

THE SHEPHERD

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THE PASTOR

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.

Meets the needs of the congregation.
Prepares the environment for peace.
Refreshes us spiritually.

He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Trains and coaches in spiritual growth.

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

Comes along side us in difficulties.
Gives us courage.

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

Corrects and comforts as needed.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

Warns us of spiritual dangers.
Prepares us for & leads us into spiritual battle.¹

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Challenges us to take leadership...
resulting in personal fulfillment.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Results in full commitment to the church.

¹ "If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point." – Martin Luther