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## Third Sunday of Easter

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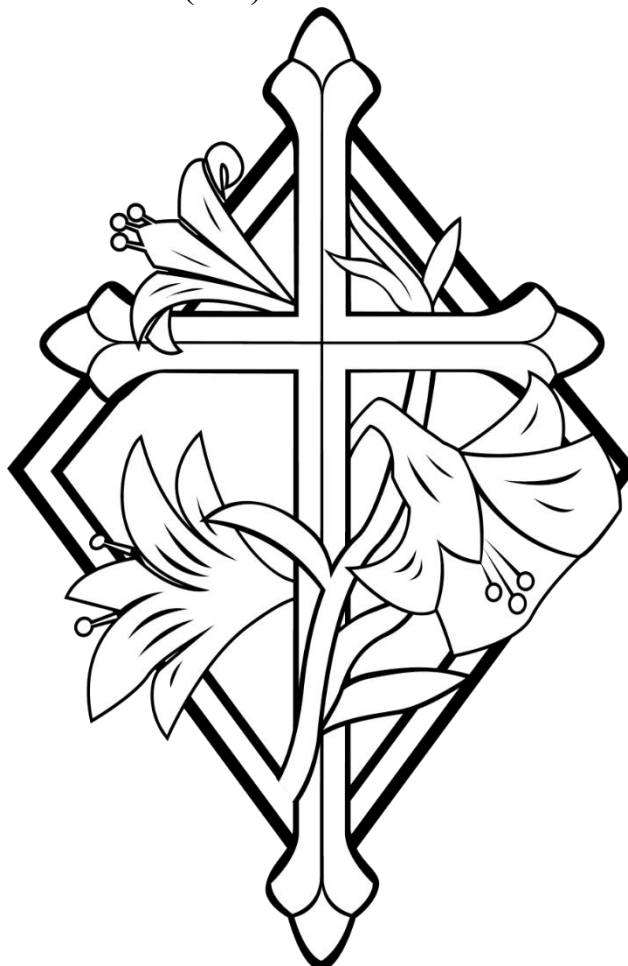
Hymns: **17:1-4,8** **368:1-4** **370** **177**

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### TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite One, pages 41-59 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

#### THE OPENING PRAYER (*Stand*)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN: 17 vv. 1-4,8 "Awake and Sing the Song" (*Sit*)

1 Awake and sing the song  
Of Moses and the Lamb;

Tune ev'ry heart and ev'ry tongue  
To praise the Savior's name.

2 Sing of His dying love,  
Sing of His rising pow'r;  
Sing how He intercedes above  
For those whose sins He bore.

3 Come, children of His grace,  
Do not refuse to sing,  
But summon all your pow'rs to praise  
Your Savior and your King.

4 Look back and see the state  
Wherein your nature lay  
Then wonder at His love so great  
Who did your ransom pay.

8 Sing, for you hear Christ say,  
"Your sins are all forgiv'n,"  
Go forth, rejoicing all the way,  
And singing enter heav'n.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Stand*)

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. Therefore 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, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### THE KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

**C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! 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 all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

P: Glory be to God in the highest!

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. 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 dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

### THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day):

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 21:41-45 (*Sit*)

<sup>41</sup> The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands. <sup>42</sup> These cities each had its pasture lands around it. So it was with all these cities.

<sup>43</sup> Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. <sup>44</sup> And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. <sup>45</sup> Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

THE GRADUAL

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! He provided redemption for His people. Alleluia! The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead: and then enter his glory. Alleluia!

THE 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-16 (*Stand*)

<sup>11</sup> 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.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall 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.**

CHIEF HYMN: 368 vv. 1-4 “The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is”

**1** The Lord my faithful Shepherd is,  
And me He safely guideth;  
I shall not want, for I am His  
Who all things good provideth.  
I follow Him, I hear His voice,  
In Him my Lord I do rejoice--  
Blest am I in His keeping!

**2** A tender shepherd leads his sheep  
Where pastures green are growing,  
And there His flock doth guard and keep  
Beside still waters flowing.  
Thus Christ, my Shepherd, leadeth me,  
My soul and body feedeth He  
And for their wants provideth.

**3** And if I ever go astray,  
My wayward soul He turneth,  
To save the lost, to guide the way,  
For this He ever yearneth;  
He leadeth me, my soul to bless  
In His own path of righteousness  
For His name's sake and glory.

**4** Why should I ever fear, O Lord,  
Whilst Thee I have beside me?  
Thou by Thy Spirit and Thy Word  
Dost comfort and dost guide me.  
In death's dark vale I'll fear no ill,  
For Thou, O Lord, art with me still,  
Thy rod and staff shall stay me.

THE SERMON: “The Good Shepherd Gives Rest”

**Joshua 21:41-45**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Stand)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

P: In Your mercy look upon ..... In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

**C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDECTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with you all.

THE OFFERING

A HYMN: 370 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (*Sit*)

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 spread'st a table in my sight,  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O 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.

THE COLLECT (*Stand*)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

THE BENEDECTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

**C:** ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: 177 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (*Sit*)

**(Children)**

**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 every day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

**(Cong.)**

**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.

**EASTER 3**

While the Israelites were by no means a barbaric, uncultured people, the Canaanites naturally surpassed them in the knowledge of agriculture and craftsmanship. During the time Israel was in Egypt, the promise land became a land flowing with milk and honey because of the advancements made by the Canaanites. They had developed the crafts of bronze and iron works, making such things as weapons, tools and utensils. Pottery occupied a very important place in their daily life. Agriculture, necessary for the support of the city dwellers, flourished in the valleys. Vineyards and olive orchards covered the mountain slopes. Flocks of sheep and goats, finding pasture in seemingly barren and inaccessible heights, provided food and clothing. All factors necessary in the development of a great nation already existed in Palestine.

**Sermon Thoughts**

- 1) What does the law in this text teach us ourselves?
  
- 2) How does the Gospel in this text comfort us?
  
- 3) How may I personally apply this text to my life today?

## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for April 19, 2026

Voters with potluck after service.

**Monday**            6:30 PM: Women's Fellowship—Chester's Hamburgers

**Wednesday**        9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study - I Corinthians**  
7:00 PM: **Women's Bible Study - Meet at Chandia House**  
**(14971 Oak Summit, 78232)**

**Thursday**    6:30 PM: **Men's Bible Study**

**Sunday**        10:30 AM: **Divine Service with Communion**  
- Pastor Kerkow will be returning to continue leading us through our strategic planning. Sandwiches and chips are planned to be offered.