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ABUNDANTLY	ROBBER
AMEN	SHEEP
CLIMBS	SHEEPFOLD
DRIVEN	SHEPHERD
GATE	STRANGER
PASTURE	VOICE
PHARISEES	

*Catechizing Corner!*

Jesus is the model Good Shepherd. He cares for his sheep; they know his voice and respond to his voice. There is ownership. Contrast that with the Pharisees who are merely hired workers who come in to shear the sheep and care nothing for their welfare. Jesus knows his sheep. He is in loving relationship with them, which is why he is willing to lay down his life for them. In the last analysis, both identifications of Jesus gate and shepherd make the same point. The risen Christ is the One who nourishes his people in his word and sacraments, giving them life and enabling them to have it abundantly.

Through baptism we are incorporated into Christ Jesus. Jesus knows each of us by name and invites us in through the gate. He loves us so intimately that he is willing to lay down his life to keep us from becoming prey to wolves and marauders.

Jesus also offers a model of authentic Christian leadership. Rather than indulging in self-serving interests, we are to take the time to learn the names of our sheep and to become the guardian of the gate that keeps them safe from the dangers of the night.

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*Disciple's Reflection*

*for the  
 Question  
 of the Week*

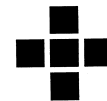
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## Call to Prayer

**Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:  
“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever does not enter a *sheepfold* through the gate  
but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.  
But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.  
The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice,  
as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own,  
he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him,  
because they recognize his voice.  
But they will not follow a stranger;  
they will run away from him,  
because they do not recognize the voice of

strangers.”

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.  
All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.  
I am the gate.  
Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find *pasture*.  
A thief comes only to steal and *slaughter* and destroy;  
I came so that they might have life and have it more *abundantly*.”

The Gospel of the Lord



### Gospel Glossary

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A *sheepfold* is a pen or fence-in area for animals

*Pasture* is a grassy area for animals to graze.

*To slaughter* means to kill animals for meat.

*Abundantly* means with plenty to spare.

## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

## Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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