

THE GREEN SHEET

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Introit

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Learn by Heart:

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-11; John 15:1-8

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

INVOCATION

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MEDITATION: Psalm 23. The 23rd psalm is a psalm of thanks in which a Christian heart praises and thanks God for teaching him and keeping him on the right way, comforting and protecting him in every danger through His Holy Word. The psalmist compares himself to a sheep that a faithful shepherd leads into fresh grass and cool water. *Prayer:* Lord Jesus, who alone is that one Good Shepherd, thanks be unto You for all Your spiritual and bodily benefits. Let the Word of Your salvation dwell among us richly, and suffer not that trusty staff, the Word of Your promise, to be taken from us. And when the shadow of death spreads over us, conduct us safely to the fold of the perfected saints, the tabernacle not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen. (LSB 797:1) **(Excerpt from [Reading the Psalms with Luther](#))**

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU 4/21: Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Luke 9:1-17

M 4/22: Leviticus 9:1-24; Luke 9:18-36

T 4/23: Leviticus 10:1-20; *Leviticus 11:1-15:33*; Luke 9:37-62

W 4/24: Leviticus 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22

TH 4/25: Leviticus 17:1-16; Luke 10:23-42

F 4/26: Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8; Luke 11:1-13

SA 4/27: Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

•Pray for all who are suffering

•that those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to receive His gifts of grace and mercy

•Pray that we are all hungry for the Word of God.

•Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

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