

BETHANIA MORAVIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | August 2, 2020

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Concerns

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

HALLELUJAH (YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING)

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a mystery, how you gently lift me.
When I am surrounded, your love carries me.

Chorus

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
all the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Every time I see you, all your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song, rising up in me. (Chorus)

Liturgy, *The Good Shepherd*

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, foretold by prophets, priests and kings. He was destined to be a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel. (Matt. 2:3-6)

As our Good Shepherd, he gave his life for the sake of his sheep and made a way for us to enter his pastures in peace.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus lays down his life for the sheep. A hireling, who does not know the sheep, will run away if a wolf comes close. The hired hand does not care for the sheep.

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep, as only a shepherd can. He calls his sheep by name and welcomes them into his pasture.

The Good Shepherd has made us whole by the blood of an eternal covenant. He has made us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight.

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, keep us close to him. (Heb. 13:20-21)

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now for all who confess you as Lord and Savior. There are many sheep but only one Shepherd. For all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. We pray as well for all those who are still far away from God's saving power:

**for those who have strayed from the flock;
for those who are confused and distracted by falsehoods;
for all who are close to us in faith and heritage;
and for all who have never heard the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.
We pray for their salvation that comes from profession and confidence in the strong saving name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

He will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. (Matthew 25, Isaiah 40)

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us, yours we are.

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Grace, mercy and peace will follow us all the days of our lives.

Prayers for the People

THANK YOU

Thank you God, that you love me.
To you it is I pray.
You've given me this life to live.
I won't let you down today. (Chorus)

Chorus

*Please help my thank you be an opportunity
to see beyond myself.
Please help my offering reach out to those in need.
I want to follow in your path.*

Thank you Jesus, that you saved me.
Through your cross I hear your call.
You've given me another chance.
I'm responding with my all. (Chorus)

Thank you, Spirit, that you're by my side.
With you I'm not afraid to be
the one I was created to be
with strength and hope today.

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Meditation

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art ___
thou my best thought, ___ by day or by night, ___
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son; ___
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance now and always
thou and thou only first in my heart, ___
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, ___
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Benediction

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