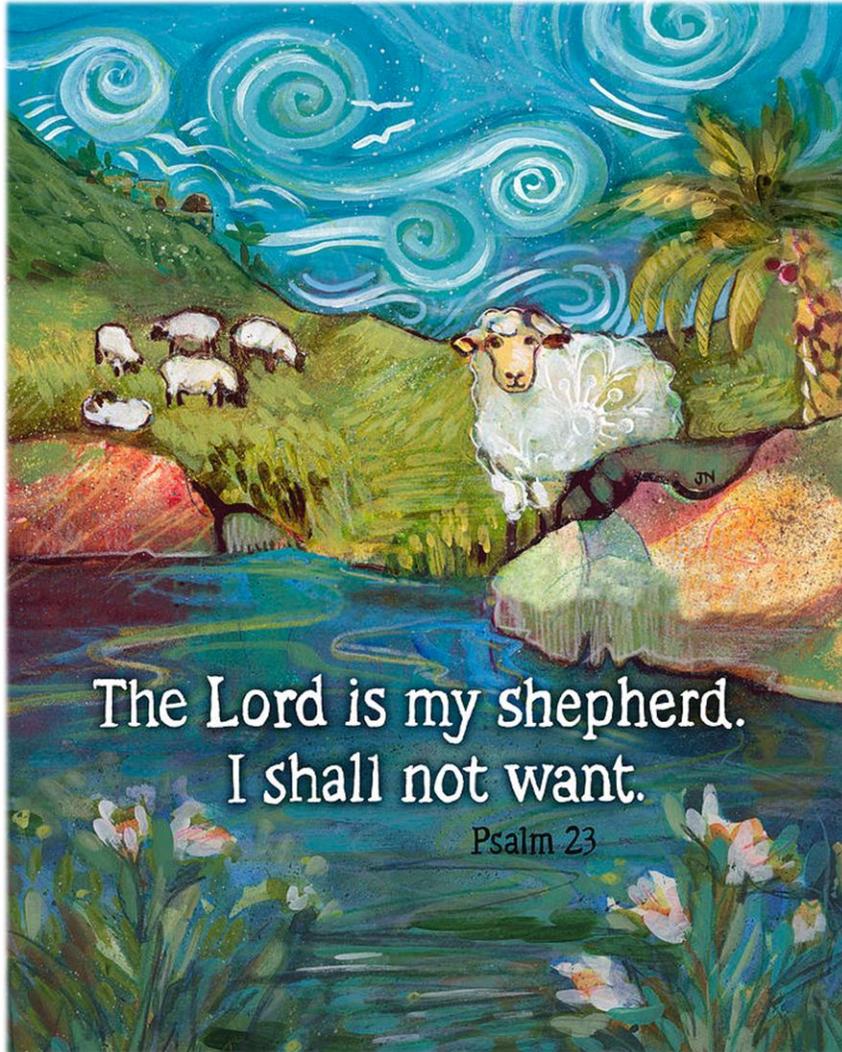




ST. ELISABETH'S

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FAMILY CHAPEL

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

4:00 PM *VIA* ZOOM

Gathering Song

The God of heaven is present on earth
in word and silence and sharing.
In face of doubt, in depth of faith,
in signs of love and caring.

Opening Prayer

Context for Today's Lesson

- Psalms
- Shepherds and sheep

Scripture Reading

Spark Story Bible, p. 160 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Psalm 23, New Revised Standard Version

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Jeremiah 23:1-6, New Revised Standard Version

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, New Revised Standard Version

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Group Reflection

- Why did David write this song?
- How does God protect and comfort us?
- How is your soul restored by God?
- Think about your enemies. How would it feel to have dinner with your enemies?
- Name some “right paths” or good choices that people make. Why does God lead us there?
- How is your life overflowing with goodness?
- Why did David compare God to a shepherd?
- I wonder what David feared. What are things that we fear?
- How does God’s forgiveness follow us?
- Why is it important to care for each other? How do we care for people around us?
- Where and how do you find rest? Why is that important?

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father in heaven, | hallowed be your Name, | your kingdom come, | your will be done, | on earth as in heaven. | Give us today our daily bread. | Forgive us our sins | as we forgive those who sin against us. | Save us from the time of trial, | and deliver us from evil. | For the kingdom, | the power, and the glory are yours, | now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Song

Come in your fullness,
We bring our longings,
Life-giving God, hear our prayers.

Blessing

The Lord Is My Shepherd



David wrote a song to tell everyone God is like a shepherd.