

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**MAY 8, 2022**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
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**Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday***

**9:00 A.M.**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Bible Class &  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**“These are the ones who  
come out of the great  
tribulation, and washed their  
robes and made them white  
in the blood of the Lamb.”**

**(Revelation 7:14)**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 2022

### WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who has gone victoriously through death and into eternity for me, lead me through whatever trials may befall me here in time until I join to praise You in our Father's house; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to

ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

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### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)*

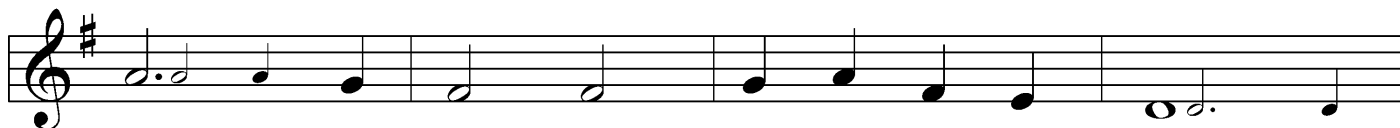
### OPENING HYMN

*For All the Saints*

LSB 677; VS. 1-5, 8



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
We feeblely struggle, they in glory shine; Yet  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Use for all verses.

*Please stand*

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

**C** **Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**C** **He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds;**

**P** From following the ewes that had young He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.

**C** **So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.**

**P** So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth Your praise to all generations.

**All** **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.**

**P** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**KYRIE**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.

**C Amen.**

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 20:17–35*

(Paul commends the word of grace to the church overseers as they care for the flock.)

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 “And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to

shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. 32 “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. 34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. 35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      *Psalm 23*

P The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.**

P He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

**C Yea, 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.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

**C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days**



**of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**EPISTLE**                      *Revelation 7:9–17*

*(On the heavenly throne, John sees the Lamb who has conquered death and become the Shepherd.)*

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

14 And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:22-30*

(Jesus affirms that no one following His voice can be snatched from Him. He and the Father are one.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

22 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. 24 Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White* **LSB 676**



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



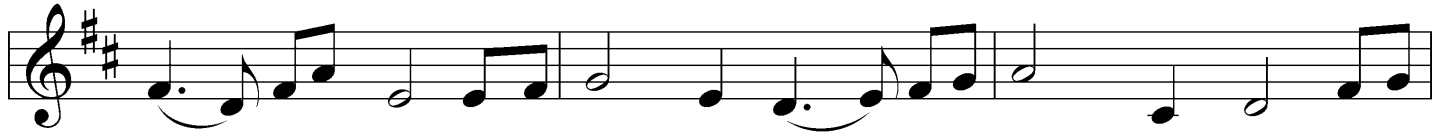
saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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## SERMON

*“Crying Out with a Loud Voice...”*

(Revelation 7:10)

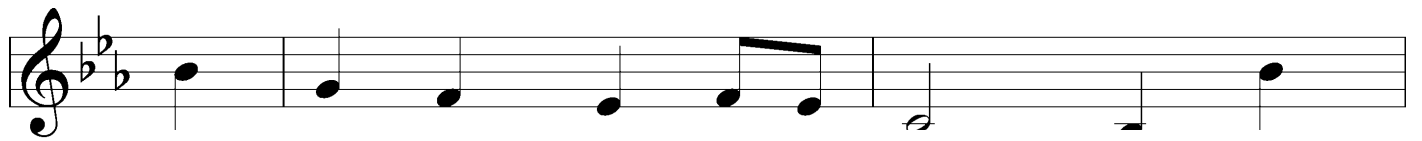
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## OFFERTORY

### *O Lord, for Mothers Faithful*

(v. 1, by Rev. Weber to the tune of Nunc Dimittis)



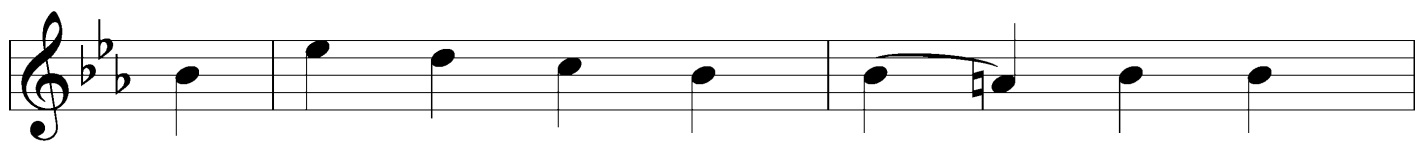
1 O Lord, for mo — thers faith - ful to  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



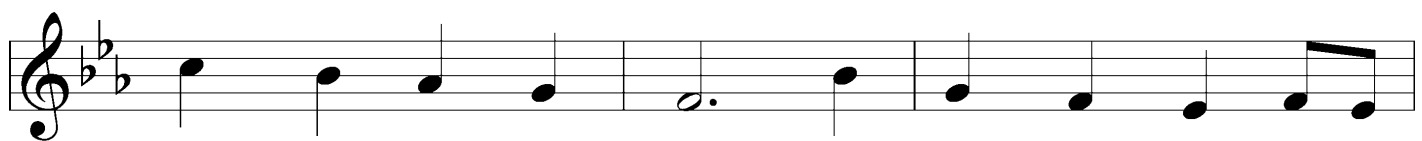
Your life - giv - ing word, we thank You that You  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



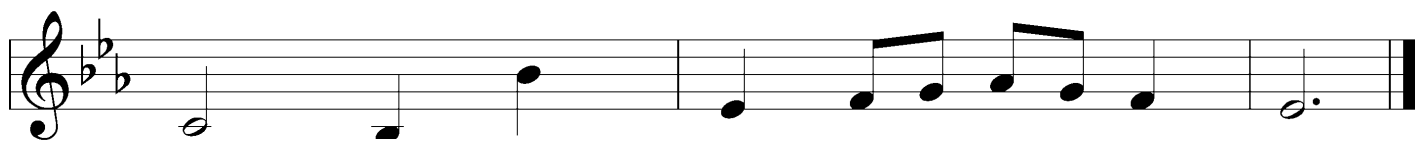
guide them to know Your love a - ssured.  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



So that they teach their chil - dren of  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



Christ's death for their sin, that they may live with  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Je - sus e - ter - na - lly in heaven.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Matthew & Karen Cestarte & their daughter Hailey\*

John & Phyllis (Irene) Quail

Byron & Pamela Terral

Mike & Cheyanne Zink

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**      *"Peace be with you"*      *(John 20:21)*  
*[using American Sign Language]*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:

**C The LORD is my shepherd.**

P We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:

**C I shall not want.**

P We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

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

P We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:

**C He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

P We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones,

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[including . . .], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:

**C 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.**

P We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:

**C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:

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

### **LORD'S PRAYER**      *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**C Amen.**



*Please sit*

**SENDING HYMN**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**LSB 469**



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!  
C Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**



In love and appreciation of our mothers, we have red or white carnations for you to wear.  
(Red, saints on earth; and white, saints in heaven)

*From Pastor's Desk*

*Portals of Prayer*

*April to June 2022 are available in the Narthex or office.*

*Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Weber will be leading the class.*

The LCMS invites everyone to join together in memorizing a verse each week.

**This week's memory verse:**      ***Psalm 119:11***

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

**Sermon Notes:**

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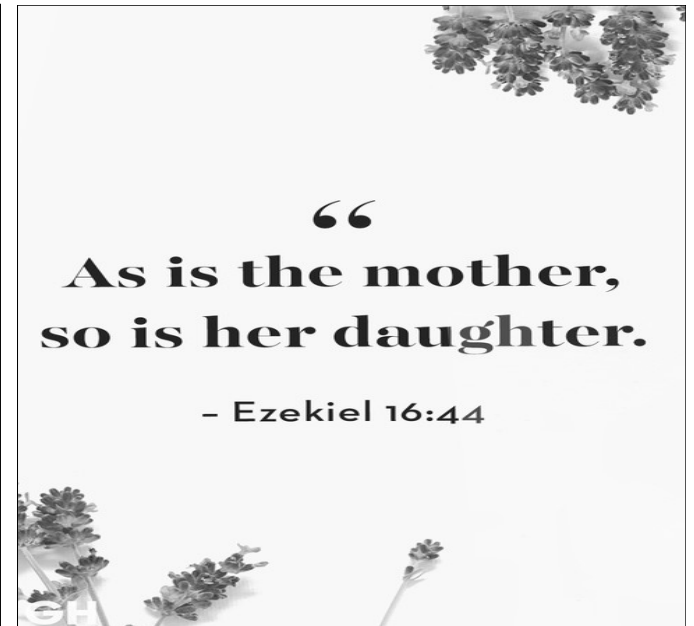


**Announcements**

**Immanuel Lutheran School May Activities**

*Thursday, May 26th, 2022  
Graduation/Promotion Ceremony  
6:00 p.m.*

*Friday, May 27th, 2022  
End of School Year Early Release  
1:00 p.m.*



**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Readings:**

*Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-7  
John 16:12-22 or John 13:31-35*

**5/1/2022**

**Sunday Worship 30**

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|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| Plate           | \$ | 103.00          |
| Envelopes       | \$ | 998.00          |
| Online Donation | \$ | 540.38          |
| <b>Total:</b>   | \$ | <b>1,641.38</b> |

**Bible Class: 10 \$ 15.00**

## The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “they will never perish” (John 10:28), for “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28), “testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:10).

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|                  | <b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b> |          |
|                  | <b>May Sunday Servants</b>                |          |
| Elder:           | Don Vogel                                 |          |
| Altar Guild:     | Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez         |          |
| Music:           | Doris Pickering                           |          |
| <b>This Week</b> | <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>            |          |
| Usher:           | Ken Eilers                                |          |
| Sunday:          | Worship Service                           | 9:00 am  |
|                  | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study         | 10:30 am |
| <b>Next Week</b> | <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>             |          |
| Usher:           | Don Vogel                                 |          |
| Sunday:          | Holy Communion Worship Service            | 9:00 am  |
|                  | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study         | 10:30 am |