



# 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.*

## 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.**

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

**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 your children when they pray.  
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**Ever let us seek your favor; Ever let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our hope fulfill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.**

### **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.

## 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. Amen.

# God's Word

## *How to trust when you're troubled*

### **Job 1:6-21**

<sup>6</sup> One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. <sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." <sup>9</sup> "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. <sup>10</sup> "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. <sup>11</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

## Responsive Lesson

### Psalm 23

#### *The Good Shepherd*

P: 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.

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

**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.**

Sermon Hymn - *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

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**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me;  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.**

**Con-fused 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 you, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is over-flowing!**

**And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.  
Good She-herd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!**

## PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY SERIES

Sermon – based on Job 1:6-21

### “How to Trust When You’re Troubled”

#### Remembrance of Baptism

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: in the water of baptism you forgave my sin and delivered me from death and the devil. You raised me to a new life in Christ and clothed me with his merit. Help me rejoice in your washing of salvation and live before you in righteousness and purity forever.**

#### Children’s Lesson

#### 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

#### Blessing – “*The Peace of God*”

*This closing song is based on Philippians 4:5-9.*

*It was written in response for all who suffered in the events of 9/11.*

*<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 4:5-9*