



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“I Am His and He is Mine”

arr. Jason Payne

*Piano/Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we delve into the I AM Statements found in the Gospel of John, we see a beautiful account of God coming into our flesh to reconcile humanity and save us from our sin. As John’s Gospel opens, we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C: **He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

P: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*[Moment of silent confession]*

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve attempted to satisfy our hunger and thirst elsewhere.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve preferred to stay in darkness.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve chosen to remain outside.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**C: But we often go astray and get lost in the thicket.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

**C: But there are times when we've placed our belief in other things.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**C: But there are times when we've defined the truth for ourselves.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.

**C: But there are times when we've not abided in You and have been unable to bear Your fruit. We pray for Your everlasting mercy and grace. Give us Your bread that we may no longer hunger and may nourish those around us. Shine Your light in us so that we may shine it in the darkness of Your fallen creation. Open the door that we may enter and be saved. Good Shepherd, guide us in The Way of Your disciples. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Teach us to hold tightly to Your truth and not our own. Let us abide in You, that we may bear much fruit and be a blessing to the world around us.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the true light that gives light to everyone, came into this world, took on our flesh and dwelt among. God so loved us, that He sent Christ, His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. In Christ, you have nourishment, light, faith, and everlasting salvation. Your sins are forgiven, and you have been richly blessed so that you may proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Walk in this forgiveness as new creatures, born into the light of Christ, able to resist temptation and to serve God and neighbor with your whole heart. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**RESPONSE "The God of Abraham Praise"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23 [ESV]**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL John 10:11-18 [ESV]**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## **STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed***

## **HYMN “I Am the Door”**

## **SERMON “I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD”**

## **OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Jason Krug

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells*

## PRAYERS of the CHURCH

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Us”

arr. Shackley

*Piano*

“Prelude in C”

J.S. Bach

*Piano*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**BENEDICTION**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**POSTLUDE**

“HYFRYDOL”

arr. Marie Rogers

*Piano*



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