides me,
 Knows my need and well provides me,
 Loves me ev'ry day the same,
 Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
 Jesus is my staff and stay.
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
 Into pleasant pastures leads me;
 When I thirst, He bids me go
 Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
 Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
 And when my short life is ended,
 By His angel host attended,
 He shall fold me to His breast,
 There within His arms to rest.

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