

*SUNDAY MORNING – New Year’s Service
01-01-2023*

Pre-service Psalter 229:1, 3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 7: All**

Reading of the Law: Deuteronomy 5:1-24

Psalter 325:1, 2**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; John 10:1-15

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord’s service (2 collections)

Psalter 52: All**

Text: Psalm 23:1-6

Theme: The Shepherd of His Sheep

1. A committed Shepherd

2. A providing Shepherd

3. A guiding Shepherd

4. A protecting Shepherd

5. A generous Shepherd

6. A preserving Shepherd

Prayer

Psalter 128: All**

New Year’s Address – Elder Doug Post

Psalter: per Elder Post

Doxology: “Praise God...” **

Benediction

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1*. What qualified David to write a psalm about a shepherd?

2. Why is the word “my” so profoundly important in the opening sentence of Psalm 23?

3. Why could David so confidently confess, “I shall not want”?

4*. What are the green pastures to which Christ leads His sheep?

5. What must sheep focus on when they travel through “the valley of the shadow of death”?

6. Why are the rod and the staff the symbols of the shepherd’s loving care for His sheep?
How does this apply to Christ?

7. How does verse 5 express Christ’s loving care for His sheep?

8. Why are Christ’s goodness and mercy the life-time warranty of His shepherding care?

Question for Self-Reflection

Are you one of Christ’s sheep? On what basis do you believe this?

SUNDAY EVENING

01-01-2023

Pre-service Psalter 230:4, 5**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 383: All**

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-36

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Congregational Prayer

Offerings for the Lord's service (2 collections)

Psalter 251: All**

Text: John 3:36 (Heid. Cat., LD 31, q & a 82-83)

Theme: The Preaching of the Gospel

1. It is the primary means of grace

2. It opens God's kingdom to believers

3. It shuts God's kingdom to unbelievers

Prayer

Psalter 255: All**

Doxology: Psalter 316**

Benediction

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1*. What are the two keys of the Kingdom of Heaven?

2. Why is the biblical distinction "believers/unbelievers" so crucial in connection with the preaching of the gospel?

3. What is the unique focus of each of the keys of God's kingdom?

4. Why must it be declared to true believers that their sins are forgiven?

5. On what basis can this full pardon of sins be so freely proclaimed?

6. Why is unbelief so highly offensive to God?

7. Why must Christ's servants preach about the wrath of God and eternal damnation?

8*. What does Ezekiel 33:11 teach us about God's character?

* Questions for younger children