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OUR WORSHIP

Our Good Shepherd

SERVICE THEME When Jesus said, "I AM the Good Shepherd," He knew that His audience was very familiar with the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want." When the 23rd Psalm is read or heard, people break down because the image of the Great Shepherd goes so deep.

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

Pastor: He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

People: I will fear no evil,

Pastor: for You are with me;

People: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me

People: in the presence of my enemies;

Pastor: You anoint my head with oil;

People: my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall pursue me all the days of my life,

People: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, into whose name we have been Baptized.

OPENING HYMN *LSB 710* “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Father, like silly sheep, we have often gone astray, wandering off into the wilds of our own whims and wants. We are sorry. Send Your Holy Spirit to help us to turn from trusting in ourselves and our schemes to trusting in the Good Shepherd and His love for us. For He quenches our parched soul thirst with cooling streams of living water and who feeds our persistent soul hunger with the green pastures of Your Word. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the Same who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen!

+ Readings from God's word +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:10-11

¹⁰ Behold, the LORD God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. ¹¹ He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms; He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: These Readings are from God's holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-4, 7-11, 27-30

Pastor: The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John the evangelist, the disciple whom Jesus loved, the tenth chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To Him the gatekeeper opens.

The sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I AM the Door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the Door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have LIFE and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "A Lamb"

MESSAGE HYMN LSB 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

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

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

MESSAGE "The Good Shepherd"

Introduction

Everyone is searching for a Good Shepherd that will make everything right.

Why the Metaphor of a Shepherd/Sheep?

Sheep are pitiful, prone to wander, helpless, and stupid.

What Does Our Good Shepherd Do?

"The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

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Three Applications

[1] The Good Shepherd is everything for the sheep.

[2] "He calls His sheep by name."

[3] "My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me."

+ Our Response to God's Word +

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING *LSB 711*, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**

**Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

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PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

SENDING PRAYER

Pastor: Father, Jesus promises that all those who hear His voice and follow Him will be kept safe in Your hand. We ask that, as Jesus' sheep, You would guard us from all evil that might harm our faith in our Good Shepherd. We ask in Your Son's precious name, the Same who is Lord with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you and keeping you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile possible when He thinks of you
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING HYMN *LSB 740* "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me.
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**