

LESSON: EZEKIEL 34:11-16

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

EPISTLE: 1 PETER 2:21-25

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,

should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-16

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

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**Misericordias Domini**

April 23, 2023

**The Good Shepherd**

I am the good shepherd. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life.

*John 10:27f.*

**Morning Service Without Communion**  
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*Postlude*

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by Cheryl Southern.

**This Week**

- Today, 9 & 9:15am, Sunday School & Bible class
- Today, after church, Confirmation class
- Wednesday, 10am, Bible class

**Announcements**

Reminder: *The Day of Pentecost* is coming up on May 28th. This year, Isabella Rubio, Evelyn Bohnsack, and Katherine Bohnsack will be confirmed at our service on that day.

Bible classes are in session til late June. Join us on Sundays or Wednesdays.

**A Misericordias Domini Prayer**

*by Dr. Martin Luther*

My Lord Jesus Christ, you are indeed the only Shepherd, and I, sorry to say, am the lost and straying sheep. I am anxious and afraid. Gladly would I be devout and own you, my gracious God, and so have peace in my heart. I learn that you are as anxious for me as I am for you. I am eager to know how I can come to you for help. Anxiously you desire above all else to bring me back to yourself again. Then come to me. Seek and find me. Help me also to come to you and praise and honor you forever. Amen.

**Weekly Bible Readings**

- Psalms - 114-118; 119 aleph & beth
- Old Testament - Malachi 4; Genesis 1-6
- New Testament - Revelation 5-11