



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 16, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

As we begin today a series of sermons on Jesus' Good Shepherd discourse in the Gospel of John, may we worship our Savior who laid down His life so that we might enjoy eternal and abundant life. Psalm 23 teaches us that we shall lack absolutely nothing, for our Shepherd King provides rest and refreshment (v. 2), restoration and righteousness (v. 3), protection in times of trouble (v. 4), provisions for our wilderness journey (v. 5), and a home to go to at the end of our days (v. 6).

Why not meditate on the following prayer as you prepare for worship?

*Holy Father, the Psalmist declares,
"I shall not be in want."*

*Like him, grant me a greater capacity to trust
that everything is necessary that You send
and nothing is needful that You withhold.
May true contentment increasingly mark my life.*

"I shall fear no evil."

*Your protecting rod and Your supporting staff
are all that I need when I walk through the dark valleys of life –
even death itself. May Your presence banish fear from my heart.*

"I shall dwell in Your house forever."

*As a gracious host, You are glad to welcome me home
to Your house at the end of earthly journey.
May I ever live to praise You, my Shepherd King and God.
For I pray in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, Amen.*

EXTOL THE SHEPHERD'S FAME

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Echos of Joy" Hans-André Stamm
"Adagio from Flute Sonata, BWV 1039" J.S. Bach
Dee Walker, piccolo; Jeanne Simmons, flute

CHORAL INTROIT: "Like a Shepherd" Carl Nygard
Text from Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 11:28, 29

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs in His arms,
And carry them in His bosom;
And gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him all ye that labor,
Come unto Him, all ye that are heavy laden
And He will give you rest.
And you shall find rest unto your souls.

He shall gently lead, like a shepherd.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
Hope Howard, soloist*

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael G. Stokke

✦HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: No. 599 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" . . SHEPHERD

♣PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 23 Ethan Knight (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.**

He leads 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.

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SHEPHERD

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH TEACHERS

COMMISSIONING OF THE WESTMINSTER SINGERS (8:15)

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR (11:00)

EXPERIENCE THE SHEPHERD’S CARE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
we plead Your forgiveness
for we have doubted Your abundant goodness and faithful provision.
We have strayed like foolish and wandering sheep.
Fear and pride have dominated our lives
causing us to not love You or others as we ought.
A sword was awakened against our Good Shepherd
to rescue wayward and vulnerable lambs like us.
Awaken us again by Your Spirit
to Your costly love and intimate shepherding care,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♣HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 87 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” . . CRIMOND
stanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Joshua D. Yates

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach
arr. Davis

Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful shepherd's sight.
Those who rule, with wisdom guiding, bring to hearts a peace abiding,
Bless a land with joy made bright.

Like a shepherd God doth guide us into pastures calm and blest;
Safe we lie by peaceful waters and like sheep securely rest.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRIMOND

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

HEAR THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:1-6
(page 896 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Knowing the Shepherd's Voice* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" . . .HYFRYDOL
stanzas 1, 3 & 4

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" John Weaver
Samuel Metzger, organist

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778