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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025



AS WE GATHER

No One Will Snatch Them from My Hand

Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING 5/11 Deborah Johnson

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" #740

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Based on Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24*

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: **we have turned every one to his own way;**

Pastor: and the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross

People: **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM OF THE DAY *hymnal page 219*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: ♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: ♪ For He is our maker.

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 20:17-35
("Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.")

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Revelation 7:9-17
(The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Romans 6:9; John 10:14

Pastor: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.

Pastor: I am the good shepherd.

People: I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30
(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #709

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Father, You have shown Your goodness and mercy in providing for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down His life for His sheep. Grant us Your grace that we may hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, follow where He leads, and live in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Father, Your Son has raised up undershepherds through whom He provides His care and protection, guarding us by His Word and nurturing our faith by His Sacraments. Make us attentive to their voice that we may be kept from danger and secured in the truth so that nothing can snatch us from Your hand.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Father, we have seen Your goodness in the still quiet waters and rich green pastures You daily and richly provide. Give us wise and grateful hearts that we may receive Your grace with thanksgiving and treasure them in our hearts.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, may Your watchful care be supplied for us in the governments and leaders of our land. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your Word and will work for peace and justice for all people.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, shepherd the sick and suffering to healing and relief that they may know Your presence in trouble and Your peace in trial. Hear us especially for Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Pastor Koenig and Debbie, and all who stand in need of Your grace, and keep them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, give comfort and hope to those who are bereaved, that we may be consoled with the knowledge that those who die in Christ live forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, deliver us from distraction and complacency, lest we wander from the arms of Your mercy and lose the blessing of Your shepherding care. Bring us at last with all Your sheep that we may be one flock under the one Good Shepherd, united in doctrine and in faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O loving and gentle Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #711

DISMISSAL *Isaiah 6:8*

Pastor: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said,

People: “**Here am I! Send me.**”

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

May 11, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and "Like" us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Pr. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Pastor Koenig and Deborah Carter

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENANCE: 29 total: 20 members, 9 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 18th is **"Truth That Takes Us In"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love. (John 15:9) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.