

**A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 6 verses 12 through 20.
You can find this reading on page 955 of your pew Bible.**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 23.

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Leader: He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.

**People: He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**People: your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

**People: you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**People: and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.