

## **THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Once there was someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him, and he said...

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know each one of my sheep by name.

And they know the sound of my voice. So when I call my sheep from the sheepfold, they follow me.

I walk in front of the sheep to show them the way.

I show them the way to the good green grass... I show them the way to the cool, clear, still water.

And when there are places of danger... I show them the way to pass through...so they can come safely home to the sheepfold."

## **PSALM 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

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.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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 Lord be with you!**

This is the last Sunday in Pentecost, and the color is white. The church calls this Sunday Christ the King Sunday. Advent will start next week. I am looking forward to Advent, it is my favorite season of the Church year.

This week we are hearing or reading that Jesus is the Good Shepherd; this is a parable, and it reminds us of the words in David's Psalm 23, ***The Lord is my Shepherd***. When you read them see how the thoughts are the same. Sometimes we can read things in the New Testament that remind us of the Old Testament.

I miss you all and look forward to being together again on Sunday mornings.

Be well! Be safe!