



The Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, A+D 2022



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Good Shepherd Feeds His Lambs

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

LSB 151

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10

- P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
C **and all your saints shall bless you!**
P One generation shall commend your works to another,
C **and shall declare your mighty acts.**
P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
C **and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**
P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
C **and I will declare your greatness.**
P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
C **and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

- P** The LORD is good to all,
C and his mercy is over all that he has made.
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
C and all your saints shall bless you!

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

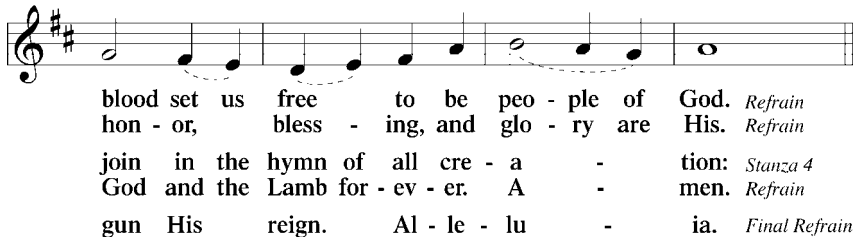
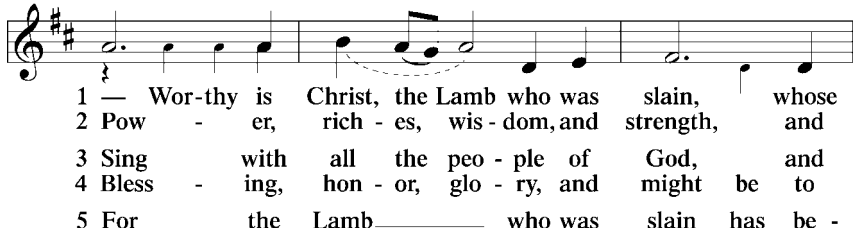
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

This Is the Feast

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.



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.



Sit

First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

A The First Reading for The Third Sunday of Easter is from the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen

instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Revelation 5:1–14

A The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and
the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who
was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and
glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and
under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits
on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders
fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word





Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!
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 Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608
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Holy Gospel

John 21:1–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you

know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

547 The Lamb

Sermon: Text: John 21:15-19

Sermon: Theme: "Christ Is Risen! And He Changes and Restores Your Life!"

Rev. Alan J. Wollenburg, Concordia Ev. Lutheran Church, Sikeston, MO

Stand

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 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

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

159

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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

Concluding Collect

P O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in Your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



G A - men.

Hymn of Benediction

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Your stewardship of TECHNOLOGY

Once again, Christian Stewardship begins with the conviction that everything we have—time, talent, treasure, testimony, touch, tissue, trash, and now technology—is a gift from God's hands. Our response as called and redeemed children of God is to seek to use these gifts effectively and efficiently to His glory and in service in and to the kingdom of God both here on earth and ultimately in heaven for all eternity.

As we deal with the idea of our Christian Stewardship of Technology I would like to narrow that definition to electronic devices and how they are used in our lives. We will leave things like genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, therapeutic cloning, etc., for another study.

As with anything else, technology can be used for "good" or for "evil". The same laser beam that can cut the cancer from our body with very little damage to surrounding tissue, can guide the bomb to destroy the village. The car that carries people to church can also be the tool by which a drunken person can bring an end to life or a terrorist can kill many. The computer that can bring our Sunday morning worship service to a shut-in or a soldier deployed overseas can also destroy a young man addicted to pornography. How technology is used, as is the case in the seven other T's is what we are talking about as we talk about Christian Stewardship. As with the seven other T's a good question to ponder is; Is technology, or any of the other gifts God gives to us, our servant to use to His glory and for the benefit of His creation, or are we its slave? In short, how can we use any of these T's, including technology, to the glory of God and in the service of His kingdom—in our individual lives, in our congregations, and in our communities as we live life in all those places as a forgiven child of God.

Very briefly, technology is used incorrectly when it becomes our god and we are indebted to it and under its control. It becomes our god when

it is an all-consuming part of our life and we in effect serve technology when we always have to be connected, instead of allowing it to serve us.

The technology we are talking about can also have incredible impact in and for the Kingdom of God as we practice good stewardship of this gift from God. Technology can and does (and has for centuries) helped God's people in making the most of the gifts with which He blesses us and has aided in proclaiming the Gospel message of salvation alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, throughout the whole world. Think back to the invention of the printing press and the numbers of people who could now have their own Bible and other books; to radio and the ability in the day to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ around the world; to computers today, and phones and tablets and other technology that allow us and everyone else to have the Word of God constantly at their fingertips. Without a doubt, technology, and more importantly our use of it, can enhance or destroy our Christian walk.

As we sum up these 8 T's of Stewardship, may I suggest that there is one foundational Word from God to us through the pen of St. Paul that we need to consider? It is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where he writes, 3' S0, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. May this be our goal, to use every gift with which our Heavenly Father blesses us, in whatever quantity He sees fit to bless us, to achieve the purpose for which He has sent us out into His world, namely to make disciples of all nations so that His kingdom here on earth, and His kingdom in heaven, may grow as more and more people come to know Him as their Father, and Jesus Christ as their only Savior from sin and eternal death, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit in their life.



The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

May 1, 2022

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Jeanette & Roberto Ramirez, Family Antonio, Isabella, Dominic
Richard & Janice Reichert, Family Nicole, Heather, Tiffany
Violet Rich, Family William Jr., Arlene
Julia Richey
Denise Riordan, Family Hunter

BIRTHDAYS

Gene Wiltjer, 5/1	Jerry Wiltjer, 5/4
Jean Wiltjer, 5/5	Nora Wulf-Burklow, 5/5
Uriah Wisely, 5/6	Melanie Shadley, 5/7

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Kristi Hudson, 5/1
Anthony Conway, 5/6

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Shirley Wahl, 5/1
Edward Hoeksema Jr., 5/2
Brenda Jarden, 5/3
Brandi Baker, 5/4

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Barb Leone, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen and Gene Wiltjer.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

NEWS UPDATE



The Saints of Swallow Hill by Donna Eberhardt is the book we will be reviewing on May 11 at 10:00 am.. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members.

Christian Stewardship is concerned with God's gifts and the way we use them. There are many passages in the Bible that are concerned with a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is, in my book, what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Our Missouri Synod has this as their definition of stewardship:

“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God’s purposes.” *Luke 6:20-38, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

The Eight T's are: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology. You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

Christ For You this week on KFuo.org: Begin studying 1-3 John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Acts 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Augsburg Confession Article XVII on Christ's Return for Judgment on Concord Matters (5/7 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFuo Radio app!

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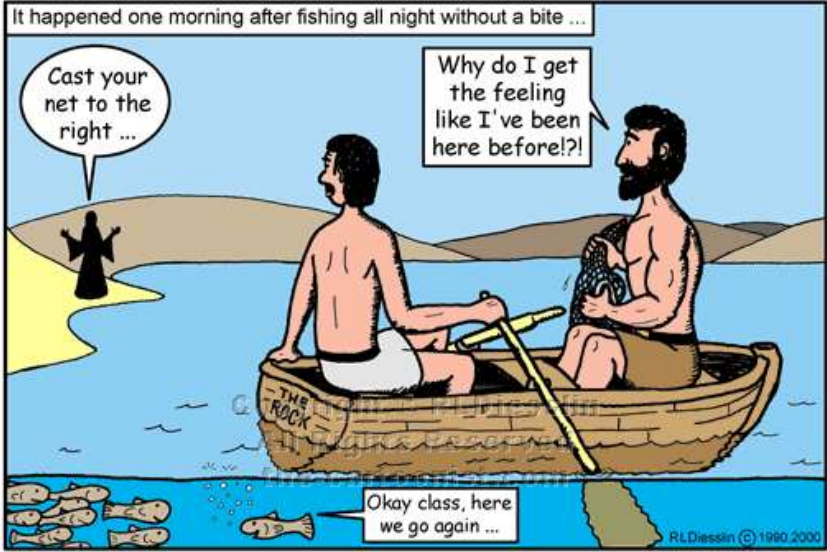
“Let’s also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most

excellent candidates for the vocation!” Pastor Michael Saleminck,
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3rd Sunday of Easter

The Last Breakfast

John 21.1-19



GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 24th Attendance 27, 22 Communed, 0 Online

Basket	\$20.00	Weekly Missions	\$40.00
Envelopes	1,012.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Flowers	437.00	Church Maint	20.00
Budgeted Total	1,469.00	Non-budgeted Total	\$70.00
Offering Needed	1,640.00		
Short	\$-171.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...
	10:30 am	Council Meeting
Monday		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, May 1, 8:45 AM	Sun, May 8, 8:45 AM
Pastor		Pastor Fluechtling
Usher	Louis Sella	Bill Sommer
		Norma Allen
Lay Reader	Norma Allen	Dana Krieger