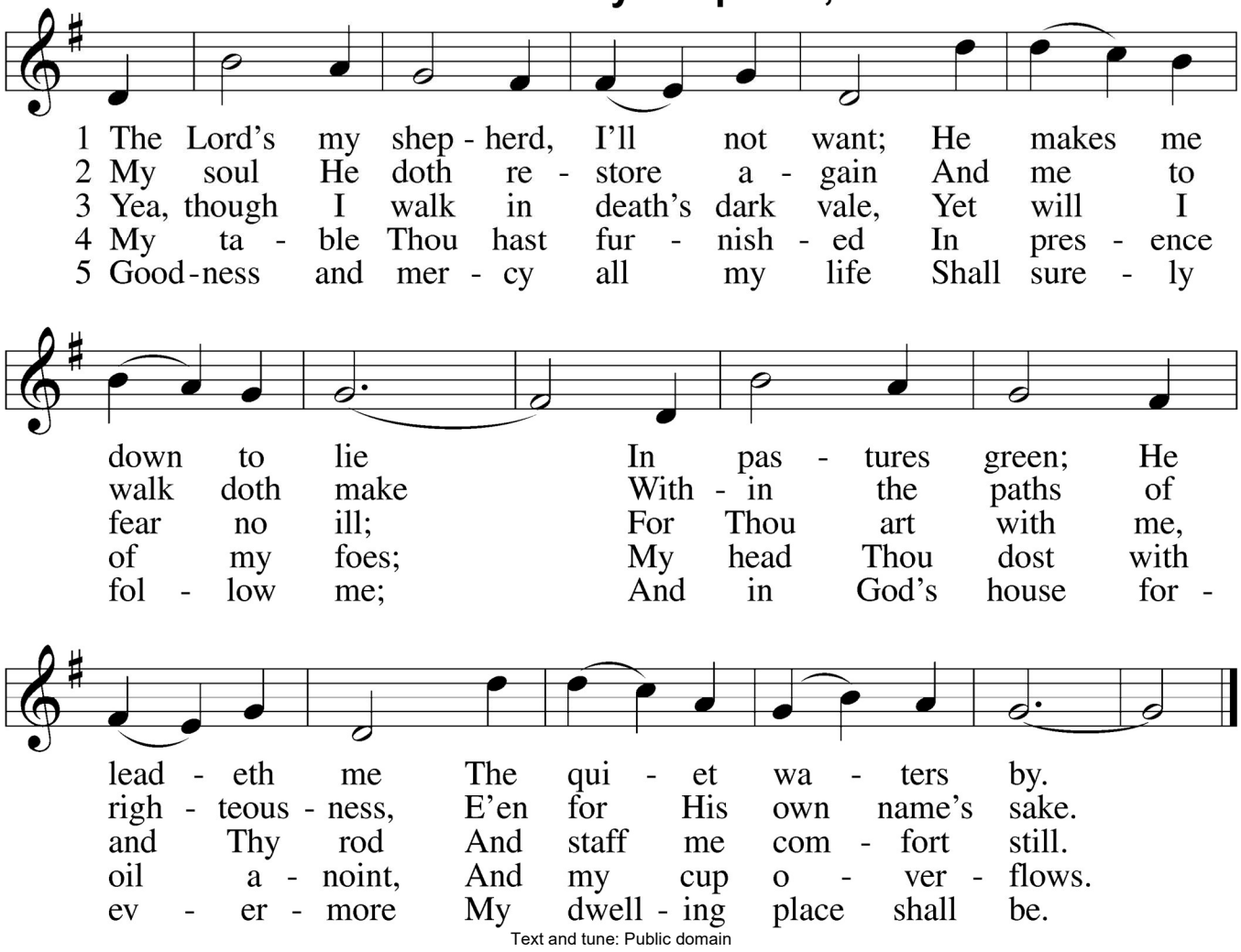
Pastor's Bible Study

October 7, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 710 – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



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Read Isaiah 25:6-9:

1. Where else does this reading come up in the Church Year?
2. What mountain is being mentioned in verse 6?
3. Who is included in this feast?
4. What is being eaten at this feast?
5. How does this passage point us to John's vision in Revelation?
6. What comfort does verse 9 give you?

Read Matthew 22:1-14:

1. How many times were the invited guests called?
2. What do you make of the invited guests' responses?
3. What does it mean that both "bad and good" were invited?
4. How can we understand the guest who didn't have the right attire?
5. How does the king in the parable sit with you?
6. What connections do you find in this parable and the ones in Matthew 21:28-45?

Read Philippians 4:4-13:

1. How does Paul's situation when writing this letter heighten his call to rejoice?
2. What does reasonableness mean?
3. To what does Paul connect God's peace?
4. Why are the preceding verses so important to verse 13?

Devotional Thought:

Though God earnestly invites all to His Son's feast, some refuse to accept His invitation and so fail to enjoy its richness. Coming from a long line of believers does not guarantee anyone a place in God's kingdom. Ingratitude and presumption ever threaten to lead us away. Though we in no way deserve mercy, the Gospel earnestly invites us to come and join the Lord in His eternal heavenly banquet.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for preparing a table before us in the presence of our enemies and graciously calling us to dwell in Your house forever. Amen.