

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Sending Song** *Day by Day ELW # 790*

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all moral measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

### **Blessing**

May the goodness and mercy of the Lord, our Good shepherd, follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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# Shepherd Me O God

## March 16, 2022

God is a shepherd  
who provides.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

**Psalm 23:1–2**

## Welcome to Worship | Wednesday 16, 2022

**Gathering** Your Canopy of Vigil Lights  
(See Insert)

### **Candle Lighting Litany**

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine your light so we may see:  
In the midst of suffering, pain and sorrow and in all of our joys and in gladness,

**God is with us.**

Despite our insatiable desires and our fear of scarcity,

**God is a shepherd who provides.**

When we feel lost, lonely or have lost our way,

**God leads and guides us.**

Even when we feel ashamed or unworthy or somehow “less than,”

God not only makes room for us, but

**God gives us a place of honor.**

We seek God only to discover that we can trust God’s promises because

**God pursues us with grace.**

God provides for us, leads us, and honors us because

**God loves us.**

We respond with faith. As we light a candle this night we bring to you all of our cares and concerns for ourselves, our community and the world. We pray especially for...**Amen.**

*You are invited to light a candle in the window as you sing and pray.*

**Prayer Refrain** O Lord, Hear My Prayer ELW #751

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

### **Prayer**

Let us pray together: Loving God,

**we have all we need in you, yet we strive for more, better, and best.**

**Remind us that you provide us with life – the breath in our lungs and cool water to drink – so that we might share of your abundance with all in need. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

**John 10:11-16** (NRSV)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

### **Psalm 23** (NRSV)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;*

*he leads me beside still waters;*

*he restores my soul.*

He leads me in right paths

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

**Homily** “The Lord Provides” Pastor Colin Grangaard, First Lutheran

**The 23rd Psalm in Song** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW #502

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulders gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.  
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

### **Faith Practice: Sabbath Worship and Rest**

*“The practice of Shabbat, or Sabbath, is designed specifically to restore us, a gift of time in which we allow the cares and concerns of the marketplace to fall away” (Wayne Mueller). Or as Rolf Jacobson says, Sabbath is a “Gracious intrusion into everyday life.”*

Reflection questions for this week:

How can you follow the faith practice of Sabbath worship and rest?

What are ways that you find rest and renewal?

How can you let God’s sabbath be a “gracious intrusion” in your life? <sup>3</sup>