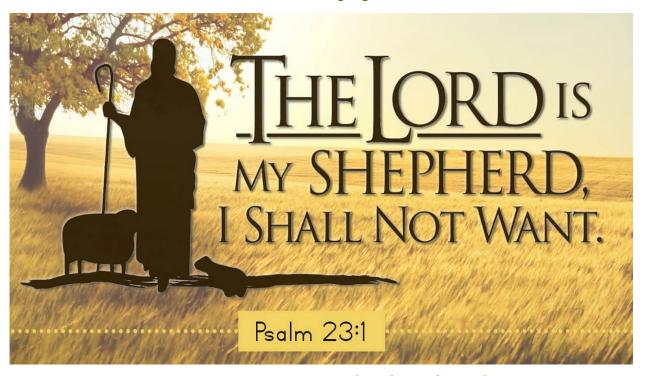
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter



# Jesus Is My Good Shepherd

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Opening Hymn: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need......CW # 374

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**L:** (*rise*) 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.

- **L:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

## **Prayer and Praise**

**L:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

## C: Lord have mercy

**L:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

### C: Christ have mercy

**L:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Lord have mercy

**L:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

#### C: Amen.

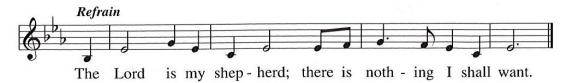
## **Prayer of the Day**

L: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out your right hand of our power to defend us against our enemies and all things; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen. (seated)

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup> Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (The Word of the Lord)

#### **Psalm # 23**





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 évil,\* 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 énemies.\*
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.

#### Second Lesson:

Hebrews 13:17, 20 & 21

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you...

<sup>20</sup> May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Word of the Lord)

Gospel: John 10:11-18

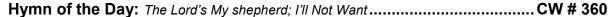
Jesus says, <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

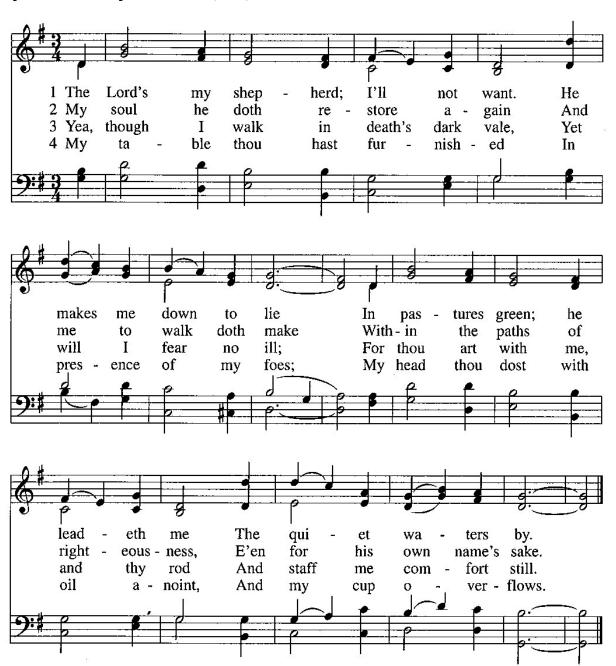
- <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- <sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> 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.
- <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> 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."

(The Gospel of the Lord)

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (seated)

Hymn of the Day: The Lord's My shepherd; I'll Not Want......CW # 360





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

# Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

**Apostles' Creed:** (Rise) (together we confess)

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

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Each day we ask that you lead us along safe paths through the darkness of this world, dispel the terrors of death, and bring us at last into your Father's house where you dwell with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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

**L:** 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. Amen (seated)

Closing Hymn: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb .......CW # 432

