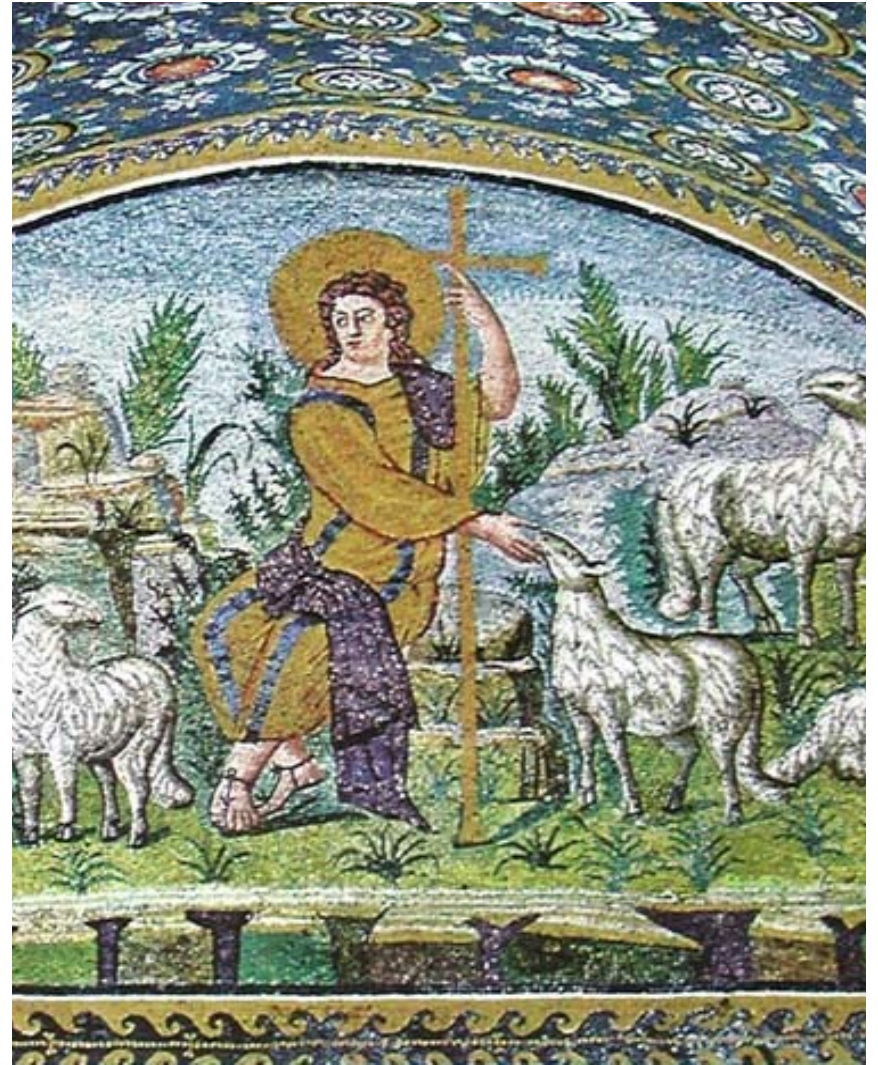


Misericordia Domini

Misericordia Domini means “the goodness of the Lord.” These are the Words of Psalm 33:5, the first Words of the Introit for today. In Latin verse 5 ends “...*misericordia Domini plena est terra*” – “the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.” Psalm 33 proclaims the joy and awe of the Christian at the miraculous grandeur of the creative and redemptive acts of God. *Misericordia Domini* is frequently called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because the Gospel reading for today is John 10:11-16, where our Lord identifies Himself as our Good Shepherd. Christ as our Shepherd is also the theme of the Old Testament reading (Ezekiel 34:11-16), and the Epistle (1 Peter 2:21-25). Psalm 33 continues with a verse particularly appropriate for those who prepare for Confirmation: “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death...” (Psalm 33:18)

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From the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, c. 430 A.✠ D.

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