# The Good Shepherd

# In Devotion with

# TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

(14 August 2022)

### **INVOCATION**

### INTROIT

Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

<sup>1</sup>Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!

<sup>12</sup>For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.

<sup>13</sup>But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

<sup>14</sup>We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

<sup>16</sup>But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

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.

<sup>22</sup>Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**LEARN BY HEART:** The First Article (Creation) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

### **LECTIONARY SUMMARY**

Jeremiah 23:16–29; Hebrews 11:17–40; 12:1–3; Luke 12:49–56

### Christ's Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is "like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces" (Jeremiah 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death,



in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able "to interpret the appearance of earth and sky" (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith," and "run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1–2).

# DAILY READINGS: (LSB pg. 299)

 Sun:
 2 Sam 1:1-27; 1 Cor 7:25-40

 Mon:
 2 Sam 5:1-25; 1 Cor 8:1-13

 Tue:
 2 Sam 65:1-19; 1 Cor 9:1-23

 Wed:
 2 Sam 7:1-17; 1 Cor 9:24-10:22

Thu: 2 Sam 7:18-29; 1 Cor 10:23-11:16
Fri: 2 Sam 11:1-27; 1 Cor 11:17-34
Sat: 2 Sam 12:1-19:43; 1 Cor 12:1-13

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

Health — Mark Daly (cancer, brother of John Daly); Wayne Mills (hospice, grandfather of Jazmine Striegel); Ilora Begley (COVID/health conditions, aunt of Brian Morton); Bobby Wall (COVID/health conditions, cousin of Brian Morton); Martha Casey (heart); Lynn St. James (cancer, friend of the Casey family); Healing for the grandfather of Elizabeth Alden; Berneice Ehnert (neck surgery. former member); Val Stromski (cancer, friend of John Daly); 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); Mike & Dorothy (recovery from broken hip/heart problems, neighbor of Deb Oliver); Laura Crain (trouble walking); 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); Priscilla Paugh (stroke, cousin of Connie Grant); Mark Reyes (kidney replacement, brother to Grace Pendley); Margaret A dams (leg surgery, friend of Connie Grant); Mark Horad (cancer returned, friend of Manny Vasquez).

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB # 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

**LORD'S PRAYER** 

**BLESSING** 

**SUNDAY LESSONS NEXT WEEK**: Isaiah 66:18–23; Hebrews 12:4–29; Luke 13:22–30

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