

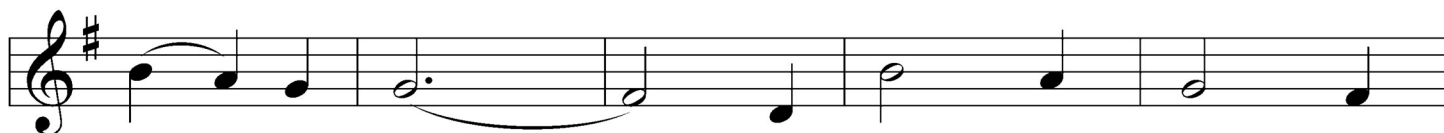
Pastor's Bible Study

July 17, 2024 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text and tune: Public domain

Read Jeremiah 23:1-6:

1. Who are the shepherds that the Lord is rebuking in this passage?
2. How have these shepherds scattered the Lord's flock?
3. What do you make of the Lord's promised actions in this text?
4. Where do you see the Lord's fulfillment of these words?
5. What do the phrases, "righteous Branch" and "The Lord is our righteousness" bring to mind for you?

Read Mark 6:30-44:

1. From where had the disciples just returned?
2. How does Jesus' response to all their experiences strike you?
3. Sometimes moments for rest get interrupted, how does Jesus handle this interruption?
4. How would you react if you were in the disciples' shoes and Jesus asked you to feed this larger crowd?
5. What details about this miracle stand out to you the most and why?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22:

1. Paul speaks about the unity the Gospel brings for Gentiles and Jews, what stands out to you in the words that Paul uses?
2. How do verses 20-22 help us see that the Church is a building but not simply of bricks and mortar?

Devotional Thought:

When a multitude of Jesus' followers have far too little food for all to eat, Jesus multiplies five loaves and two fishes so that all are satisfied. When problems threaten us and needs overwhelm our resources, what is our reaction? Do we turn first to the Lord? We should, as His Word makes clear, for He still treats His flock with compassion and more than provides for every need of body and soul (Adapted from the Lutheran Study Bible, 1668).

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for providing so abundantly and for graciously sustaining our bodies and souls. Teach us to turn to You first in every want and need. Amen.