

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

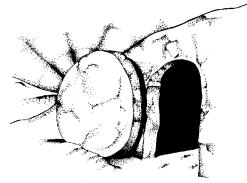
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The Second Sunday after Easter

April 18, 2010

Pre-service Meditation Psalm 95; pg. 143-144



Opening Hymn 192:1-6

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:
(from 1 Peter 2:2-3 and Psalm 105)

- P:** The LORD is my shepherd;
C: I shall not want.
- P:** He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
C: He leads me beside the still waters.
- P:** He restores my soul;
C: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- P:** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
C: I will fear no evil;
- P:** For You are with me;
C: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- P:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
C: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs 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 forever.
- P:** The LORD is my shepherd;
C: I shall not want.
- 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may know the voice of our Shepherd and follow him that sin and death may never pluck us out of Your hand; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 34:1-16 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but ye feed not the flock.* 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was broken*, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. 5 And they were scattered, because *there is no shepherd*: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them.* 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word

of the LORD; 8 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there* was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; 9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; 10 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 Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to John, chapter ten, beginning with the eleventh verse.*

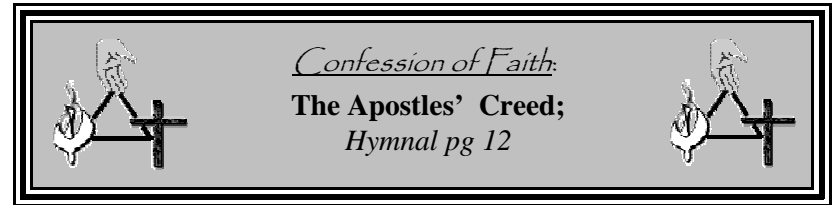
C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

New Testament Lesson ~ Ephesians 2:11-18 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I 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 shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because

I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh 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 commandment have I received of my Father.

P: *So far the Word.*

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**



Hymn 279

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

~ The Sermon ~

Hebrews 4:1-11 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.

REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

- What is "God's rest?"
- Who are "God's people?"
- Why must we be diligent to enter it?

~ 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 447

"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"

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

Closing Hymn 54

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

CAN YOU HELP? As you know, our Ladies' Aid has undertaken the great opportunity of hosting a Ladies' Luncheon here on Saturday, May 1. The theme which has been chosen is, "Biblical Role Models for the Modern Woman," based on the words of the Apostle Paul, "***Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.***" (1 Cor 11:1) We certainly hope all the ladies of our congregation will take advantage of this opportunity to study God's Word and fellowship with area CLC women.

Whether or not you can make it, whether or not you are in Ladies' Aid, can you help as we get ready for the Luncheon? There are a number of different opportunities to help. First, keep this endeavor in your prayers. Ask the Lord that it may be a blessing to the women of our congregation, that He would help our presenters as they prepare to share the Word, and faith would be strengthened through this gathering.

We are also in need of set-up and other volunteer help. If you can't make it on Saturday, might you be able to come on Friday to help set-up? We can get into the Hecla Community Center on Friday, April 30 any time after 3:30. Please let Rachel know how you might be able to help. Please also take a look at the sign-up sheet on the table in the entry-way. Thank you for any help you may be able to supply!

"OUT OF NECESSITY" Copies of Pastor David Lau's book on the history of the CLC entitled, "Out of Necessity" have arrived. Once you have paid for your copy or copies (\$24.95 / book payable to Prince of Peace) you may pick up your copy from Pastor. Two copies were purchased for our church library and are available for viewing on the table in the entryway.

DR. DAVID MENTON SPEAKING IN MOORHEAD Dr. David Menton is a member of our sister congregation in St. Louis and is a Creation Scientist. He works in association with Answers in Genesis, a group of scientists who study the world around us from a 7-day Creation point of view. He will be the featured speaker at a Creation and Life Issues Convocation at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN today at 2pm. If you would like more information please speak with Pastor or Nancy.

MEDITATIONS Those of you who requested a subscription to the daily devotional "Meditations" please remember to pay Pastor \$13.00 to cover your subscription cost. Thank you.

HOME VISITS How is your walk with Jesus going? How is your family's walk with Jesus going? How is your relationship with your spouse? How well is your church and pastor serving you? How could we serve you better? These are several important things which your pastor would like to know, but often times at church there is no opportunity for them to be explored. One way to address them is through home visits from the pastor.

April and May has been set aside for home visits. Because of the busy schedule our farmers have during these months, we'd like to give them the first crack at scheduling home visits. Most weekday afternoons and evenings are open. A calendar is on the table in the entryway, please pick a day and check with pastor to set a time. The only request is that the home visit be conducted when entire family is home.

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School (NT42 - The Road to Emmaus)
11:00 Adult Choir practice

Wednesday

4:30 Confirmation Class at Schwabs

Saturday

? Spring Clean-up at Church ?

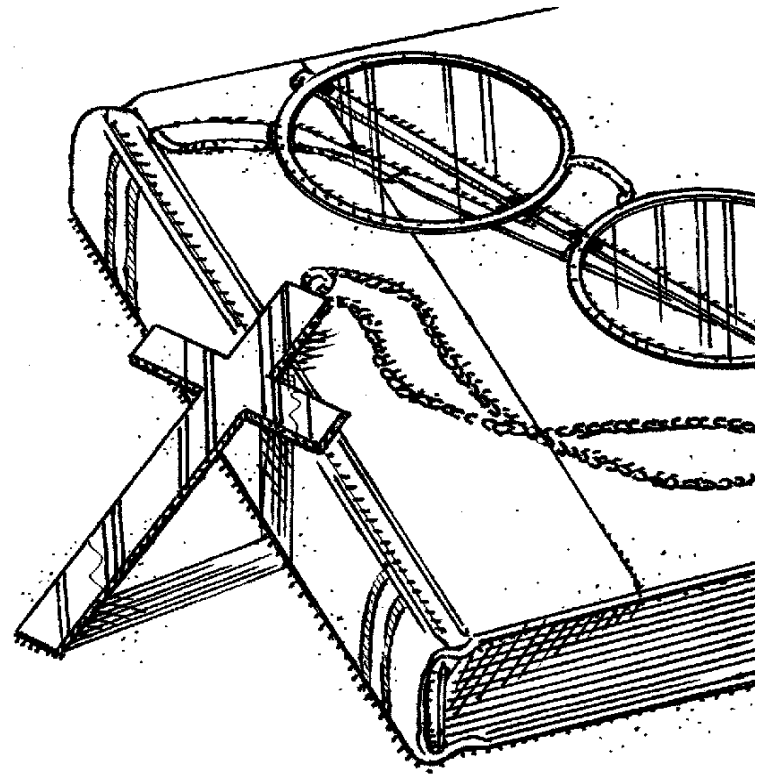
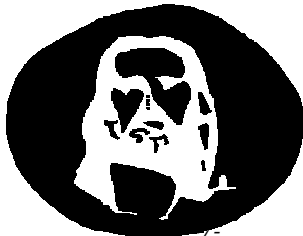
Sunday, April 25 - 3rd Sunday after Easter

9:00 Worship Service
10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School (NT43 - Jesus & Disciples in Galilee)

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

<u>Monday, April 19</u>	Isaiah 52:1-10 See how this fits us because of Easter? (Hymn 609)
<u>Tuesday, April 20</u>	John 20:24-29 Not yet seeing - but still believing! (Hymn 65)
<u>Wednesday, April 21</u>	John 21:1-19 Death is reversible! Let us believe it! (Hymn 603)
<u>Thursday, April 22</u>	2 Cor 5:1-10 Contrasts are similar - but different. (Hymn 602)
<u>Friday, April 23</u>	1 Peter 1:3-16 Why is it always about Jesus? (Hymn 348)
<u>Saturday, April 24</u>	1 John 5:4-12 If your heart needs convincing, read on. (Hymn 390)



Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

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