

# Martin Luther



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*Service of the Word, page 38 in the front of the hymnal.*

Hymn—448, “In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust”

Invocation and Confession of Sins (p. 38)

Prayer and Praise (p. 39)

First Lesson—1 Samuel 17:34-37 EHV

David said to Saul, “Your servant has been taking care of his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When it rose up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God.” David added, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go then! The LORD be with you.”

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 23 (see insert)

Second Lesson—Hebrews 13:20-21 EHV

Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day—John 10:14

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!  
Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.

Alleluia (p. 40)

Gospel—John 10:1-10 EHV

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Hymn—766, “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (see insert)

Sermon—Psalm 78:70-72 NIV

He chose David his servant  
and took him from the sheep pens;  
from tending the sheep he brought him  
to be the shepherd of his people Jacob,  
of Israel his inheritance.

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;  
with skillful hands he led them. (NIV)

Jesus Shepherds You, His People

1. The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy
2. Jesus lays down his life for the sheep
3. We remain in Jesus, our Good Shepherd

Apostles’ Creed (p. 41)

Offering

*Sunday 10:30*—Rite of Confirmation

*Sunday 10:30*—“In Christ Alone” (Grades 7-8)

Prayer of the Church and Lord’s Prayer (p. 42)

Prayer and Blessing (p. 43)

Hymn—436, “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”