

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 28 - pg. 129

WELCOME WORSHIPERS! *Our celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead continues as we consider how Jesus is our Good Shepherd who laid down His life to save us and took it up again!*



*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla
Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle
are member congregations of the
Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) - www.clclutheran.org*

Opening Hymn 210

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

Our Order of Worship: Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day

(Psalm 23)

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

~ The Gloria in Excelsis ~

"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 reign with us again;
Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."
(TLH 237:1 adapted)

~ The Collect ~

- P:** *Let us pray* - Almighty God, who by the humiliation of Your Son did raise up the fallen world, grant unto Your faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death make partakers of eternal joys; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
ALL: ♪ "A- - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - *John 20:31*

Old Testament Lesson ~ Ezekiel 34:10-16

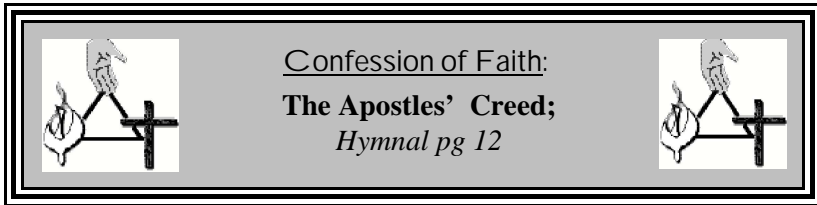
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah! I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. Hallelujah!
ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Our New Testament lesson for today is found in the book of Acts, chapter four, beginning with the eighth verse.
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

New Testament Lesson ~ Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

P: So far the Word.
C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 477 "Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"

~ The Sermon ~

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 "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. 13 "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down

My life for the sheep. 16 "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. 17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

"I Believe in the Holy Christian Church"
- Is One Flock with One Shepherd

~ The Offertory ~

P: Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor 15:20-22)

♪ He is arisen! Glorious word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heaven are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!
Christ victorious Riseth glorious,
Life He giveth--
He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen. (TLH 189)

Hymn 472 "Rise, Ye Children of Salvation"

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~
~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~
~ The Benediction ~

Closing Hymn 783 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"