

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT

"We've Come to Worship You"

Key
Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

In God's hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #106**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your path like lost sheep. We have followed to much the dreams and schemes of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to the promises made by Jesus Christ. And grant that, through the power of your Spirit, we may live a holy, just and humble life for the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Micah 5:2,4-5a

LAW OF GOD

John 21:15-17

UNISON READING #5

Psalm 23

(Page 472 Hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Spirit Song”

Wimber

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-18

(Page 79 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #169**

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“My Help Cometh From the Lord”

Woods

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #380**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses of this hymn.)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Three Fold Amen”

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Aaron & Shawna Guikema

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Clair Coddington, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: Ellie Clark

Next week's stewards (**September 15**):

Greeters:

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Luncheon

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Our monthly Meditation & Prayer Group meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and join us. Communion will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chuck or June Fulton.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Ladies, summer is coming to an end and time to get back into our schedule of study and fellowship. The Women's Fellowship group will begin our monthly meetings on Monday evening, September 9, with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We meet on the second Monday of each month beginning in September and ending in June. Meetings are usually held in the church library, located in the Education Wing, at 7:00 - **except** for September, December, and June, when we meet at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a pot luck dinner. I have the following study in mind, but if you have something that you would like to present as an option, please let me know. We can discuss studies at our first meeting. All ladies are invited and please feel free to bring a friend.

[Esther: Courage in a Complicated World](#) - Esther's story in ancient Persia is filled with risky twists and turns and often perilous outcomes. How will God use this situation to care for his people and bless others?

Please contact Liz White or Chris Forte with any questions or comments.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Plan to join us next Sunday for our Monthly Luncheon; please bring a dish to share.

FOOD NEEDED FOR DORCAS PANTRY

The Dorcas Food Pantry has seen a 30% uptick in food demand the last few months and the shelves are running bare. Can you please help? The most needed items are: baking items, cereal, vegetable soup, mixed veggies, pinto beans, canned fruit, applesauce, pasta meals, canned chicken & beef stew.

CROP WALK IS COMING SOON

The Cary Area CROP walk will be the first weekend in October. It will start at 2 p.m. at Christ-The-King Lutheran Church on Walnut Street. The purpose of the CROP walk is to raise awareness of hunger problems around the world. Much of the proceeds go to local charities. Last year, First Reformed Church of Cary raised the highest amount of money generated by the local churches in Cary. I hope we can count on your continued support this year. You may participate by being a walker, a sponsor, or a supporter. More information is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Hamm (919-846-2833).

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Record We Wrote: August 31, 2013

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$14,555	\$133,876
Expense:	\$18,393	\$164,522
Capital Cam:	\$275	\$83,190

September 8, 2013 – John 10:1-18

Introduction

Context within John

I. What Jesus was saying in AD 28

A. In context of Scripture

Psalm 23

Micah and Isaiah

Ezekiel 34

B. Qualities of Good Shepherd
and contrast to bad

II. What is Jesus saying to us