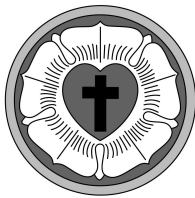


Brighton Lutheran Mission



Misericordias Domini
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Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!

**May God bless you richly as we
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or
coffee afterwards.

Holy Communion — A note to visitors

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice;* we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward for a blessing.

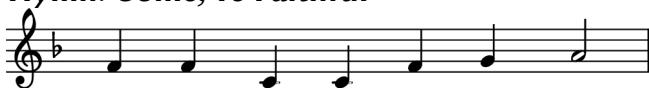
Thank you for honouring our beliefs.

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: Come, Ye Faithful



1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day:
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright



Of tri - umph - ant glad - ness!
Christ hath burst His pris - on,
With the day of splen - dour,



God has brought His Is - ra - el
And from three days' sleep in death
With the roy - al feast of feasts,



In - to joy from sad - ness.
As a sun has ris - en;
Comes its joy to ren - der;



Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke
All the win - ter of our sins,
Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts



Jac - ob's sons and daugh - ters,
Long and dark, is fly - ing
Which with true af - fec - tion



Led them with un - moist - ened foot
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains



Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion!

4 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

Text: John of Damascus (696–754);

tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: Johann Horn (1490–1547)

Confession and Absolution

Catechism

P The Lord's Prayer, the Seventh Petition

C But deliver us from evil.

P What does this mean?

C We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Introit (*Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*)

P The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

C Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!*

Praise befits the upright.

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,*

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C that he may deliver their soul from death*

and keep them alive in famine.

P Our soul waits for the LORD;*

he is our help and our shield.

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.

A The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the perils of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Readings

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 34:11–16

¹¹ [Thus] says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

Epistle Reading—1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹ [To] this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Alleluia Verse (Luke 24:35b; John 10:14)

☩ Alleluia!

**The Lord was known to them
in the breaking of the bread.**

Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading—John 10:11–16

℟ The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

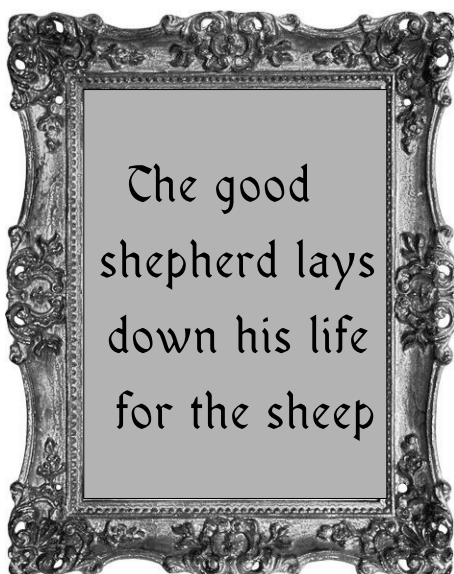
☩ Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹¹ [Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

℟ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise be to You, O Christ

The Nicene Creed





Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1. The King of Love my Shep-herd
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I
4. In death's dark vale I fear no



is, Whose good - ness fail - eth nev -
flow, My ran-somed soul He lead -
strayed, But yet in love He sought
ill With Thee, dear Lord, be - side



er; I noth - ing lack if I am
eth, And, where the verd - ant pas - tures
me And on His shoul - der gent - ly
me, Thy rod and staff my com - fort



His. And He is mine for - ev - er.
grow, With food ce - les - tial fee - deth.
laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker (1821–77)

Music: Irish (18th Century)

Sermon

The Offertory

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Hymn: Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



1. Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is
2. Let all our lives now celebrate The
3. Let all our deeds, u - nan - i-mous, Con -



sac - ri - ficed. O keep The feast of freedom
feast; let mal-ice die. Let love grow strong a -
fess Him as our Lord Who by the Spir - it



gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias
new, and great, Let truth stamp out the
lives in us, The Fath - er's liv - ing



leap:
lie. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -
Word.



le - lu - ia! A - gain Sing al - le - lu - ia,



cry a-loud: Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: Martin Franzmann (1907–1976); Music: Walter L. Pelz (1926–)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. David Lutheran Church; Pr. Naumann; *The British Lutheran*; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treneer

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD
FORMULA OF CONCORD: SOLID DECLARATION
THE SUMMARY CONTENT, RULE AND NORM

It is not only necessary that the pure, wholesome doctrine be rightly presented for the preservation of pure doctrine and for thorough, permanent, godly unity in the Church, but it is also necessary that the opponents who teach otherwise be reproved (1 Timothy 3; [2 Timothy 3:16;] Titus 1:9). Faithful shepherds, as Luther says, should do both things: (a) feed or nourish the lambs and (b) resist the wolves. Then the sheep may flee from strange voices (John 10:5–12) and may separate the precious from the worthless (Jeremiah 15:19).

Regarding these matters, we have thoroughly and clearly told one another the following: a distinction should and must by all means be kept between (a) unnecessary and useless wrangling (the Church should not allow itself to be disturbed by this, since it destroys more than it builds up) and (b) when the kind of controversy arises that involves the articles of faith or the chief points of Christian doctrine. Then the false, opposite doctrine must be reproved for the defence of the truth.

The aforesaid writings offer the Christian reader—who delights in and has a love for the divine truth—clear and correct information about each and every disputed article of our Christian religion. They show what he should regard and receive as right and true according to God’s Word of the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures. They also show what he should reject, shun, and avoid as false and wrong. The truth must be preserved distinctly and clearly and distinguished from all errors. Nothing must be hidden and concealed under common words. Therefore, we have clearly and directly declared ourselves to one another on the chief and most important articles taken one by one. At the present time these articles have come into controversy so that there might be a public, definite testimony, not only for those now living, but also for our descendants. We make known what is and should remain the unanimous understanding and judgement <decision> of our churches in reference to the articles in controversy.

Paragraph 14–16

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**God willing, the next service
will be held on
12 May 2013 at 4.30pm**