Misericordias Domini
Easter II
4 May A+D 2025

"Misericordias Domini" is from the Latin language. In English it means "The goodness of God."
These are the beginning words of the Introit this week.

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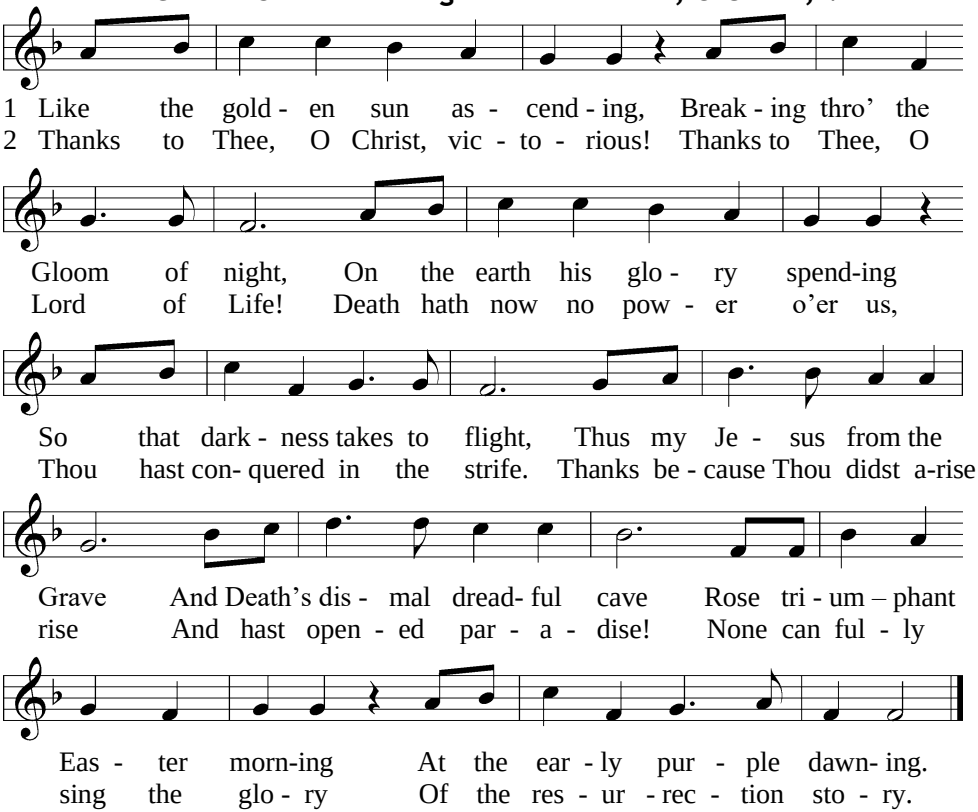
Prelude: "The King of love my Shepherd is" - Healey Willan

Hymn of Invocation:

TLH 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



3 Though I be by sin o-ertaken,
Though I lie in helplessness,
Though I be by friends forsaken
And must suffer sore distress,
Thou I be despised, contemned,
And by all the world condemned,
Though the dark grave yawn before me,
Yet the light of hope shines o'er me.

5 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,
And Thy Holy Spirit send
That my walk and my behavior
May be pleasing to the end;
That I may not fall again
Into Death's grim pit and pain,
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me
And from which Thou hast relieved me.

(please turn page for verses 4 & 6)

4 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

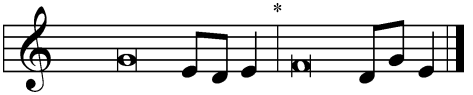
6 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee. **A-men.**

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942
Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667

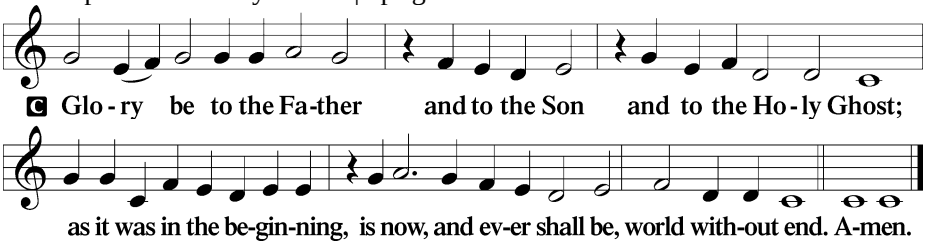
Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 33:1; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a



The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*
By the word of the LORD were the heavens made. Alle- | luia!
Rejoice in the LORD, O ye | righteous!*
For praise is comely for the | upright.



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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

℗ O God, through the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11–16

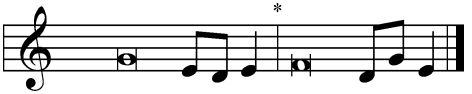
Thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited

places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment," says the LORD Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23



[1]The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
[2]He maketh me to lie down in green | pastures;*
He leadeth me beside the still | waters.
[3]He restor | eth my soul;*
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.
[4]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.
[5]Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine | enemies;*
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth | over.
[6]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 Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, | is now,*
and ever shall be, world without end. | Amen.
[1]The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

Epistle

I Peter 2:21–25

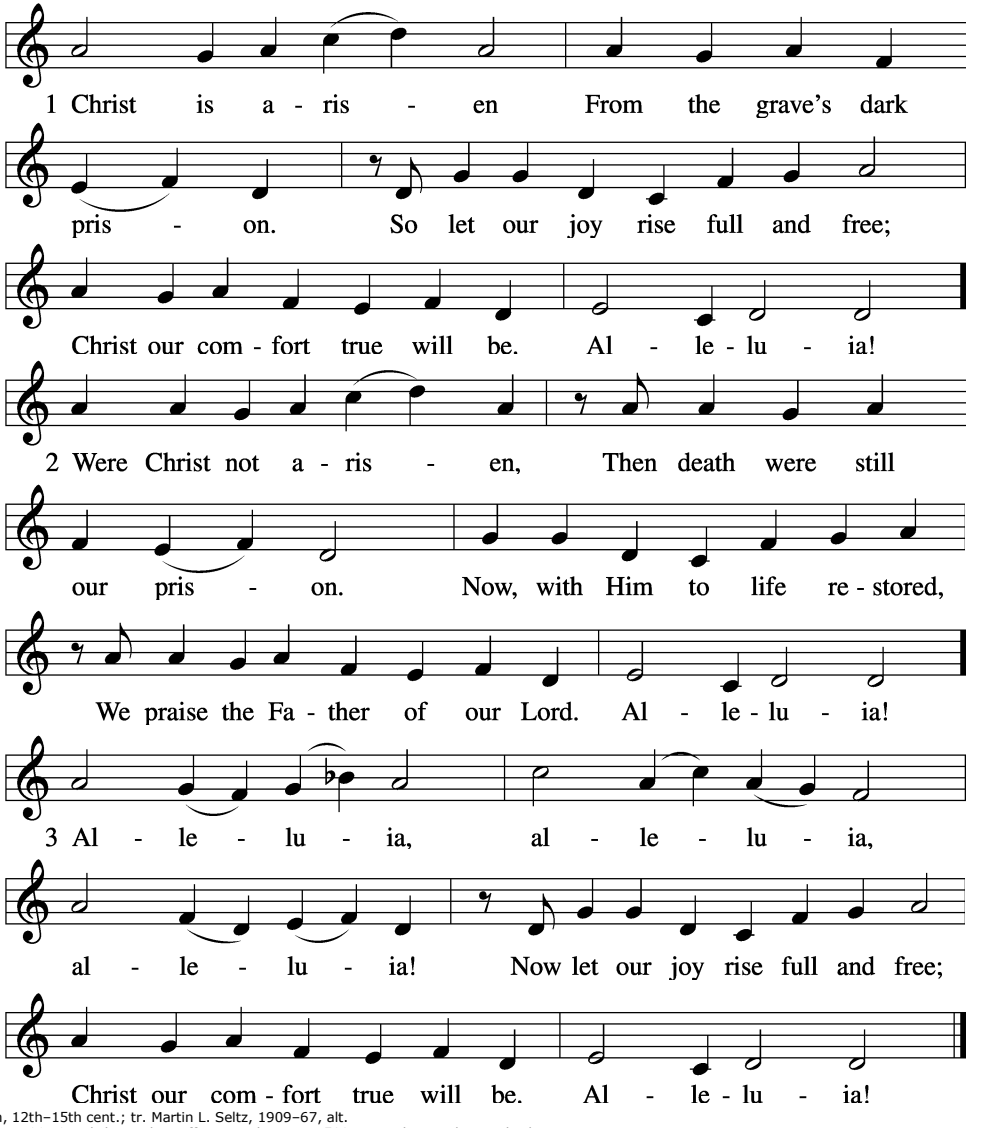
Dearly Beloved: Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse 459 Christ Is Arisen



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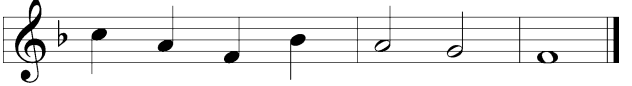
Holy Gospel

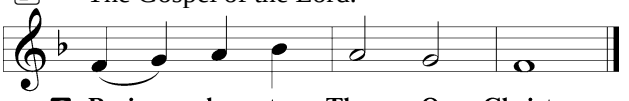
John 10:11–16

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



At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

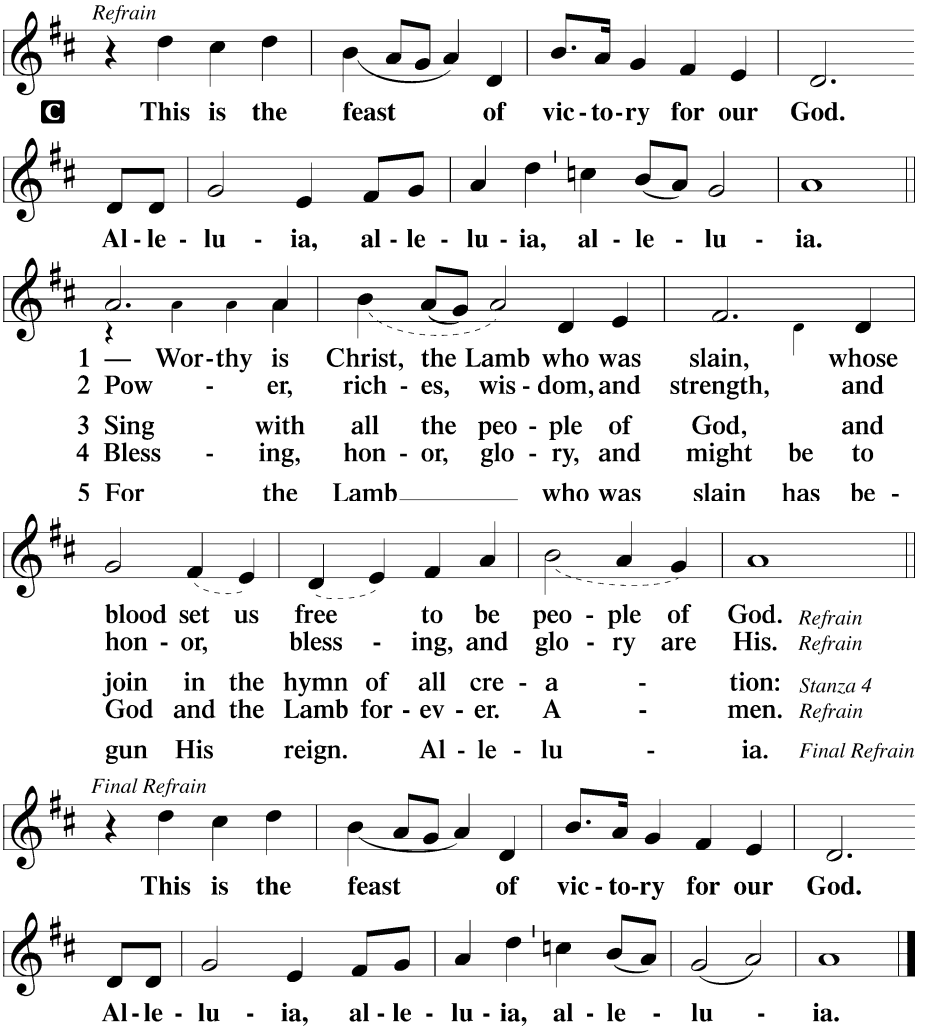
Nicene Creed
Sit
Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Sermon
Stand
Offertory *p. 192 ff*
Sit
Offering Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain
Rite of Confirmation *p. 272ff*
Stand
Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** **hear our prayer.**
Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Please stay standing as we together sing "This Is the Feast".

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*



Distribution Hymns:
740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb /
666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe /
710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want /
464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done /
864 Shepherd of Tender Youth /
633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Postlude: "Praeludium, Fuge, and Ciacona" - Dietrich Buxtehude

Catechumens Confirmed Today

The Rite of Confirmation is found on page 272 in Lutheran Service Book.

Jackson William Keeling ..... John 8:12

Isabella Sophia Kin ..... Proverbs 3:5-6

Logan James Mittelstaedt …… Psalm 23:1

Grace Alexandra Obermeyer……..... Revelation 2:10

Kyra Faith Obermeyer……..……..……..... Romans 6:4

May Anastasia Obermeyer …… Psalm 55:22

Grayden Robert Smith ……..... Psalm 27:1

Tenley Ryan Smith ……..…….. I John 4:10-11

Welcome Family and Friends

We welcome you to our worship service today. We know that your presence here serves to make this day even more special to these young men and women who are being confirmed.

We ask that you read our practice concerning Holy Communion found on the back of this worship bulletin. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated.

We ask that no pictures be taken during the worship service, including *The Rite of Confirmation.* Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Looking forward to Wednesday

Lessons: I Peter1:18-25a, Luke 24:1-12

Hymns: 480-683-477-819-488

Looking Forward to next Sunday (Jubilate)

Lessons: Isaiah 40:25-31, I Peter 2:11-20, John 16:16-22

Hymns: TLH 202(printed)-459-483-This Is the Feast II/737/468/627/469/478-488

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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