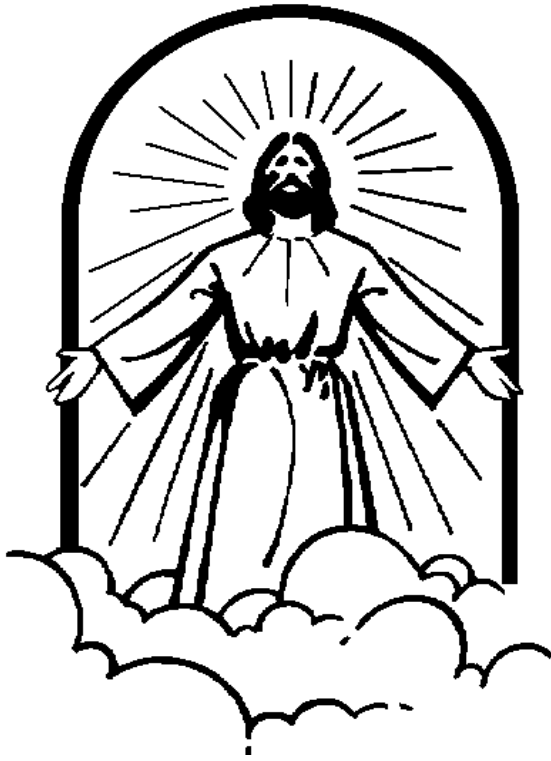


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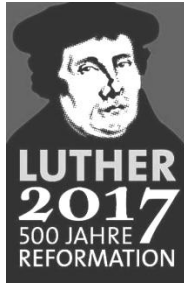
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Jesus Christ and His victory over death



Second Sunday After Easter

"The LORD is my shepherd." (Psalm 23:1a)

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the red book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 27 (page 129 in TLH)

HYMN 190 (TLH) *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Again"*

INVOCATION (page 12, WS)

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis*

Luke 2:14; Rev. 5:8-14

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high;
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 14:1-13

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the Word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,'" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works;" ⁵ and again in this *place*: "They shall not enter My rest." ⁶ Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 146

M: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

M: Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no hope;

C: His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.

M: Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God;

C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever.

M: Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

C: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

M: The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

C: The LORD shall reign forever – your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: John 10:1-11

¹ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his

voice. ⁵ Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. ⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Alleluia (sung) (page 14, WS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written
that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed (page 15, WS)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 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.**

HYMN 783 (WS) *“Jesus, Shepherd Of The Sheep”*

SERMON: Psalm 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads 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 You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will
guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

OFFERTORY (sung) (page 16, WS)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 784 (WS) *“Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 17, WS)

**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 BENEDICTION (page 21, WS)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 785 (WS) “*Children Of The Heavenly Father*”

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TODAY our USHER is Glenn Libby. After church in place of our Bible Study our VOTERS MEET.

THURSDAY: Pastors’ study club at Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL
and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Rick Louderman.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: last Sunday: attendance: 16,
offering: \$738.75.

CLC NEWS: Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called teacher Karl Olmanson, Kasota, MN, as teacher and principal for its new school. Becky Buck has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. The congregation has now called Mrs. Heidi Nelson, member of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, to be the 3-4 grade teacher at its school. The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, to be the part-time missionary to Liberia. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA, has called teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, to be a teacher and the principal at its school. Claire Abbas has accepted the call to be a teacher at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA. Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, has called member Mrs. Collette Krause to teach kindergarten for one year. The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the following calls to seminary graduates: Samuel Rodebaugh to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL; Stefan Sonnenfeld to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester (St. Louis area), MO; Tom Naumann to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights (Detroit area), MI.