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Please Pray For:

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for daily Meditation and Prayer for the week of

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R Amen

Apostle's Creed

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6

¹The LORD is my shepherd;*
I shall not want.

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²He makes me lie down in green pastures.*
He leads me beside still waters.

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³He restores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his

name's sake.

⁴Even 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.

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⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies,*
you anoint my head with oil;

in the presence of my enemies,*
you anoint my head with oil;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

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THE CATECHISM

The Sacrament of the Altar

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

P: *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

C: **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

THE READINGS

Sun	Apr 25	Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36 Luke 9:1-17
Mo	Apr 26	Leviticus 9:1-24 ; Luke 9:18-36
Tue	Apr 27	Leviticus 10:1-20, Luke 9:37-62
Wed	Apr 28	Leviticus 16:1-24; Luke 10:1-22
Thu	Apr 29	Leviticus 17:1-26; Luke 10:23-42
Fri	Apr 30	Leviticus 18:1-7, 20-19:8; Luke 11:1-12
Sat	Mayr 01	Leviticus 19:9-18, 26-37; Luke 11:14-36

THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

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.

Blessing

L May the almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

R: Amen

Welcome to Worship! All of today's readings revolve around the theme of the day: Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The reading from Acts reminds us that salvation is found in no other shepherd but Jesus. In the Epistle, John says our Shepherd, Jesus, is greater than our hearts, and when our hearts condemn us, Jesus knows of our faith. In the Gospel, Jesus simply says, "I am the Good Shepherd." The Introit is Psalm 23, "The LORD is my Shepherd."