*Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a and Psalm 89:20-37 or Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

King of all the earth,

Creator of the universe,

Holy Triune God,

From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

When you lead us into spacious places where we find living water and rest for our souls,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

When we are surrounded by fears and beset by disease and death,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

When we find ourselves in the presence of our enemies,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

When we see the need of the world and are ourselves driven by our own insatiable appetites,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

When we are weary from serving and have nothing to offer the hungry,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

When our souls are restored with the goodness and mercy of your presence,

*You, O Lord, are our shepherd; we shall not be in want.*

I invite you to add your own praises to the Lord.

***Silence****.*

You are worthy, Holy God, to receive all our praise. We worship you in the glory of your perfect Trinity and ask for grace to steadfastly believe and proclaim your unity.

We pray for your holy catholic church;

*May our unity demonstrate your gospel of peace.*

You have joined your people together in Christ;

*By your Spirit, build us into your holy dwelling place.*

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

*Thank you for being a righteous and gentle shepherd.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

I invite you to add your own prayers for the worldwide church.

***Silence.***

Creator of the earth, you spoke the world into existence and sustain all things by your life giving word. Consider the toil and sorrow of the people of the earth and, in your compassion, have mercy on the world.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;

For the refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

*Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.*

Teach us how to rightly steward the gift of your creation,

*That the resources of the world would be used to your honor and glory.*

I invite your prayers for the needs of the world.

***Silence.***

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith, offering you access into every area of our lives.

We pray for this congregation,

*Heal us with the peace of your miraculous provision.*

Remove the obstructions that keep us far from you;

*Lift up our eyes to see you alone.*

Deliver us from hardness of heart;

*We trust in your all-sufficient care.*

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness,

*Glorify your name in the midst of our need.*

I invite you to cast all your cares and concerns on the Lord, remembering that He cares for you.

***Silence***.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We believe in you, Lord Christ.

We cry out to you, Father God.

We receive your witness, Holy Spirit.

Abide with us as we abide in you this week and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.