



God's people are cared for by the Good Shepherd Himself, who laid down His life for the sheep. He now guides us through His Word and Sacraments. He anoints us with His Spirit so we may pass through this trouble-filled life safely and at last come to the house of the Lord, where we will dwell in peace forever. Today we listen to the Shepherd's voice that He might keep us on the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.



## Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd

**SHARING OF PEACE:** Wherever we are we greet one another with the peace of Christ.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: We bind unto ourselves this day the name of the Trinity:

**C: We come together in the name of the Father, the ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Evening and Morning (LSB 726)

- 1 Evening and morning,  
Sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace, and gladness,  
Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number,  
Awake or in slumber,  
Thine eye observes us,  
From danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
  
- 2 Father, O hear me,

Pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors,  
Blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings,  
Direct all my doings;  
As it may please Thee,  
Retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

3        Ills that still grieve me  
      Soon are to leave me;  
      Though billows tower,  
      And winds gain power,  
      After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
      Joys e'er increasing  
      And peace never ceasing:  
      These shall I treasure  
      And share in full measure  
      When in His mansions God grants me a place.

4        To God in heaven  
      All praise be given!  
      Come, let us offer  
      And gladly proffer  
      To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
      He well receiveth  
      A heart that believeth;  
      Hymns that adore Him  
      Are precious before Him  
      And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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P: God is our Father, who has loved us with an everlasting love; who

has given His Son as the Lamb, and raised Him as the Good Shepherd.

**C: God the Son, Jesus Christ is our Saviour; the Good Shepherd; who knows His sheep by name, who laid down His life for the sheep, and took it up again.**

P: God the Holy Spirit works faith in those who will receive, and guides those who are believers in the way of the Good Shepherd.

**C: How blessed we are in our loving God! Amen.**

### ***CONFESSION OF SINS AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:***

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Father, in the words of Your prophet Isaiah You described our condition: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, everyone, to his own way.

**C: You sent Your Son to be our Good Shepherd. We must confess that at times we have chosen to be our own shepherd. We have abandoned the green pastures You have prepared and have searched for shallow satisfaction. We have wandered off the path of righteousness. We have hid from Your presence, Your rod and staff, and have gone off on our own. We have turned aside from the table You have prepared, and have anointed ourselves with the oil of worldly pleasure. We have not always recognized Your goodness and mercy. Forgive us, we pray.**

P: We have gone astray. We have turned to our own way. Yet we hear the words of our Lord: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

Christ is the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. He died for our sins, and rose again that we might have new life in Him. That is why I, as His under-shepherd, speaking by His command and

authority, declare this good news to you: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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.**

***FIRST LESSON:*** Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe<sup>[a]</sup> came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 23**

*Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 1)*

P: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- ever.**

***EPISTLE:*** 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:** John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(John 10:1-10)

“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. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON HYMN:**      *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*      (LSB 711)

- 1      Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
        Much we need Your tender care.  
        In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
        For our use Your fold prepare.  
        Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

3 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.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

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

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**SERMON:** Jesus Is Our Door - John 10:1-10

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**C: 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.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:***

**P: Let us bring before our God our praise and our petitions: Almighty God, You sent Your Son as our Good Shepherd.**

**C: Send us His Spirit that we might know Him, love Him, and follow Him.**

**P: We pray for those with needs. We pray for those who are physically ill, remembering before you (\_\_\_\_). Be with them, O Saviour**

**C: Good Shepherd, grant them healing.**

**P: We pray for those emotionally distressed.**

**C: Good Shepherd, lead them to still waters.**

**P: We pray for those who live in destructive ways.**

**C: Good Shepherd, lead them down paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.**

**P: We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones and friends.**

**C: Good Shepherd, comfort them with Your presence as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death.**



P: We pray for those besieged by attack from Satan.

**C: Good Shepherd, prepare a table for them in the presence of the enemy.**

P: We thank You for the faith of those who have gone before us.

**C: They dwell in Your house forever.**

P: We pray for those without faith.

**C: Send forth labourers into Your harvest that they might know You as their Good Shepherd.**

*Other petitions may be offered; each of them concluding*

P: Lord, in Your mercy

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Good Shepherd, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **BENEDICTION:**

P: Now may the God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood

of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

**C: Alleluia! Amen!**

**CLOSING HYMN:**     *Good Shepherd Shelter Now Your Sheep (written by Rev. Kurt Reinhardt) tune hymn #709 (LSB)*