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After the sermon & invitation song, we'll have a prayer, then appoint Ralph Eldridge as a shepherd of this church.

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Truth #1 We are sheep.

Sheep need shepherding.

(Isa. 53:6; Matt. 9:35-36; John 21:15-17)

God seeks good shepherds for his people.

(Ezek. 34:1-10; 17-19)

Learn the job of shepherd by reversing God's charges against Israel's shepherds:

- strengthen the weak
- heal the sick
- bind up the injured
- feed them

- bring back the straying
- seek the lost
- lead with gentleness
- protect from predators

(Ezek. 34:3,4,8)

Truth #2 We're His sheep.

God claims us as his own sheep and involves himself in our care.

(Ezek. 34:11-16; 20-22; 30-31)

Truth #3 One perfect Shepherd.

Wait, how can we have ONE shepherd if both God AND David are shepherding?

"The coming ruler will embody all that the rule of Yahweh himself implies. Like the equally mysterious Immanuel figure, his presence will embody the presence of God himself and all that comes with it" - Christopher Wright

Jesus is the promised Messiah from the line of David, the Son of God, sent to feed and lead us.

(Ezek. 34:22-24; 2 Sam. 5:2; Luke 18:38; Rom. 1:3-4)

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WILL YOU COME TO HIM?

