

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

Easter 4A Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; 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.

C Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

C 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

Holy Baptism - First

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

LEARN BY HEART

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60; 1 Ptr 2:2–10; Jn 14:1–14

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU: 4/26 Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17

M: 4/27 Leviticus 9:1–24 Luke 9:18–36

T: 4/28 Leviticus 10:1–20 (Leviticus 11:1—15:33) Luke 9:37–62

W: 4/29 Leviticus 16:1–24 Luke 10:1–22

TH: 4/30 Leviticus 17:1–16 Luke 10:23–42

F: 5/1 Leviticus 18:1–7, 20—19:8 Luke 11:1–13

SA: 5/2 Leviticus 19:9–18, 26–37 Luke 11:14–36

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #457 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:**
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Kimberly, Jennifer, James, Heidi

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

BENEDICTION

P Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

C Amen