FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

INVOCATION

Easter 4C Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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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**CATECHISM** The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, .... life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

LEARN BY HEART James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

#### COLLECT

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.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 11:1-18; Rev 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

**INTROIT** (front page)

**MEDITATION**: Portals of Prayer and Catechism

**LEARN BY HEART:** Bible Verse (front page)

# **DAILY READINGS:**

SU:	5/11	Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36	Luke 9:1–17
M:	5/12	Leviticus 9:1–24	Luke 9:18–36
T:	5/13	Leviticus 10:1–20 (Leviticus 11:1—15:33)	Luke 9:37–62
W:	5/14	Leviticus 16:1–24	Luke 10:1–22
TH:	5/15	Leviticus 17:1–16	Luke 10:23–42
F:	5/16	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20—19:8	Luke 11:1–13
SA:	5/17	Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37	Luke 11:14–36

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away;
- Birthdays this upcoming week: Chris, Del, Kenny, William, Oliver
- Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week: John G, Tina

**COLLECT** (front page); **LORD'S PRAYER** 

#### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen