

*SUNDAY MORNING – Pastor P. van der Hoek  
Installation Service – 07-30-2023*

Pre-service Psalter 342:1,4\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 268\*\*

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20

Psalter 217\*\*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 56\*\*

**Text: Psalm 23:1-2**

**Theme: The Lord, My Shepherd**

**1. I have no lack!**

**2. He makes me lie down!**

**3. He leads me!**

Psalter 255:1,3-4\*\*

Reading of the Installation Form for Office-bearers (p. 145)

Installation of office-bearers

Psalter 219\*\*

Final exhortation (Form, p. 147)

Prayer

Doxology: 75:4,6\*\*

Benediction

\*\* Please stand if able

1. \*Who is the Good Shepherd? What has Jesus done so that His sheep can say “I lack nothing?” What are the green pastures sheep can lay down in? \*
2. How would you describe the task of the shepherd? And how is that seen in the life of the good Shepherd?
3. What are some reasons sheep can't lie down and find rest? What does the Good Shepherd do so that His sheep can lie down?
4. Why and how does the Good Shepherd lead His sheep to the quiet waters?
5. What lessons can be learned for office-bearers from these verses by looking to the Good Shepherd?

***Question for Self-Reflection***

# Can you echo Psalm 23 that you lack nothing? Why or why not?

# Can you say that you are daily feeding on God's word in green pastures? Why or why not?

# Do you allow the Lord to lead you in your life? And does that bring refreshment to your soul? Why or why not?

**Family Sermon Discussion Questions:**

*SUNDAY EVENING – Pastor P. Van der Hoek  
Preparatory ~07-30-2023*

Pre-service Psalter 159:1-2\*\*

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 232\*\*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:11-31

Westminster Larger Catechism, ques 137-139

Reading of the first part of the Lord's Supper form (pg. 136-137)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 209:1-3, 7-9, 11\*\*

Text: Psalm 23:3-4

Theme: My Shepherd's Love for Me

1. *When Wayward*

2. *When in the Dark*

Prayer

Psalter 55\*\*

Doxology: 403:1-2\*\*

Benediction

\*\* *Please stand if enabled*

1) What does it mean to be wayward or backslidden? How do you know that you are backslidden? What does the good Shepherd promise to do for such people?

2) \*Can you give an example of a person in the Bible whose soul was restored by the Lord? Why did the Lord restore him, what task did he receive? \*

3) What does it mean that the Lord leads people in the paths of righteousness? Why and how does He do that?

4) In what practical way can sheep experience the valleys of the shadow of death? What comfort does it give believers to know that He is with us in those valleys?

***Question for Self-reflection***

- # How is your prayer-life? Your hunger for the Word of God? How is your relationship with God and others?
- # When you think of the two marks of a true sheep that were mentioned in the message, do you have those marks?
- # How do you respond to the dark valleys of life? Is it similar to the Psalmist's response?

\* Questions for younger children

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