



MOUNT CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

09/15/19—09/21/19

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to "display his perfect patience" (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep "from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He "will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak" (Ezek. 34:16), and "they shall no longer be a prey" (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who "shall feed them and be their shepherd" (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, "having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them," would "leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it" (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, "the angels of God" and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

QUESTIONS FOR THE FAMILY ABOUT SUNDAY:

YOUNG CHILDREN

- What was the Gospel reading/children's message about?
- Tell me about your Sunday School class this morning.
- What is one thing Jesus wants you to do this week?

STUDENTS

- What was the sermon about?
- What is one thing you talked about in Sunday School this morning?
- What are some action steps we can take this week in response to what we learned today?

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:1-2

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AMOS 8:4-7
1 TIMOTHY 2:1-15
LUKE 16:1-15

BIBLE STORIES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Monday** Moses Receives the Law Upon Tablets of Stone (Exodus 24:1-18)
Tuesday The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:1-22)
Wednesday The Priestly Garments (Exodus 28:1-43)
Thursday The Ransom Money (Exodus 30:11-16)
Friday The Sabbath Law (Exodus 31:12-18)

AFTER READING THE PASSAGE, ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What was this Bible story about?
- What was God trying to tell us in this passage?
- What are some action steps we can take today?

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READINGS (FOR FAMILIES WITH OLDER STUDENTS):

Sunday	2 Chron. 34:1-4,8-11,14-33	Ps. 31,32	Col. 2:8-23
Monday	2 Chron. 35:1-7, 16-25	Ps. 33,34	Col. 3:1-25
Tuesday	2 Chron. 36:1-23	Ps. 35,36	Col. 4:1-18
Wednesday	Neh. 1:1-2:10	Ps. 37,38	1 Tim. 1:1-20
Thursday	Neh. 2:11-20; 4:1-6	Ps. 39,40,41	1 Tim. 2:1-15
Friday	Neh. 4:7-23	Ps. 42,43,44	1 Tim. 3:1-16
Saturday	Neh. 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16	Ps. 45,46,47	1 Tim. 4:1-16
Sunday	Neh. 7:1-4; 8:1-18		1 Tim. 5:17-6:2

MEMORIZATION FOR LIFE (FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES): THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IN OUR PRAYERS AT MT. CALVARY: Rose Koehn, Carole West undergoing cancer treatment; Linda Pena at home; Carolina Hamaker at home; Ricky Hastings at Methodist Specialty Hospital following surgery; Patsy Elliott at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital after a fall; Rexann George at home.