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# THE NAMES OF GOD

Good  
Shepherd

March 25, 2020

1:00 p.m.

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**

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Theme: The Good Shepherd

**As We Gather**

Names mean something. This Lenten season we will be looking at the names of God and of Jesus. These names will help define God, for in these names He reveals His character. Our Lenten devotions were prepared by Marilyn Staargaard. Each devotion highlights a different name and character of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Lenten schedule is as follows: Today March 25: "The Good Shepherd" and next week, April 1: "High Priest, Advocate, Mediator."

**Prelude**

Rick Helderop, organist

**Opening Hymn** Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
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3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.  
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## Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

## Responsive Reading

P: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me.** (John 10:14 ESV)

P: For you were straying like sheep,

**C: But have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

(1 Peter 2:25 ESV)

P: When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them,

**C: Because they were like sheep without a shepherd.** (Mark 6:34 ESV)

P: And when the chief Shepherd appears,

**C: You will receive the unfading crown of glory.** (1 Peter 5:4 ESV)

## Old Testament Lesson                  Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Children's Message

### Gospel Lesson                  John 10:11-18 (NIV)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own 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. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 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. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life — only to take it up again. No 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.”

### **Hymn of the Day 436** The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
  
2. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E’en for His own name’s sake.
  
3. Yea, tho’ I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me,  
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

### **Sermon**

John 10:11-18

“Names of God”

Good Shepherd

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

### **Voluntary** He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd – Beck

Steve SeGraves, vocalist

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Benediction**

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C:Amen.** (Heb. 13: 20-21)

### **Closing Hymn 648**

### **I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### **Postlude**

Rick Helderop, organist

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