FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

am the Good Shepherd," (John x, 14. After the fall of our first parents their descendants became like sheep without a shepherd. There was no one to rescue them from this pitiful condition

to rescue them from this pitiful condition until finally God took compassion on them and promised to send them a shep-herd. "And I will set up one shepherd over them, and I the Lord will be their God" (Ezech. xxxiv). This shepherd is the Son of God. He calls Himself in to-day's gospel the Good Shepherd, and He truly is. He truly is.

to-day's gosper the Good Shepherd, and He truly is. To make you realize that Jesus Christ is truly the Good Shepherd I might tell you that in order to save us He descend-ed from heaven, became man, and after having tasted the bitterness of this life died an ignominious death on the Cross. But all this you already know, so I will to-day remind you how this Good Shep herd seeks the stray sheep to bring them back to the fold. From the gospel we learn how He converted Matthew, Mary Magdalen, Peter, Zacheus, the this on the cross and many others. But this was not sufficient, for He said: "And other sheep I have, that are not of

But this was not sufficient, for He said: "And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice" (John x). St. Thomas Aquinas said: "God reaches out His hand to all, not only to those that receive His graces, but also to those that are His enemies." Saul, who like a ravenous wolf attacked the fold of Christ, and nut to death many Christains evthat are His enemics." Saul, who like a ravenous wolf attacked the fold of Christ, and put to death many Christians, ex-perienced this. While on a journey to Damascus to persecute there the follow-ers of Christ, he was suddenly surround-ed by a light from heaven. In terror he fell to the ground, and he heard a voice saying to him: "Saul, Saul" why per-secutest thou me?" "Who art thou, Lord?" said the stricken persecutor, and the Lord answered: "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Thembling and astonished Saul inquired: "Lord, what wit thon have me do?" (Acts is). And the Lord told him what He wished him to do. Thus Saul was converted and became the great Apostle Paul, the pillar of the Church, and teacher of the heathen nations. Further proof that our Saviour endeavors to draw sinners our Saviour endeavors to draw sinners ot St. Augustine. After he had departed from God and His teachings, and

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epherd, called each of us? Sometimes this manner and again in another? in this manner and again in another? But how many or rather how few of us have heeded the words of the Good have heeded the words of the Good Shepherd? St. Augustine says: "Show to a sheep a branch of green leaves, and he will follow you." Show sweets to a child and he will come to you. God shows us the branch of mercy, He promises us salvation and eternal life, but we heed Him not. We are not even moved by the punishment which the just God sends us, and even if in time of sickness and adversities we turn to God crying for mercy and we often receive it from Him, yet we often fall again in-to our former sinful ways, too soon for-getting God's kindness to us. Oh, how unworthily we treat Jesus.

getting God's kindness to us. Oh, how unworthily we treat Jesus, the Good Shepherd. How ungrateful and unkind we are towards Him. Let us cease to offend Him who has given His life for us. Let us love Him as He loves us. He has overwhelmed us with His graces, and if He ever sends us mis-fortune it is for our good. Let us, therefore, accept both His graces and punishments gratefully, and in future travel, as good and obedient sheep, on the path of His Commandments, so that after this short life on earth the Good Shepherd may gather us into the glor-ious eternal fold. Amen.

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