PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lead us, God of Goodness: lead us into those places where we discover your mercy waiting to nourish and restore our famished souls.

Lead us, Gentle Shepherd: lead us to those places where we have the joy of filling the emptiness of others, because the table you have prepared is to be shared with all.

Lead us, Mercy's Mother: lead us on the right paths, and down the streets where we can do justice for all wronged by the world; lead us to the living waters, where we can fill ourselves and then empty them for those parched by pain and loss. Lead us beautiful savior. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

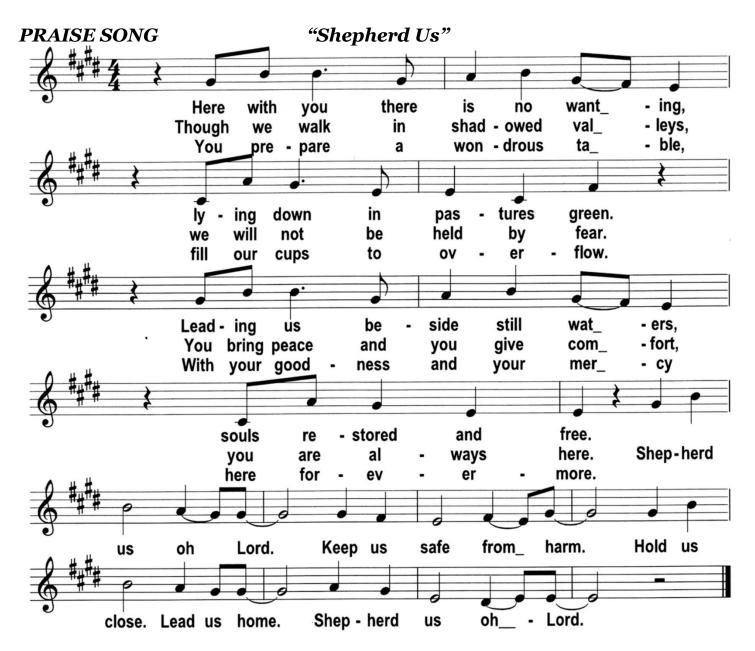
THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Jesus left the comforts of heaven and came into our universe, our pasture, to smell like sheep! Jesus sweated like we do. He walked our pathways, braved our wolves, faced our temptations, and shared our struggles. The Holy One of Israel came in Jesus Christ to be our good shepherd. -Lynn Anderson

Jesus, the good shepherd, will not travel at such a rate as to overdrive the lambs. He has tender consideration for the poor and needy. Kings usually look to the interests of the great and the rich, but in the kingdom of our Great Shepherd He cares most for the poor... The weaklings and the sickly of the flock are the special objects of the Savior's care... You think, dear heart, that you are forgotten, because of your nothingness and weakness and poverty. This is the very reason you are remembered. -**C. H. Spurgeon**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

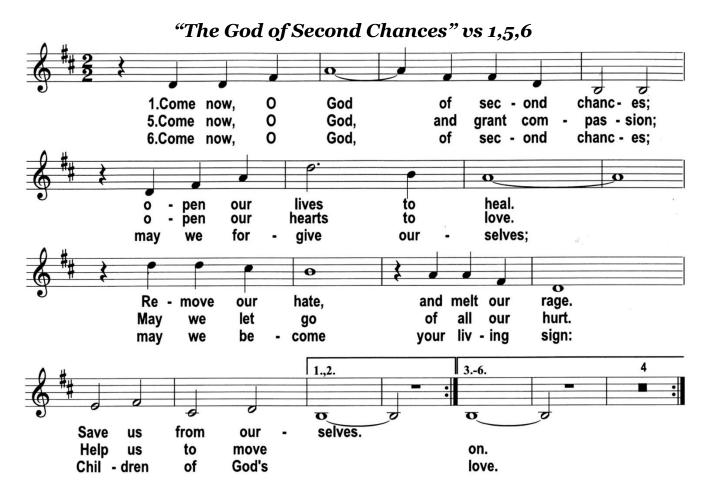
Leader: Fear not, God is with us! **People: But the world is a scary place.** Leader: The world is scary, but God is with us. **People: The evil of the world overwhelms me.** Leader: But it doesn't overwhelm God. **People: We will trust in God and we will overcome.**



OUR CONFESSION

- Leader: We are people who trust in many persons and things. We try to trust in God but we often fail. Let us confess our failures of faith and trust to God and before our sisters and brothers.
- People: We come in humility to confess to you, O God, the failures of our lives. Most of all we confess that we have failed to trust in you with all our hearts, minds, and lives. We have leaned on others and they have failed us. We have sought answers from others and they have proved false. You are our only sure hope. Help us to trust that you love us in spite of our mistrust and that you will continue to be with us always. Amen.
- Leader: Hear the Good News! God is the Faithful One. God loves us and never leaves us. We are God's forgiven flock. The Shepherd comes to lead us.

CONFESSION RESPONSE



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST READING

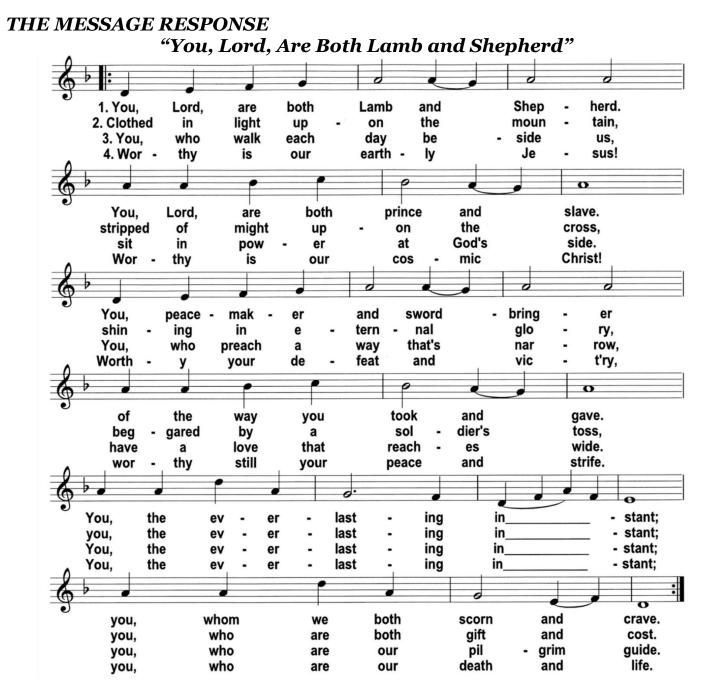
Psalm 23- Responsive

Reading Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Congregation: 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. Leader: Congregation: 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. Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Congregation: 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.

THE GOSPEL READING

A well-loved image of God and His people is of a caretaking shepherd and his sheep. This chapter has 3 different portions supporting this image. This is the last of them suggesting belonging and care forever.

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one." *MESSAGE "Of Shepherds and Sheep"* **Pastor David Schoob**



John 10:22-30

THE OFFERING Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We gather in the presence of God

- People: where grieving people and children with skinned knees have their tears wiped away.
- Leader: We gather with the people of God,
- People: to worship the One who provides what we need, not just what we want.
- Leader: We gather at the Table of God,
- People: to feast on the goodness of God, to drink from the cup of mercy.
- Leader: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)

COMMUNION SONGS







THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Life is not a dead end; It is a surprising journey to God. The Shepherd leads us to life; Laugh each day and unwind the threads of the world. Notice new life around each corner. Make new dreams and cultivate a glad heart! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE SENDING SONG



THE DISMISSAL Leader: Go into God's world in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us in the Heritage Room for a coffee hour.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob Worship Assistant: Nate Shubat Scripture Introductions: Paul Bauman Ushers: Tom Bulin, Nate Kenworthy Reader: Jill Hasenstein Communion Set Up: Jill Hasenstein Communion Servers: Nicole and Amanda Hull Vocalists: Linda Amacher, Paul Anderson, Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman Keyboard: Hazel Griffin Video: Mike Tikusis Audio: Sue Gilbertson Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam Coffee Hour: Nicole Hull

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