

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Today We Celebrate  
Good Shepherd Sunday

*The picture of Jesus as a shepherd  
with his lambs is a loving and tender  
one. The Shepherd leads his sheep  
where he wants them to go.*

Preservice Music – Tone Chime (10:30a)

***“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”***

Tune: BRADBURY Setting: Lloyd Larson ©2009 Agape Music

## Opening

P: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**All: Jesus, we have gathered as your lambs. Thank you for your security surrounding us. Nourish us today, so that when we leave in a little while, we might not go astray. Amen.**

Opening Hymn- *“Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”*


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## Confession of Sins


P: Jesus, as our Good Shepherd you know each one of us by name. You call but often we do not listen to your voice. Instead, we listen to our own voice or the voices of temptation. Listen to us as we confess our sins, and snatch us back from Satan and our sinful flesh.

**ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful. I have sinned against you with my thoughts, words and actions and justly deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and for the sake of my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a poor sinner.**


P: Jesus grants you full pardon for all your sins and commissions you to go forth as a blessing to all people. May his Spirit abide in you and give you new freedom and power to live for your Good Shepherd. Amen.



SING: I am ' Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I am,  
Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and stay.



For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my needs and well pro -  
When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to pleas - ant pas - tures



- vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
leads me; When I thirst, he bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.

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## **Prayer for the Day**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **God's Word**

### ***The risen Christ is our Good Shepherd***

#### **Epistle Lesson – Revelation 7:9-17**

#### ***The Lamb sits on his throne***

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Responsive Lesson**  
**Psalm 23 and John 10**  
*Our Favorite Picture of Jesus*  
*Old Testament prophecy*  
*gives way to*  
*New Testament fulfillment*  
*in John 10.*

**ALL:** The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**ALL:** 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: The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the

wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

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

P: I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

**ALL:** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P: The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.



## The Confession of Faith

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners, redeemed us from Satan's power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sins, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

## Sermon Hymn

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*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

## Sermon

## The Shepherd and His Sheep

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

## Offertory – Tone Chime (8a)

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## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

## The Lord's Supper

*Our church practices membership communion.*

*We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

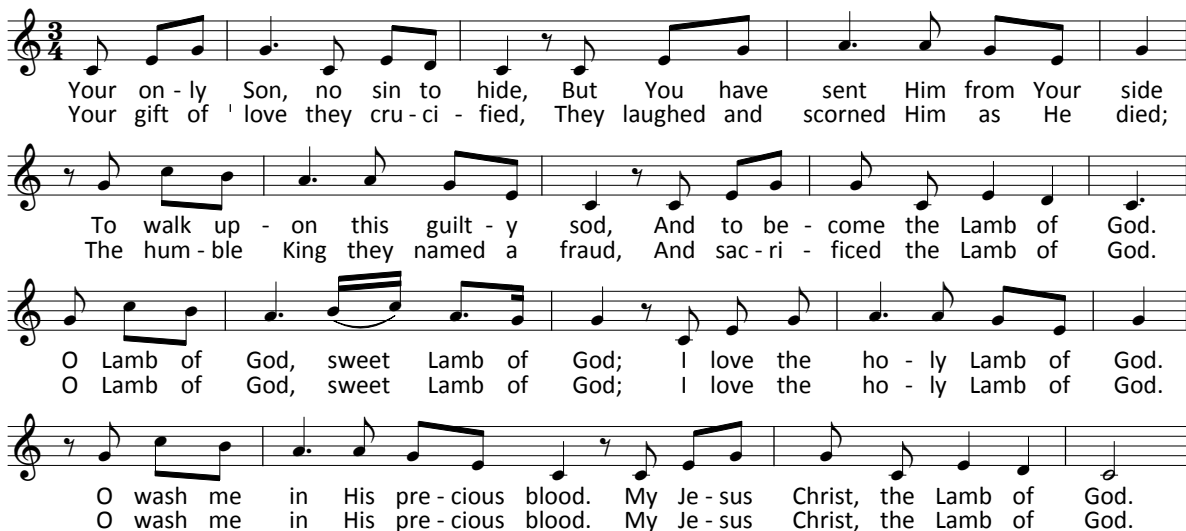
P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.”



Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side;  
Your gift of ' love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He died;  
To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
The hum - ble King they named a fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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### Words From the Upper Room

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always. Amen.

C: (SING)

**I was so lost I should have died. But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.**

### Distribution and Meditation

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

#### Benediction

Closing Hymn – *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

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## **This Week's Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Calendar and Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>COR Women's Group – Toni Davis Serves</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7p Choir</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Class</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6p School Sock Hop</b>

## **Announcements**

Thank you:

To all for their help with our workday yesterday – it looks great!



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## Worship Services at 8 and 10:30a

- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
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