Theme: God is seen as a caring shepherd and a dependable guide. We must follow God and

obey his commands. He is our only hope for eternal life and security.

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PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I have everything I need.

<sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows;

he leads me beside peaceful streams.

<sup>3</sup> He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,

bringing honor to his name.

<sup>4</sup> Even when I walk

through the dark valley of death, •

I will not be afraid,

for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff

protect and comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me

in the presence of my enemies.

You welcome me as a guest,

anointing my head with oil.

My cup overflows with blessings.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the LORD

forever.