

ORDINARY TIME: EXTRA – ORDINARY DAYS

The Verbs of God, The Good Shepherd

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

- i. Enter with the password: “Thank you.”
- ii. It is very refreshing to look into another shepherd text this morning on Christ the King Sunday!
- iii. The shepherd metaphor is a bit of a stretch for us in urban areas.
 - a. Shepherds cuddle sheep.
 - b. AND they also protect (also a bit of a stretch for our modern sensibilities). In Psalm 23 the Shepherd is armed to the teeth with a rod and a staff, to ward off invaders.
- iv. God is the Good Shepherd in the text. God says, “stand aside and let me show you how it’s done.” This is a patient God.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW VERBS OF GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD TO ENCOURAGE US ON THANKSGIVING WEEK...

- I. GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD: SEEKS
- II. GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD: RESCUES
- III. GOD THE GOOD SHPEHERD: GATHERS
- IV. GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD: PROVIDES
- V. GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD: SAVES
- VI. GOD THE GOOD SHEPHERD: EVER-PRESENT