

Resurrection Reality: The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

Opening Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* CW 374

1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need— Je -
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, His
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

ho - vah is his name. In pas - tures fresh he
 pres - ence is my stay; One word of his sup -
 tend me all my days; Oh, may his house be

makes me feed Be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath Drives all my fears a - way.
 my a - bode And all my work be praise.

He brings my wand - 'ring spir - it back When
 His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will
 There would I find a set - tled rest While

I for - sake his ways And leads me, for his
 still my ta - ble spread; My cup with bless - ings
 oth - ers go and come, No more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows; His oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest But like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, Winchester, VA, 1832.



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Welcome! We thank
 God that you have
 joined us at worship
 today.

Restrooms are
 located in the
 basement. Hearing
 loop headphones and
 Large Print Hymnals
 are available from an
 usher.

If your children
 need to leave worship,
 please take them to
 the basement. A TV
 broadcasts the service
 in the basement.

Today we gather
 together in the
 presence of God. He is
 present among us in a
 special way through
 his Word and
 Sacrament. We
 acknowledge our sin
 and rejoice in the
 good news of
 forgiveness through
 the life and death of
 Christ. This is the
 focus of our worship.

Stand

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

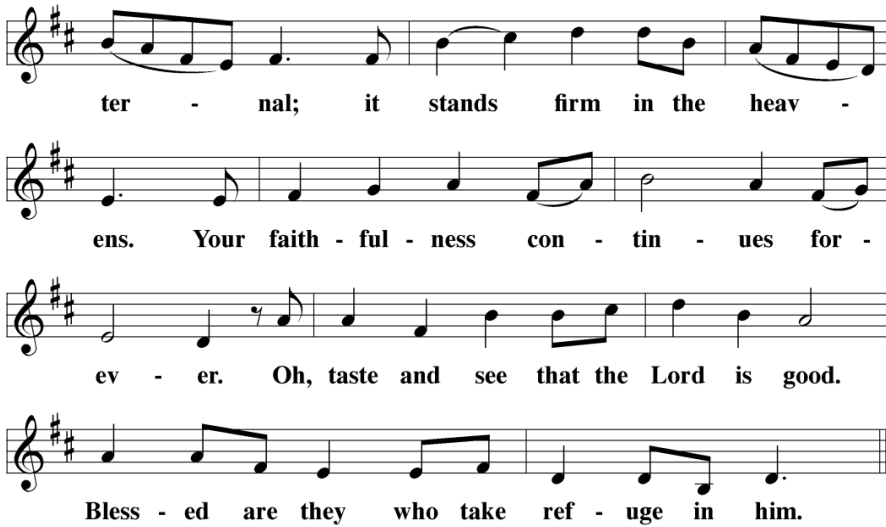
Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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

4K and 5K (8 am)

I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 20:28-32

The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³² “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23 CW

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



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.

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.

Refrain

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

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

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.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

1 John 4:1-6

St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

Stand

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own 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. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸ 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.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is CW 375



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

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

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

Sermon

1 John 4:1-6
Pastor Dave Ruddat

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there 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.**

Be Seated

Offering

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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Closing Hymn

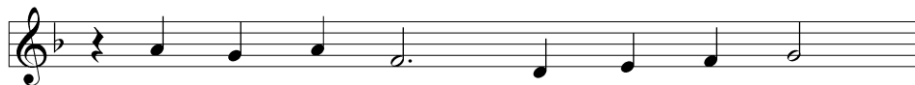
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide CW 541:1,5-7



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - - ven - tide,
The guile and rage of Sa - - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.
Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) *Geistliche Lieder*, Leipzig, 1589, alt.