

## April 14 – Scripture Readings

### The Twenty Third Psalm

*A Native-American Indian Version - From the West Michigan Conference*

The GREAT FATHER above a SHEPHERD CHIEF is.  
I am His and with Him I want not.  
He throws out to me a rope  
and the name of the rope is love  
and He draws me to where the grass is green  
and the water is not dangerous,  
and I eat and lie down and am satisfied.  
Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down  
but He lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.  
His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long long time,  
He will draw me into a valley.  
It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not,  
for it is between those mountains  
that the SHEPHERD CHIEF will meet me  
and the hunger that I have in my heart all through life will be satisfied.

Sometimes he makes the love rope into a whip,  
but afterwards He gives a staff to lean upon.  
He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods.  
He put His hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone.  
My cup he fills till it runs over.  
What I tell is true.  
I lie not.

These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

## **Now reading from the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition**

### **Luke 24:36b-48**

#### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.