

Lenten Service

March 26, 2014

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING HYMN

#781 "Children of the Heavenly Father" (Red)

Psalm 23 (Leaders & Congregation)

- ¹ **The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**
- ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**
- ³ **he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**
- ⁴ **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.**
- ⁵ **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- ⁶ **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.**

Holy Gospel John 10:10-18 & 27-29

Congregation Responds (before reading) . . . "**Glory to You, O Lord**"

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. '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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I

lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

Congregation Responds (after reading) . . . "**Praise to You, O Christ**"

SERMON Pastor Christa Forsythe

HYMN

#778 "The Lord's My Shepherd" (v 1, 3, 5)(Red)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY #186 "Create In Me" (Red)

APOSTLES' CREED Pg. 105 (Red)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

#638 "Blessed Assurance" (Red)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Assistants

Pastors Grant Fischer
& Christa Forsythe
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