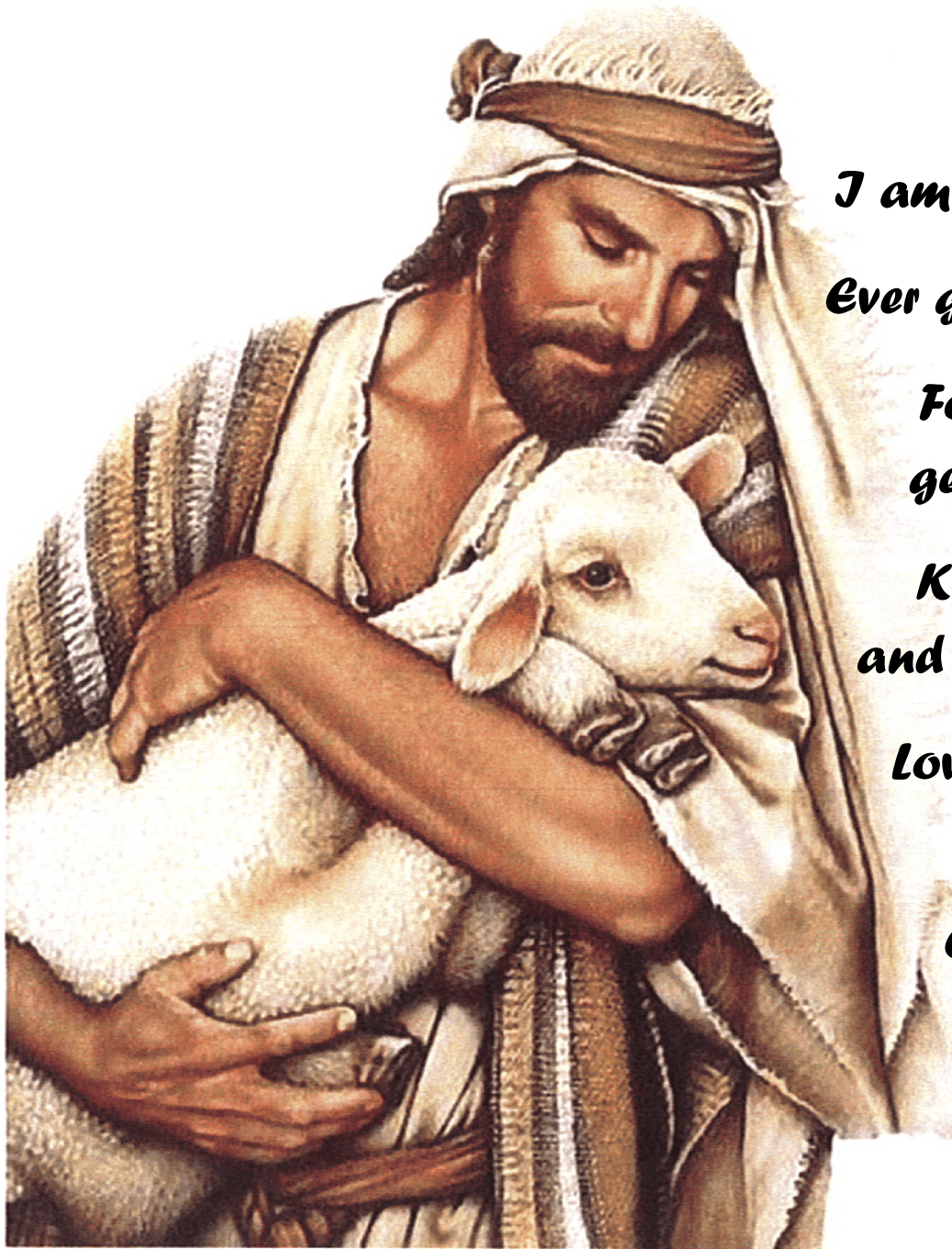


**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**May 3, 2020**



***I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am,***

***For my Shepherd  
gently guides me***

***Knows my needs  
and well provides me***

***Loves me every day  
the same***

***Even calls me  
by my name.***

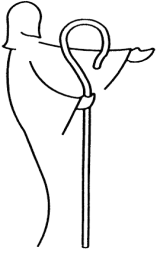
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# Service of the Word



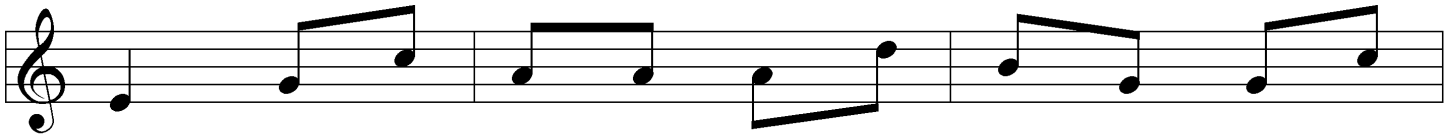
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## HYMN 432

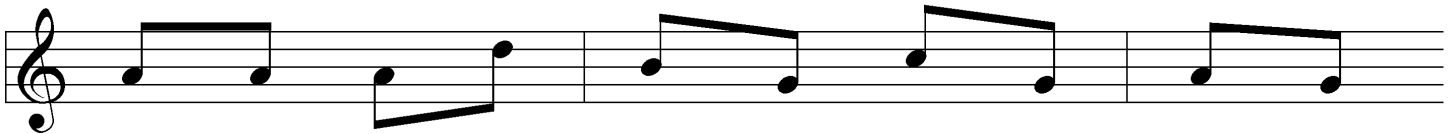
### *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"*



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my  
stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to  
lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he  
an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**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.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;  
it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge 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.

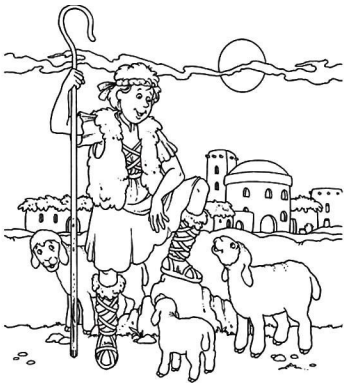
**C: Amen.**

## BE SEATED

### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON    **1 Samuel 17:34-37**

*Long before he was the royal shepherd of the kingdom of Israel, David shepherded his father's flock in the wild country. He let no danger stop him from caring for his sheep.*



<sup>34</sup> David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go then! May the LORD be with you."

## PSALM 23

### ***Refrain***

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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***





## SECOND LESSON      Hebrews 13:20-21

*As we sheep stand looking back at the Easter miracle, we are empowered and equipped to follow our Shepherd wherever he may lead.*

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament— <sup>21</sup> may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.



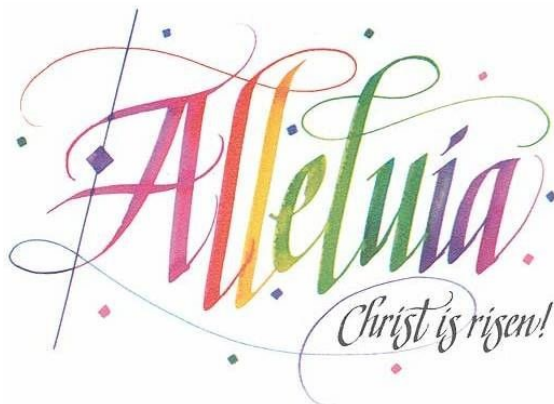
**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**STAND**



## **GOSPEL**

## **John 10:1-10**

*Jesus is the only gate for the sheep! True shepherds use the gate, preach Christ, and love the sheep.*

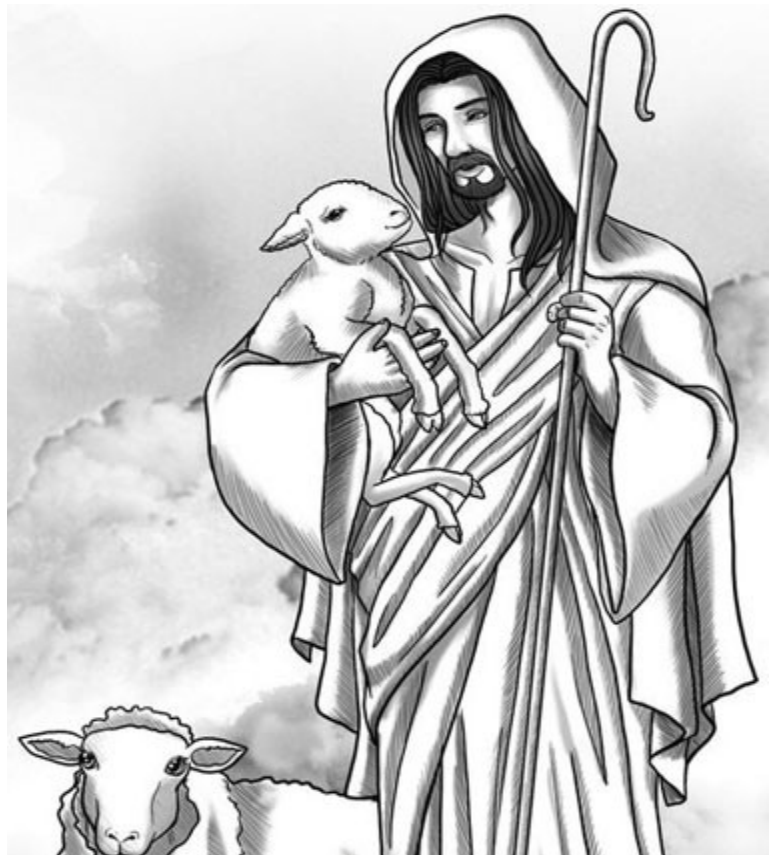
"Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

<sup>10</sup> "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**C: Praise be to you,  
O Christ!**

**BE SEATED**



# HYMN OF THE DAY 375

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*



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

## 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**



# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

*During this time of not meeting together physically, you can mail your offering to the church address or call Pastor to drop it off at church.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation.  
With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

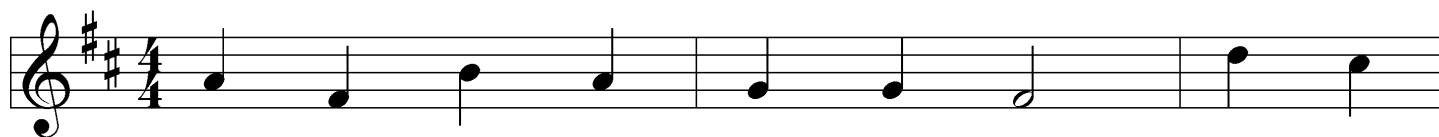
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

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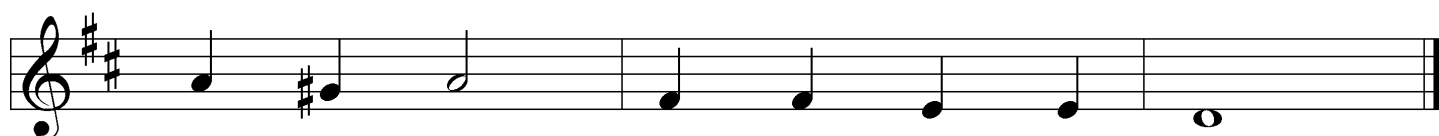


**HYMN 436***"Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"*

1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your  
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can  
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your  
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with  
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and  
 take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at  
 life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our  
 joy will fol - low on Till the work of  
 sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.  
 your com - mand, We will fol - low you.  
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
 grace is done, There to live with you.  
 ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

**STAND**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

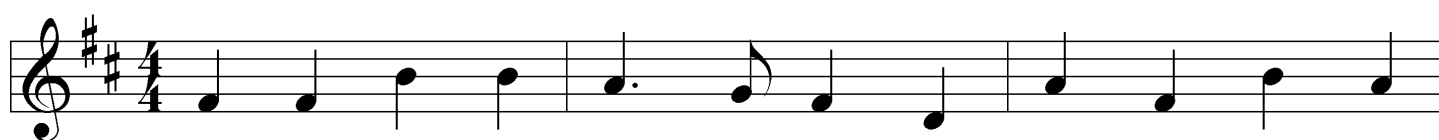


**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

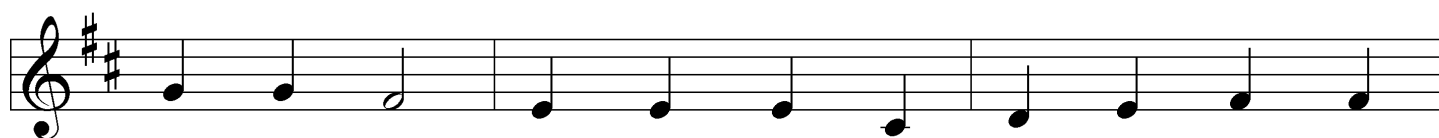
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen.**

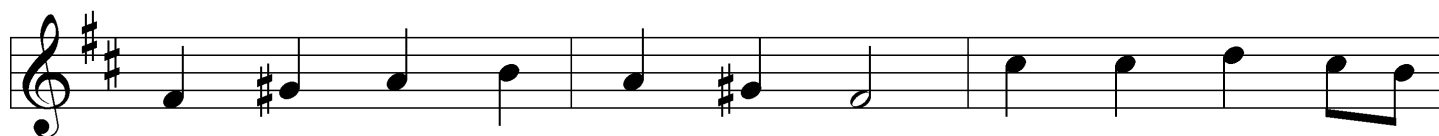
## **CLOSING HYMN 508**      *"Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd"*



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are  
2 Ten - der Shep-herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them  
3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with  
4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them  
go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,  
heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them  
chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through. Gent - ly tend and  
May they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,  
Al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your  
Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.  
thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.  
yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.  
saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.



# Christ is Our Good Shepherd

## God's Word for Today

On Good Shepherd Sunday we see how sharp the contrast is between true shepherds and false shepherds. All is determined by their relationship to Christ, the only gate for the sheep.

## First Lesson (1 Samuel 17:34-37)

1. How does the shepherd David remind you of your Good Shepherd?

## Second Lesson (Hebrews 13:20-21)

2. What makes Jesus uniquely capable to be the one gate for the sheep? What is the result of us grasping the Easter miracle?

## Gospel (John 10:1-10)

3. What is the relationship of the shepherd to his sheep?

4. What does Jesus mean by likening himself to a gate for the sheep?



## **Answers:**

1. Long before he was the royal shepherd of the kingdom of Israel, David shepherded his father's flock in the wild country. He let no danger stop him from caring for his sheep. No law required a shepherd to fight lion and bear for the sake of the sheep. In fact, David's words here and Christ's in John 10 are all the more striking because Rabbinic law made it clear that a shepherd was not called upon to expose his own life for the safety of his flock. David, a good shepherd, knew what he spoke of when he extolled the comfort of the Shepherd's rod and staff in Psalm 23. See his words fulfilled in great David's greater Son!
2. Only one gate leads to life eternal, because only Christ provided the blood of the eternal covenant. As we sheep stand looking back at the Easter miracle, we are empowered and equipped to follow our Shepherd wherever he may lead.
3. Because of the hours of tender care, the shepherd would know each of his sheep by name. The shepherd knows the distinct personality of each. The sheep, on the other hand, would recognize the shepherd's voice as he calls them by name. The sheep follow because they know the voice of the shepherd while wary of the strangers'.
4. Jesus himself is the gate through which the shepherds must enter to get to their sheep. He is the one through whom the sheep must go in order to find good pasture. All who are truly shepherds (pastors, teachers and staff ministers) are those who believe in him as their Savior and guide their sheep only by means of his Word.

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