Office of Vespers

with the

Distribution

of

Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignments

Diaconal Calls

and

Calls into the Holy Ministry

in

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

The Third Week of Easter
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Concordia Theological Seminary
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**Processional Hymn**  
*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest* (LSB 498; LW 158)

1. **All**  
Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heav’ly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.

2. **Choir**  
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
Ignite them with celestial fire;  
Spirit of God, You have the art  
Your gifts, the sev’nfold, to impart.

3. **All**  
To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul’s anointing from above.

4. **Women**  
Your blest outpouring from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.  
Illumine with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight.

5. **Choir**  
In You, with graces sevenfold,  
We God’s almighty hand behold  
While You with tongues of fire proclaim  
To all the world His holy name.

6. **All**  
Anoint and cheer our much-soiled face  
With the abundance of Your grace.  
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
Where You guide us, no ill can come.

7. **Choir**  
Your light to ev’ry thought impart,  
And shed Your love in ev’ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.

8. **Men**  
Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

9. **All**  
Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

10. **All**  
Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!
Opening Versicles

Psalm 116:1–14

Antiphon: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.  
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*

I suffered distress and | anguish.  
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:* 
“O LORD, I pray, deliver | er my soul!”

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.  
The LORD preserves the | simple;*
when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;*
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.  
For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;

I will walk before the LORD* 
in the land of the | living.  
I believed, even | when I spoke,* 
“I am greatly afflicted”;  

I said in my alarm,*  
“All mankind are liars.”  
What shall I render | to the LORD* 
for all his benefits | fits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows | to the LORD* 
in the presence of all his | people.

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.  

Antiphon

**First Reading**  1 Peter 5:1–11

After the reading:

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Response**  *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*  (LSB 488)

He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav’n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan’s arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.  
O hear what cheer!  
Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.  
He was dead but now is living!

After the reading:
L  O Lord, have mercy on us.
C  Thanks be to God.

Responsory for Easter

L  Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Refrain
L  He was delivered for our offenses; He was raised again for our justification. Refrain
L  Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Refrain

Refrain
L  Death has no more dominion over Him. The life He lives He lives to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Office Hymn  Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide  (LSB 585)

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the even-tide. O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.
2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word, Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.
5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through— Your Word alone our heart’s defense, The Church’s glorious confidence.
Sermon

Distribution of Vicarage Assignments and Deaconess Internships

Distribution of Diaconal Calls

Distribution of Pastoral Calls

Charge to the Candidates for the Holy Ministry
Canticle  *Te Deum*  (*LSB 223*)

1. We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3. The noble army of martyrs praise You.

1. All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ever - last - ing.
2. heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3. The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl - edge You:

1. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
2. The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
3. The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4. You are the king of glory, O Christ;

1. To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2. The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise You.
3. also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.
5 When You took upon Yourself to de-
   liv-
   er
6 man,
you sit at the right . . . . . . . . . . hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a
   vir-
   gin.
6 in the glory . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Father.

5 When You had overcome the . . . . sharpness of death,
6 We believe that . . . . . . . . . You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-
   liev-
   ers.
6 to . . . . . . . . . . . . . . our judge.
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . . serv - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . . heir - itage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out . . . . sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift . . . . them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on . . . us.

7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . . . . . . with Your saints
8 Day by day we . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ever - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.
Kyrie

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.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Collects

After each collect:

Amen.

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
Benediction

F The grace of our Lord ☧ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Greetings

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Hymn  *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*  (LSB 465)

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed!
2. Eternal is the gift He brings, There fore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has triumphed!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above That we conquer
4. Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing: “Christ has triumphed!

He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory
He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life And by His presence stills all day That by our lives we truly Lord, To Spirit blest, most holy here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia!
Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia!
Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Alleluia!
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia!

Soli Deo Gloria
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