

Title: The Good Shepherd  
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Texts: John 10:11-18, Ezekiel 34:10-13, 22-24  
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## **The Good Shepherd**

**[Proposition: Jesus is the Lord and Shepherd who loves his people the church, therefore we must listen to his voice and come under his loving care.]**

### **I. The Good Shepherd is our Savior-King**

*A. Our deeper problem is that the wolf is coming to snatch and scatter.*

John 10:12

*B. Jesus conquers sin, death, and the devil for us by laying down his life.*

John 1:29:

John 3:14

John 12:31-32:

*C. Jesus is not just the Savior but the Savior-King*

Ezekiel 34:10, 23-24

John 10:16:

## **II. The Good Shepherd is the LORD**

John 8:58; 10:11,14; John 10:15, 17.

Ezekiel 34:11-16

We have the raw material which will be, clarified in the Nicene Creed which says:

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;**

**A. This is good news for us, because it means Jesus reveals the truth that God is a God of self-giving love.**

John 10:17-18

**B. And it is also good news because Jesus the LORD can bring us in to truly know God the way he knows God.**

John 10:14-15

### **Prayer of Response:**

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. Amen.

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