

TRUSTING GOD IN
PSALM 23 IN
THE TROUGH

JANUARY 17, 2021
8:00AM



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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)

PRELUDE

"O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS,"
ARR. DONALD BUSAROW

WELCOME & INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 906, "O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS"

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined to bless,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," the triune God confess.

This day at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus this day most glorious a threefold light was giv'n.

This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing, renewed with heav'nly might,
From grace more grace receiving, on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises to Thee, blest Three in One.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus Christ is our Good Shepherd who knows us by name and lays down His life to save us from our sins. Let us now confess those sins to the God who knows us best and still loves us.

(We observe silence for personal confession.)

Leader: Good Shepherd,

People: We have sinned against You and against one another. We have stirred up quiet waters to cause trouble for others with arguing and anger. We have failed to trust You to lead us to green pastures of provision. We have failed to find rest in Your Sabbath promises. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. We believe; help our unbelief. Amen.

Leader: Jesus promises us, *"I know my sheep and my sheep know me...and I lay down my life for the sheep."* (John 10:14-15) His sacrifice brings us new life, filled with provision and rest. As we rest in His love, 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 10:11-18

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."

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 684, "COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY"

"Come unto Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending, of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wand'rers, and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to Thee!

MESSAGE

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

DUET**"MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED"****ARR. JOHN CARTER**

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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

CLOSING HYMNS

LSB 832, "JESUS SHALL REIGN"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: the pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

LSB 718, "JESUS, LEAD THOU ON"

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, we will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in our fatherland.

POSTLUDE

"JESUS, LEAD THOU ON," ARR. PAUL KICKSTAT

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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