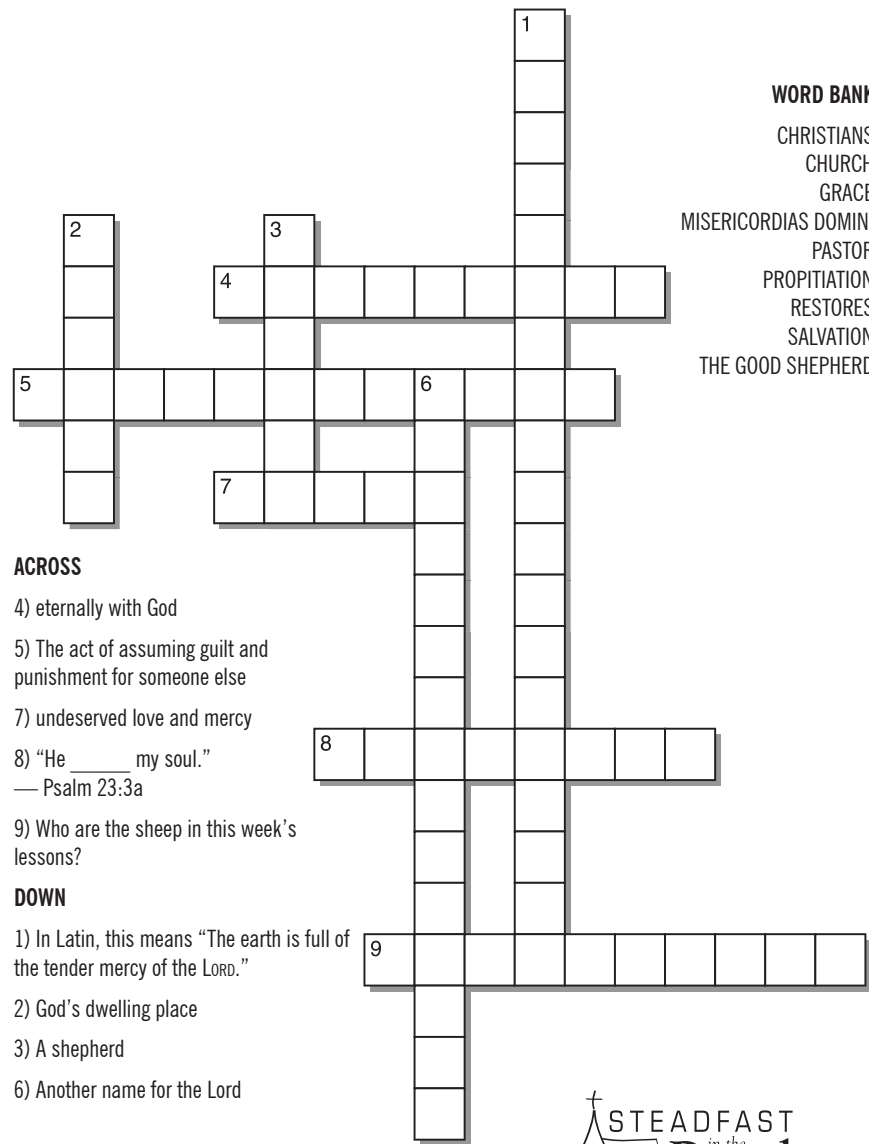




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ACROSS

- 4) eternally with God
5) The act of assuming guilt and punishment for someone else
7) undeserved love and mercy
8) "He _____ my soul."
— Psalm 23:3a
9) Who are the sheep in this week's lessons?

DOWN

- 1) In Latin, this means "The earth is full of the tender mercy of the LORD."
2) God's dwelling place
3) A shepherd
6) Another name for the Lord



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Misericordias Domini — The Third Sunday of Easter

INTROIT

Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Psalm 33:5b, 6a

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

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

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

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.

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

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

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 24:35b, John 10:14

Alleluia. [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of bread. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #709 — The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CATECHISM CONNECTION: First Article of the Creed with Explanation

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril 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. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

Misericordias Domini comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (*Misericordia Domini plena est terra*), meaning “The earth is full of the tender mercy of the LORD.”

The word “pastor” comes from the Latin noun *pastor* which means “shepherd” and the verb *pascere* which means “to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat.”

Pastors are under-shepherds of Christ, they are instructed to feed (administer the Holy Sacraments) and preach the Gospel to their sheep (congregation) according to Christ’s example.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 23

Describe how the LORD is like a shepherd. (verses 1–3)

Why should we fear no evil? (verse 4)

What is the “table” in verse 5 referring to?

Where is the LORD’s dwelling place?

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Ezekiel 34:11–16

Who is the good shepherd? And, what does he do?

Who are the sheep?

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read John 10:11–16

What does the Good Shepherd do?

What does a hired hand do?

What distinguishes a good shepherd from a hired hand?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 169 (page 157)

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read 1 Peter 2:21–25

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 135 (pages 134–135) and question 296 (pages 237–239)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the First Article of the Creed with Explanation and Misericordias Domini?