



March 10, 2021 – GOODNESS

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

CALL TO WORSHIP: “GOODNESS” IN THE PSALMS

- L** Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
- C** according to your steadfast love remember me, for your **GOODNESS**’ sake, O Lord! *Psalm 25:7*
- L** O how abundant is your **GOODNESS** that you have laid up for those who fear you,
- C** and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! *Psalm 31:19*
- L** They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant **GOODNESS**, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. *Psalm 145:7*
- C** I believe that I shall see the **GOODNESS** of the Lord in the land of the living. *Psalm 27:13*
- L** Surely **GOODNESS** and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- C** and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. *Psalm 23:6*

SONG: **GOODNESS** IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

ELW Hymn 721



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



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GOODNESS

- 📖 **GOODNESS** and Fairness! You must try very hard to be **GOOD** and fair all the time. –Deut. 16:20, ERV
- 📖 [God] loves **GOODNESS** and justice. **The Lord's faithful love fills the earth.** –Psalm 33:5, ERV
- 📖 He has told you, O mortal, what is **GOOD**; and what does the Lord require of you ...
- 📖 **but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?** –Micah 6:8
- 📖 [Paul wrote,] In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light. ⁹This light produces every kind of **GOODNESS**, right living, and truth. –Ephesians 5:9, ERV
- 📖 [Jesus said,] **In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your **GOOD** works and give glory to your Father in heaven.** –Matthew 5:16

MEDITATION

HYMN: WHAT GOD ORDAINS IS **GOOD** INDEED

- 📖 What God ordains is **GOOD** indeed, for all life well providing.
- 📖 **The will of God is best for me, the ground of my confiding.**
My faithful God, on ev'ry road you know the way unfolding and my hand you are holding.
- 📖 What God ordains is **GOOD** indeed: my light, my life, my Savior!
- 📖 **No ill can get the best of me; God's care will never waver.**
Through joy and pain I shall attain the dawn disclosing clearly that God has loved me dearly.

SONG: GOD IS SO **GOOD**



1 God is so good, God is so good.
2 He cares for me, he cares for me,



God is so good, he's so good to me.
he cares for me, he's so good to me.

BENEDICTION

- 📖 So then, let's work for the **GOOD** of all whenever we have an opportunity, and especially for those in the household of faith. [*Galatians 6:10*] May God bless you as you go in peace.
- 📖 **Thanks be to God.**