



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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**First Reading**

*Eph 3:8-12*

Brothers and sisters:

To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light [for all] what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 and 27*

***R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

I will sing of your mercy forever, LORD proclaim your faithfulness through all ages. For I said, "My mercy is established forever; my faithfulness will stand as long as the heavens.

***R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will make your dynasty stand forever and establish your throne through all ages."

***R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

I have chosen David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. My hand will be with him; my arm will make him strong.

***R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

My faithfulness and mercy will be with him; through my name his horn will be exalted. He shall cry to me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock of my salvation!'

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**Alleluia**

*Jn 10:14*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Jn 10:11-16*

Jesus said:

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.