

### Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter - Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

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

*The words of the Psalm have been precious to God's people for 3,000 years. This is likely one of the oldest poems you will ever read. It is older than the Iliad and the Odyssey. It was old when Jesus helped us to see that it was talking about him. Its durability is found in the comfort it still brings. Read it slowly and think about the ways that your resurrected Lord has done all these things for you. Read it again. This time think of how Jesus could use you to be calm waters or an overflowing cup for someone in your life.*

*God be with you until we meet again. In Jesus' love and mercy, Pastor Wulf*