

TRUSTING GOD IN
PSALM 23 IN
THE TROUGH

JANUARY 17, 2021
10:30AM



WAYS TO SERVE ON SUNDAY

USHER TEAM

HELP EVERYTHING RUN SMOOTHLY

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

HELP MAKE SUNDAY SPECIAL

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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church Ministries! Today we continue the message series titled "Trusting God in Tough Times" as we focus on verse two of Psalm 23. The images of green pastures and quiet waters help us to think about the gift of rest. Today's culture makes it difficult to find times of rest; that is why rest is such a precious gift from God, and why we rely on Him to provide what we cannot find on our own. Even though the Jews in today's Gospel reading failed to trust Jesus as God's Son, He promises protection and provision in relationship with Him, and in Him alone we find our rest. *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27)

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the + Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SONGS

COME THOU FOUNT (MY RESTLESS HEART)

My restless heart finds rest in You

My restless heart finds rest in You

Come Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace

Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of Thy redeeming love

'Til this time Your love has blessed me You have brought me to this place

And I know Your hand will bring me safely home by Your good grace

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God

He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be

Let that goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Here's my heart oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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My restless heart finds rest in You O, my restless heart finds rest in You
Jesus, my restless heart finds rest in You O, my restless heart finds rest in You

Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

I LIFT MY HANDS

Be still, there is a healer His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing His arms, a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise, let faith arise

I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge
You are my strength as I pour out my heart
These things I remember You are faithful God, forever

Be still there is a river that flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty Your grace that washes over me
Let faith arise, let faith arise

I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge
You are my strength as I pour out my heart
These things I remember You are faithful God, forever

Let faith arise (let faith arise)
Open my eyes (open my eyes)
Let faith arise (let faith arise)
Open my eyes (open my eyes)

I lift my hands to believe again You are my refuge
You are my strength as I pour out my heart
These things I remember You are faithful God, forever

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You're faithful God, forever
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 10:11-18

Reader: In John, the tenth chapter, Jesus asserts that He is God's Son, our Good Shepherd.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No-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."

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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. He will come again 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE CHERI SELANDER

MESSAGE

**"I TRUST GOD TO GIVE ME REST"
PASTOR TRAVIS FERGUSON**

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WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

PSALM 23 (I AM NOT ALONE)

The Lord is my Shepherd He goes before me
Defender behind me I won't fear
I'm filled with anointing my cup's overflowing
No weapon can harm me I won't fear

Hallelujah I am not alone He's my Comfort, always holds me close

He always guides me through mountains and valleys
His joy is refreshing restores my soul
Mercy and goodness give me assurance
That I'll see Your glory face to face

Hallelujah I am not alone He's my Comfort, always holds me close
Hallelujah I am not alone He's my Comfort, always holds me close

Your Spirit lives within me so I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me my victory, my victory (REPEAT 2x)

Hallelujah I am not alone He's my Comfort, always holds me close
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Hallelujah I am not alone He's my Comfort, always holds me close

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

What we believe about Holy Communion...

We believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God, Three Persons.

We believe that we are sinful, in need of grace, and want to do better.

We believe, as Jesus said, that the bread and wine are truly and physically His body and His blood, which is the ultimate mystery of faith.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat (REPEAT)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery

Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You it's who I am, it's who I am, It's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You it's who I am, it's who I am, It's who I am

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You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(REPEAT)

Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

You're a good, good Father it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You it's who I am, it's who I am, It's who I am

You're a good, good Father it's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You it's who I am, it's who I am, It's who I am

Thank you for worshipping with us today; God bless your week ahead!

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MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

I Trust God to Give Me Rest

January 17, 2021

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he restores my soul. He guides me in
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
⁴ 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.
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Notes from Today's Message

(Kids – feel free to use this space to draw something you see or hear about in worship today)

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

Day 1: Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1-2*. Today focus on the phrase ***“He makes me lie down”***. When has the Lord brought you to your knees? When have you been made to pause? How did you feel and what did you learn?

Day 2: Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1-2*. Today focus on the phrase ***“in green pastures”***. Though there are not a whole lot of “green” pastures in Southern California, you get the gist. Green pastures are a place where livestock can feed and be given nourishment. Where is a place that gives nourishment to your soul? Take 5 minutes of quiet time to go to that place in your mind.

Day 3: Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1-2*. Today focus on the phrase ***“He leads me”***. You’ve probably played the game “follow the leader” before. As you’ve aged or matured, you’ve probably found that following the leader can be difficult at times. Where do you struggle to follow God? Take time to pray that your heart would be changed so that you would adopt the ways of God and delight in following Him.

Day 4: Read/memorize *Psalms 23:1-2*. Today focus on the phrase ***“beside quiet waters”***. Again, in Southern California we are not familiar with quiet waters – we are more acquainted with the ocean! The quiet waters the Psalm refers to are waters next to which we can relax. Head to the beach today. Though there are no “quiet waters” there, take a moment to relax and remember that through all the waves of your life – God is there!

Day 5: Read *John 10:11-15*. Rest, for the sheep, only comes when they feel safe with the Shepherd. The same is true for us as humans. Take time to confess to God where you are struggling to feel safe, and before you go to bed tonight, pray: “I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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. Amen.”

Day 6: Read *John 11:16-18*. Jesus says here that there are other sheep who haven’t yet been “brought in” to the fold. Take time today to pray for all of those who have not yet found their home and safety in the fold of Christ’s Holy Church.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH VARIOUS RESOURCES



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DIG DEEPER INTO PSALM 23

WITH PASTOR MATT CHANDLER

USE WITH LIFE GROUP OR FOR PERSONAL STUDY



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