

# Trust in the Lord

## Gathering

**LEADER:** Lord, you have sent us your Son, Jesus to fulfill your covenant to your holy people and to people of all time who have been baptized in the Lord's loving promise of life everlasting. Your Son is truly the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Light of the Word, The Way the Truth and the Life and the vine on which we, your branches sustain life. Help us to hear your holy word through the Holy Men who have shown us Jesus with your Divine Word.

## The Word of the Lord (John 6: 35)

**READER:** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen [me], you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it [on] the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him [on] the last day."

The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalms 23: 1-6)

**LEADER:** The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**VOICE 1:** The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.  
In green pastures he makes me lie down;  
to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

**ALL:** The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**VOICE 2:** He guides me along right paths\*  
for the sake of his name.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff comfort me.

**ALL:** **The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.**

**VOICE 3:** You set a table before me in front of my enemies\*;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

**ALL:** **The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.**

**VOICE 4:** Indeed, goodness and mercy\* will pursue me  
all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

**ALL:** **The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.**

### **Serenity Prayer**

*This prayer is often recited by those suffering from addiction as a way to surrender to God's loving hands. As you read this prayer, reflect on all the ways God asks us to trust and give in to his will.*

**GROUP 1:** O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change  
the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

**GROUP 2:** Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

**GROUP 3:** Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace. Taking, as he did, the  
sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

**GROUP 4:** Trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to His will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him  
forever.

**Closing**—Take a few moments for quiet reflection