

**HYMN**      *O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer*      (tune: Hyfrodol)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer, We extol Your precious name;  
Yesterday, today, forever—Your great love remains the same!  
Long before the world’s foundation You as Lord, the great I am,  
Planned to bear the cross and save us, As God’s sacrificial Lamb.

You are worthy, ever reigning As the risen King of kings!  
“Blessing, honor, glory, power . . .” All creation ever sings!  
Gladly now we join that chorus, Awed by what our ransom cost,  
Praising You, our great Good Shepherd, Who would seek and save the lost.

You are Alpha and Omega, First and last, the start and end,  
One who was, who is, and will be, Yet You deign to be our friend!  
Living Water, Your great mercy Is a boundless reservoir,  
So that all whose souls are thirsty Drink of You and thirst no more.

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**INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**      Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.

P Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

**C But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for

all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Jeremiah 23:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**C 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.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 2:11–22

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 6:30–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (LSB 709)

1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth

- And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 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.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!
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**SERMON:** Surrounded By the Shepherd's Care - Psalm 23

**HYMN:** *My Good Shepherd Loves Me So*

My Good Shepherd loves me so and came for me  
My Good Shepherd loves me so and set me free  
My Good Shepherd loves me so, and He gave His life I know  
So that I can live with Him eternally

My Good Shepherd rose to life on Easter day  
My Good Shepherd lives and takes my sins away  
My Good Shepherd reigns on high and in Him I will not die  
I believe in Him who loves me every day.

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**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Apostles' Creed

**C: 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. From thence He will come 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.**

**HYMN:** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (LSB 711)

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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### **RECOGNITION OF VBS STAFF**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your Word—Your Holy Commandments, Your Holy Scriptures, but above all, with Your Holy Word made flesh, Your only-begotten Son to be our Good Shepherd, our Savior, our Lord, and our King. Receive our praise for the gift of Your salvation and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your Holy Church peace and strength to give witness to Your mercy for all people. Bless our nation with faithful leaders who will govern according to Your will in righteousness. Sustain all who protect and defend us from harm and danger both in the world and in Your gift of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Endow Your ministers with compassion and grace to reach the lost and to serve Your people faithfully with Your Word and Sacraments. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and all enemies of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Deliver and heal all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [especially . . .]. Like a shepherd, lead us all to the still waters and green pastures of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Individual petitions may be added.*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICTION:**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

**HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (LSB 924)**

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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