



## “SUMMER SERIES: PSALM 23”

Sunday, June 14, 2020 9:00AM

Worship Service

### AS WE GATHER

When it comes to summarizing the Psalms, Luther probably said it best, “The Psalter out to be a precious and beloved book, if for no other reason than this: It promises Christ’s death and resurrection so clearly – and pictures His Kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom – that it might well be called a little Bible.” Over the next couple of weeks we are going to look at arguably the most well-known Psalm – Psalm 23.

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### OPENING VERSICLES

**P** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**P** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

### PSALM 100

**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

**C** **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**C** **For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

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**OPENING HYMN**

**“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”**

**LSB 915**

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.
  
- 2 Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father’s welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv’n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav’n.
  
- 3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav’nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father’s home.
  
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o’er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

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**MATTHEW 9:35—10:4; 16-20**

**P** A reading from Matthew, the ninth chapter.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>1</sup>And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup>The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup>Philip and

Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>16</sup>“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

*Sit*

### HYMN of the DAY

### “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

1 I am Jesus’ little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

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### COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SERMON

### “My Shepherd”

### Psalm 23

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### PRAYERS of the CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our humble prayer for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the Christian faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they have patience in the midst of suffering [especially remembering in our prayers Chris, Jim, Richard and those we name before You in our hearts]. If it be Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all Your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in Your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

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

**C** hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## MORNING PRAYER

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791 sts. 1, 2 & 5

1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.

△ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

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