

**SERVICE OF THE WORD  
WITH THE ASSIGNMENT  
OF VICARAGES AND  
DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS**



**THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER  
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**CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS**



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*In nomine Jesu*



## Choral Prelude

### Beautiful Savior

Setting by F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)  
and Kurt J. Wycisk

Fair are the meadows, Fairer the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph Seiss, 1823–1904.

### Welcome to the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

We are happy to have you here to sound the praise of God through music and His Word. We are blessed with a reverberant worship space that enhances those praises as they echo throughout the room. This also means that extra noises are also magnified. If it becomes necessary to quiet a distressed child, we encourage you to use the narthex as a place to do so. The narthex windows will allow you to see and participate until you and your child are able to join the assembly again. Thank you for your consideration of those around you.



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As the hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.

**Processional Hymn**

**This Joyful Eastertide**

LSB 482

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934.  
Tune: *Dauids Psalmen*, 1684, Amsterdam.

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Psalm 146

- P** Praise the LORD!  
**C** Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P** Put not your trust in princes,  
**C** in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
**P** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
**C** on that very day his plans perish.
- P** Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**C** whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
**P** who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,  
**C** who keeps faith forever;  
**P** who executes justice for the oppressed,  
**C** who gives food to the hungry.
- P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
**C** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
**P** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**C** the LORD loves the righteous.  
**P** The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
**C** he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- P** The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
**C** Praise the LORD!
- 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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 when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–6

**L** A reading from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

### My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Setting by Virgil Thompson  
(1896–1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need. Jehovah is His name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways.  
He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay.  
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.  
O may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.  
No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

Text: Psalm 23, paraphrase.

## Second Reading

Mark 6:30–44

**L** A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

LSB 710

The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 2 and 4 in harmony.

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re-store a-gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly

down to lie In pas-tures green; He  
 walk doth make With-in the paths of me,  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol-low me; And in God's house for-

lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by,  
 righ-teous-ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.  
 oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.  
 ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, Edinburgh.  
Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853.

# Sermon

## Hymn

### I Know My Faith Is Founded

LSB 587

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,  
God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let  
moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -  
fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -  
wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
her - it As all You said holds true. In life and  
all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where  
trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.  
Tune: *Concentus novi*, 1540, Augsburg.

## Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships

Canticle

My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933

1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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 Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–c. 1622.

## Prayers

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for these students who have been assigned vicarages and deaconess internships. By Your Holy Spirit grant them grace in their assignments and readiness, steadfastness, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit and great zeal in their service. Support and strengthen them that by Your Word Your church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally by Your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Choral Benediction**      **The Lord Bless You and Keep You**      Music by Clarence C. Robinson

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
And give you peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And  
 praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our  
 clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, Köln.

Postlude

Lasst uns erfreuen

By Aaron David Miller

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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