

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 22, 2018

Worship Focus

PSALMthing to Sing About – Good Shepherd



THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
Psalm 23:1

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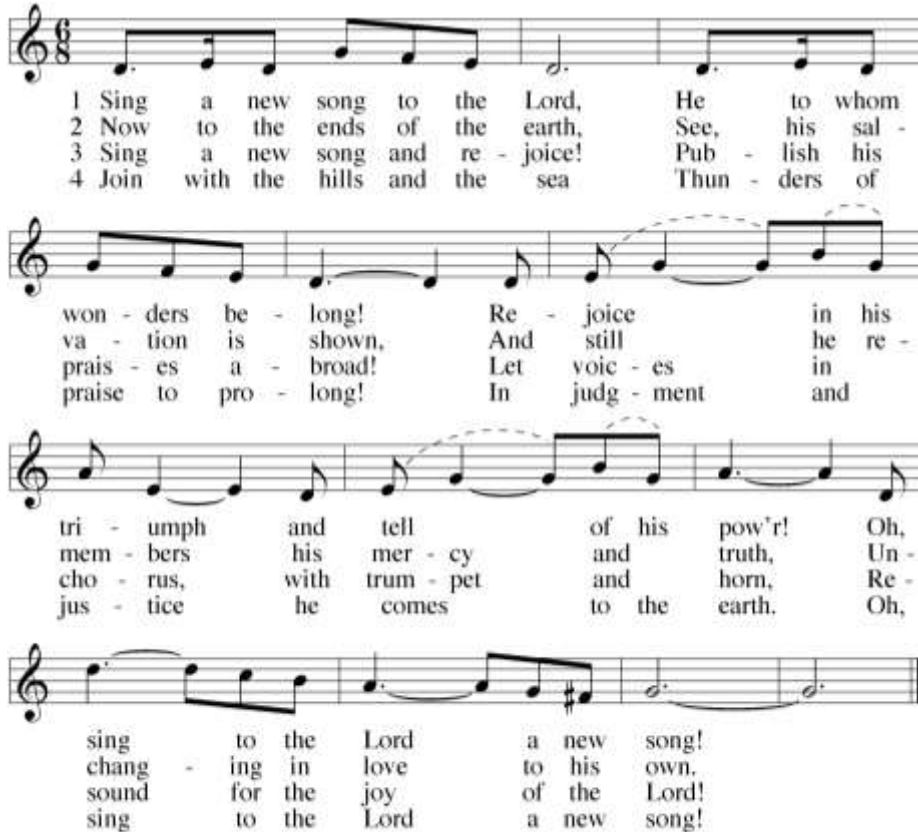
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OPENING HYMN

245 – Sing a New Song to the Lord

The choir will sing verse 1. The congregation is invited to join on verses 2-4.



1 Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom
2 Now to the ends of the earth, See, his sal-
3 Sing a new song and re-joice! Pub-lish his
4 Join with the hills and the sea Thun-ders of
won-ders be-long! Re-joice in his
va-tion is shown, And still he re-
prais-es a-broad! Let voi-ces in
praise to pro-long! In judg-ment and
tri-umph and tell of his pow'r! Oh,
mem-bers his mer-cy and truth, Un-
cho-rus, with trum-pet and horn, Re-
jus-tice he comes to the earth. Oh,
sing to the Lord a new song!
chang-ing in love to his own.
sound for the joy of the Lord!
sing to the Lord a new song!

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INVOCATION

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

Congregation **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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

**Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father's flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you.**

**By your blood our souls were bought;
By your life salvation wrought;
By your light our feet are taught,
Lord, to follow you.**

**We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th' assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest
In the fold with you. (436:1,3,5)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord promises to provide a Good Shepherd for his people.

JEREMIAH 23:1 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.

PSALM 23

Duet

House of God Forever
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*God is my shepherd
I won't be wanting
I won't be wanting
He makes me rest
In fields of green
With quiet streams*

*Even though I walk
Through the valley
Of death and dying
I will not fear
Cause you are with me
You are with me*

*Your shepherd's staff comforts me
You are my feast
In the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me
Follow me
In the house of God forever*

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:13-22

Jesus provides a cornerstone for his Church and a place for the Gentiles in the Church.

EPHESIANS 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-44

In the account of the Feeding of the 5,000, Jesus provides teaching and food for people who were like sheep without a shepherd.

MARK 6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them,

because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

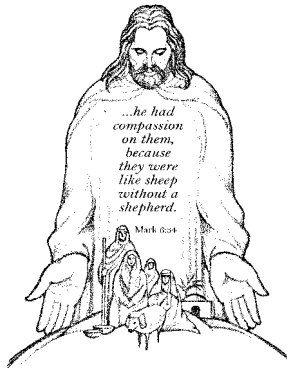
³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”
When they found out, they said, “Five--and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

374 – My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



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.

SERMON

Psalm 23

This is Why We Love Psalm 23

1. It pictures the peace and rest we hope to enjoy
2. It promises the security we seek to live in
3. It promotes the feast we look forward to celebrating

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C 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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for through Christ we have access to Him in the Holy Spirit.

Brief silence

Holy Father, Your Son builds His Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets and makes Himself the cornerstone that unites us all. Through the peace of His forgiving blood, put away from Your baptized children all that would divide them, that they may be truly joined together and grow together into a holy temple in the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, look in kindness on all who hold public office in our land and throughout the world. Strengthen them in every good deed, and make them a blessing of Yours. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, no need of Your children escapes Your notice or provision. Remember in mercy the hungry and homeless, the lonely and frightened, the sick and grieving. [*We especially lift up before You all whom we have been asked to remember at this altar: _____.*] Open Your hand, O Lord, and satisfy the desire of each hurting soul and of every living thing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, in Your Son's resurrection victory, death lost its power to separate us from Your love. We praise You for all whom He has joined by His Spirit to Himself in the Church and to whom He has given a life that death will never snatch from them. Bring us to sing with them and all who hope in His steadfast love the new song in the Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SERMON HYMN

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.

PRAYER

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: A - men.

Doxology (Romans 11)

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Soloist

*Oh the depth of the riches
Of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable his judgment
How untraceable his paths*

*Who knows the mind of our God
And who can bring council to Him?*

*Who has given to God
That God should repay?*

*For from Him, through Him
To Him, is everything*

*To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen*

CLOSING HYMN 422 – Jesus Lead Us On



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
3 When we seek re - lief, From a long - felt grief,
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us.



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.