# The Good Shepherd

# In Devotion with

# THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST

(26 June 2022)

# **INVOCATION**

# INTROIT

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

<sup>7</sup> Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup>Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

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.

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# LEARN BY HEART: The Eight Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

# **LECTIONARY SUMMARY**

1 Kings 19:9b–21; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

# Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "the word of the LORD came to him" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "on the mount before the LORD" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in "the sound of a low whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "messengers ahead of Him ... to make preparations for Him" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "go and proclaim the kingdom of God," and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "yoke of slavery," but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

# **DAILY READINGS: (LSB pg. 299)**

 Sun:
 Joshua 1:1-18; Acts 8:1-25

 Mon:
 Joshua 2:1-24; Acts 8:26-40

 Tue:
 Joshua 3:1-17; Acts 9:1-22

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 Joshua 3:1-26; Acts 10:34-48

Wed: Joshua 4:1-24; Acts 9:23-43

# IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK (non-members in italic)

Martha Casey (heart); Family of Ethel Hardin (funeral, friend of Bob & Sheila Striegel); Family of Ted Matlock (funeral, father of of Bob & Sheila Striegel)'s son -in-law); Lynn St. James (cancer, friend of the Casey family); Healing for the grandfather of Elizabeth Alden; Berneice Ehnert (neck surgery. former member); JoAnn Plaxco (hospitalized, friend of Sandi Snelling); Val Stromski (cancer, friend of John Daly), Fritzie Rice (broken hip); Esther Seimers (health); Carroll Dinse (dental surgery); Fran Hudson (fractured back, sister-in-law of Sue Ogle); Rita Scholl (cancer, sister-in-law of Rick and Debbie Hudson); Tamara Denwalt (Breast Cancer, friend of Elise Webb); Marty Watkins (surgery for broken ankle, friend of Bob & Sheila Striegel); Mike & Dorothy (recovery from broken hip/heart problems, neighbor of Deb Oliver); Laura Crain (trouble walking); Earl Crain (acute leukemia, husband of Laura Crain); Craig Chase (healing, uncle of Kara McNair); Nellie Morton (lung disease and heart attack, sister-in-law of Brian Morton); Ruth Haumschild (eyesight, sister of Helen Kromanaker); Sugar Sanders (cancer, friend of Connie Grant & Martha Casey); Priscilla Paugh (stroke, cousin of Connie Grant); Mark Reyes (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Pendley); Margaret Adams (leg surgery, friend of Connie Grant); Mark Horad (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez).

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB # 688, "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

**LORD'S PRAYER** 

**BLESSING** 

SUNDAY LESSONS NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 66:10–14; Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18;

Luke 10:1–20