

TRUSTING GOD
PSALM 23
IN
TIMES TOUGH

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8:00AM



AS WE GATHER

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church Ministries! Today we begin a new message series titled "Trusting God in Tough Times". This series walks through Psalm 23 one verse at a time to unpack some of God's most precious promises in the Bible. Today's Psalm verse identifies the Lord as our Shepherd, and our Gospel reading features Jesus' teaching about that identity. We praise God for His provision and pray that His Holy Spirit gives us greater trust in Him. *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10)

PRELUDE

"LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW"
ARR. J.G. WALTHER

WELCOME & INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 902, "LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW"

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd who provides for our needs. Those needs include forgiveness, so let us now confess our sins of thought, word, and deed.

(We observe silence for personal confession.)

Leader: Good Shepherd,

People: We have sinned against You and against one another. We have followed false shepherds that cannot save us. We have taken without repayment; we have killed by our hatred; we have destroyed relationships. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Lead us to Your loving arms, that we may share Your love freely with others. Amen.

Leader: Jesus promises us, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10b) Today His promise is fulfilled as He brings us new life, filled with His abundant blessings: all our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

Reader: In John, the tenth chapter, Jesus compares Himself to the gate of a sheep pen: the way to safety and the good care of the Shepherd.

¹"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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 HYMN

LSB 740, "I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB"

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.

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.

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.

MESSAGE

"I TRUST GOD TO MEET MY NEEDS"
PASTOR RICHARD BURKEY

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HYMN

LSB 847, "CHRIST, OUR HUMAN LIKENESS SHARING"

(alt. tune: LSB 367)

Christ, our human likeness sharing, heaven's love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, in His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, be Your life in us displayed. *(continued)*

Hear the word that Christ has spoken, help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow'rs of darkness broken, sinners pardoned, captives freed:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, help us meet our neighbor's need.

Christ, in ev'ry congregation build Your temple, stone by stone,
With Your word as firm foundation for a faith matured and grown:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, make in us Your Gospel known.

Come, O living Christ, renew us, as of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit's pow'r endue us, servants of Your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

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 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

HYMN

LSB 809, "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

(continued)

*REFRAIN: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *REFRAIN*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *REFRAIN*

POSTLUDE

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

CHRIS RICE

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

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THE MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

Trusting God in Tough Times: I Trust God to Meet My Needs

January 10, 2020

INTRODUCTION: A Matter of Personal Pronouns

Psalm 23:1 (All verses from the New International Version 1984)
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

I Trust God to Meet My Needs

1. The LORD is my Pastor.

Psalm 23:1a ***The LORD is my shepherd.***

John 10:2-3 ² ***The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.***
³ ***The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.***

2. The LORD is my Provider.

Psalm 23:1 ***Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need!*** – (The Living Bible)

John 10:10 ***The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.***

3. The LORD is my Protector.

Psalm 23:1 ***The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.***

Isaiah 40:10-11 ¹⁰ ***See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.***

¹¹ ***He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.***

CONCLUSION: One you can trust!

G.P.S. GROW. PRAY. STUDY.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get the weekly GPS on your computer/phone/etc. by going to the site: www.clcm-gps.com. You can also get automatic notifications by sending a text to 81010 with the text @clcm-gps, or by subscribing through Feedly.com (or any other RSS reader).

As you use this week's Grow Pray Study Guide, the first five days invite you to focus on one word a day from "The LORD is my shepherd." And then on day 6 you focus on the phrase, "I shall not be in want."

Throughout the week memorize this verse: Psalm 23:1, ***The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.***

Day 1: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today, focus on the word **“the”**. What does it mean to you that your Shepherd is the LORD, not a god? What seeks to take His place in your life? Today, take time to praise Him for His care for you.

Day 2: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today, focus on the word **“LORD”**. **LORD** is God’s personal name in the Old Testament given in Exodus 3:15. God is worthy to be praised as our Divine Creator, and through Jesus, our incredible Savior of all. What does it mean to you that God desires a personal relationship with you? That He cares about you? That He knows you better than you know yourself? Today, praise God for His longing to have a personal relationship with you.

Day 3: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today, focus on the word **“is”**. The Bible tells the great story of God, of how He has acted in history, how He will one day come back to take His followers to heaven. Today, think about what it means that God is – God is with you, God is active, God is love. Psalm 23 reminds not just of what God has done or will do, but best of all that He **is** here now with you. Today, thank God for His presence with you. Ask for what you need for the day ahead. Seek to live out this day aware of His presence each moment.

Day 4: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today, focus on the word **“my”**. David could have said “our”, but instead he reminds himself of God’s one-on-one relationship with David (and with you). Today, get personal with God. Share your heart, your life, your needs, your hopes, your dreams. While God is with everyone, praise God today for being with you!

Day 5: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today, focus on the word **“Shepherd”**. God is your Pastor, your perfect Pastor! He wants to lead you along life’s best path for your life. Today, ask for His guidance and direction for what you face. Thank Him for His perfect love and care for you.

Day 6: Read/memorize *Psalm 23:1*. Today focus on the words **“I shall not be in want”**. The LORD God is your Pastor, Protector, Provider and a whole lot more. Today, thank Him for all that He does for you. Ask Him for what you need. Trust Him to provide and to guide you in the day ahead!

Going Deeper:

Book: *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by Phillip Keller

Next Week’s Message: *Psalm 23:2 – I Trust God to Give Me Rest*

DIG DEEPER INTO PSALM 23

WITH PASTOR MATT CHANDLER

USE WITH LIFE GROUP OR FOR PERSONAL STUDY



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