

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**APRIL 26, 2026**

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***Sunday*  
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Worship Service**

**10:30 A.M.  
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**“For you were like  
sheep going astray, but  
have now returned to  
the Shepherd  
and Overseer  
of your souls.”**

**1Peter 2:25**



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

### **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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - O God, Your Son is the Shepherd of Your people. Grant that, when I hear His call, I will know His voice and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - One of the longest lasting of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the Pharos Lighthouse that was constructed at the

entry of the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt, in the third century BC. Although weakened by a series of earthquakes, it remained standing in part until AD 1480. Initially, its source of light was the brightness of the sun reflected in a great mirror by day and the flames of a great wood fire reflected by the same mirror at night. The gradual disintegration of the tower, initially some 330 feet in height, finally extinguished its light. As He spoke with His disciples, Jesus described Himself as the light that never will be extinguished. John reports: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12). On our journey through this dark world, we are blessed to have the light of Christ as our unfailing guide. It truly is the light no darkness can overcome.

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE**

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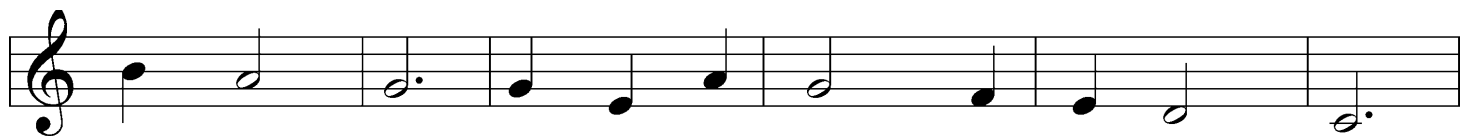
**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

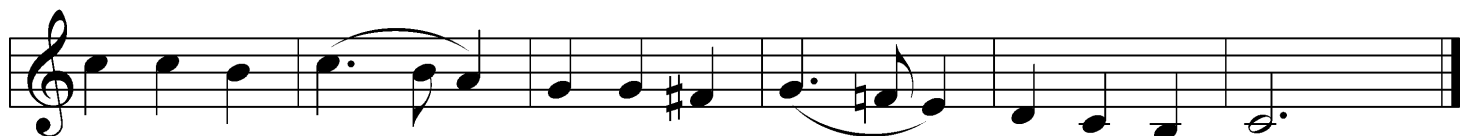
**OPENING HYMN**     *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*     **LSB 475**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
 And sing today with one accord

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The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## INTROIT

*Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; 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 **Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the**

## Rock of our salvation.

P Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

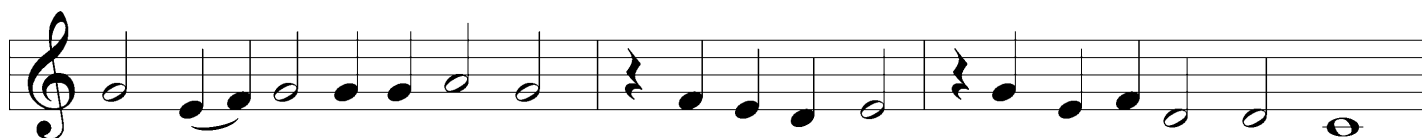
**C For the Lord is the great God, A and the great King above all gods.**

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

**C For He is our God,**

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.

## GLORIA PATRI



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

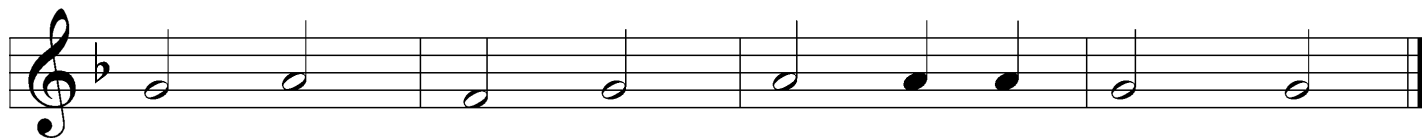


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## KYRIE

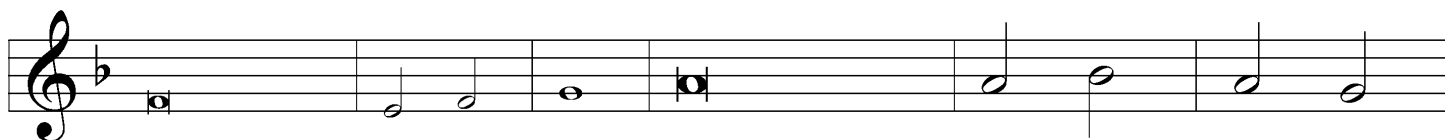


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

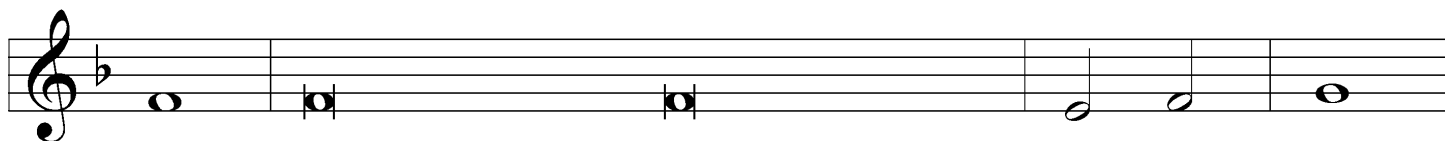


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS




**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

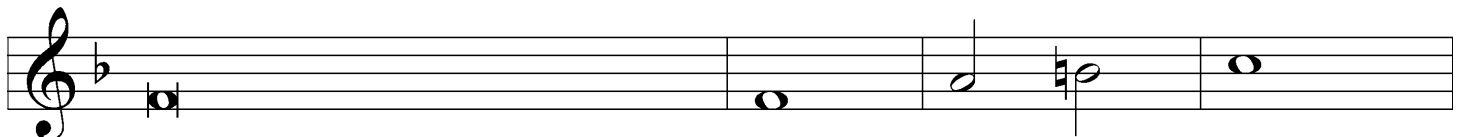
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we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



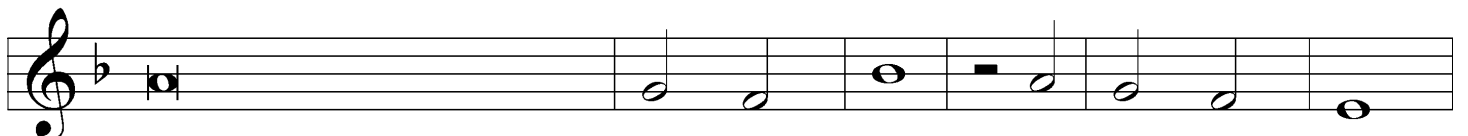
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



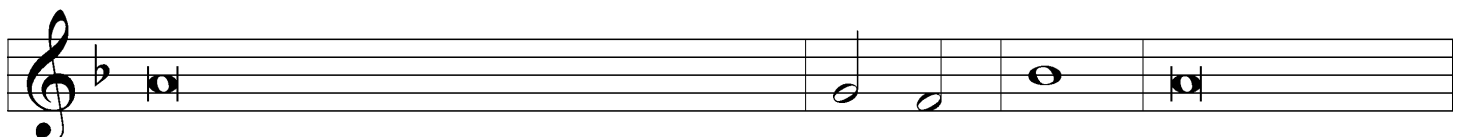
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



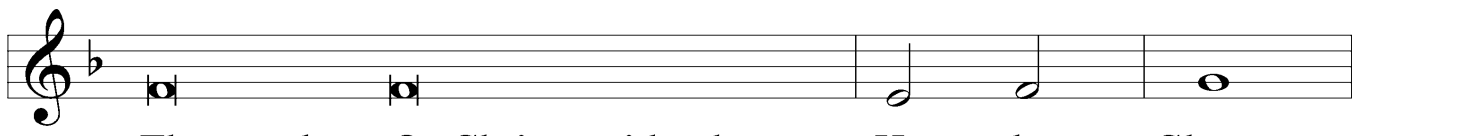
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

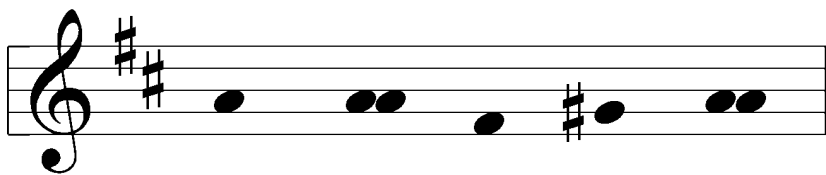


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

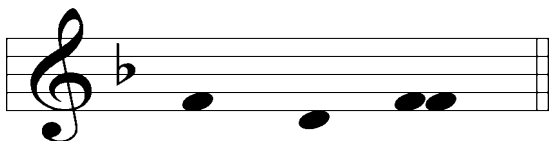
## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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** A - men.

*Please sit*

### **FIRST READING**      *Acts 2:42-47*

(The life of the first Christians includes learning and fellowship.)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of

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heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**        *Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1*

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.**

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

**EPISTLE**        *1 Peter 2:19–25*

(Christ, who suffered for us, sets an example for us)

19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22        “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges

righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose

stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Alleluia



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:1-10*

*(Jesus says He is the gate of the sheep.)*

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

1 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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## NICENE CREED

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

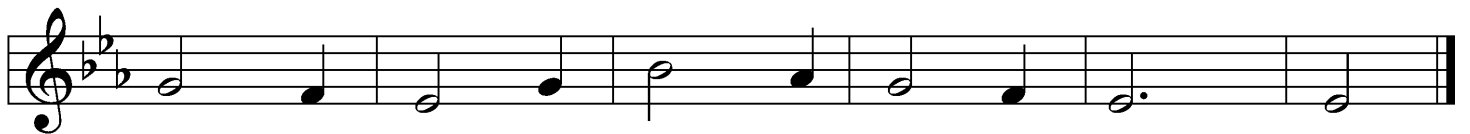
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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**SERMON**                    *“Called by and returned to the Overseer  
of Your soul – Jesus, the Good Shepherd”*                    **1 Peter 2:21-25**

**OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY**                    *I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives*                    **LSB 468**

1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my  
heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,  
God's wrath He has ap-peased. Since He in death  
could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall  
not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!



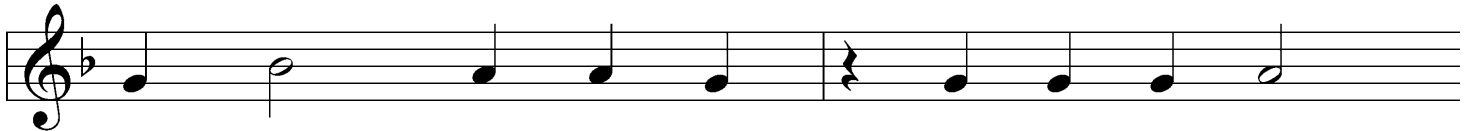
2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant  
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,  
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought  
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun  
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -  
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -  
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!  
 re - joice for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE** *“Peace be with you”* [American Sign Language]

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, our blessed Shepherd, and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the whole church, that through it, the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Gracious Shepherd,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd’s care for

all His sheep. Give us hearts to seek to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Merciful Shepherd,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Loving Shepherd,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and everyone in them. Grant that together we follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell in love and unity. Gentle Shepherd,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness, for especially... . Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Caring Shepherd,

**C hear our prayer.**

P With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the eternal house of the Lord forever. Inspired us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and with hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Eternal Shepherd,

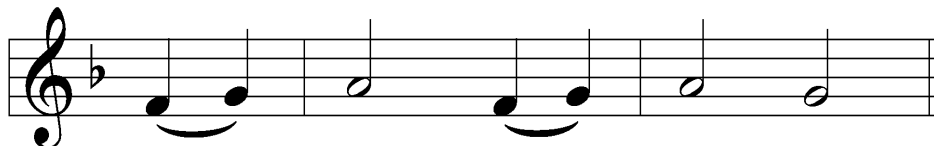
**C hear our prayer. Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

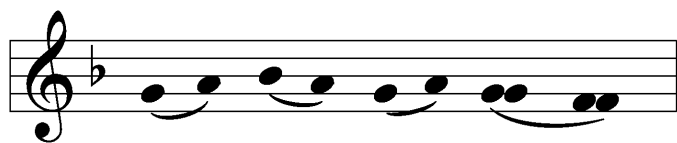
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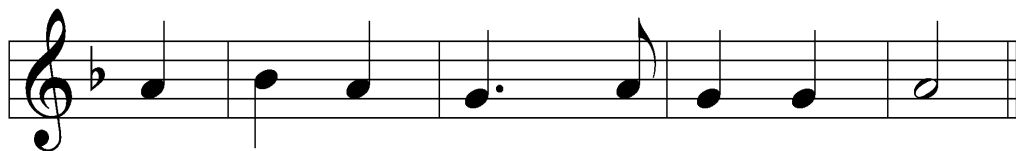
**P** The Lord be with you.



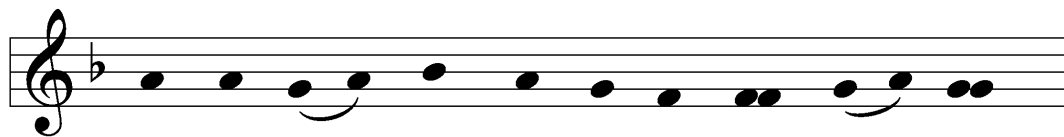
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, wholesome, and proper that we give thanks to You, our gracious heavenly Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of Your Spirit, direct our ways that we may follow the Good Shepherd through all of our lives so that we may be gathered at the Table which He has prepared before us. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the green pastures of Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



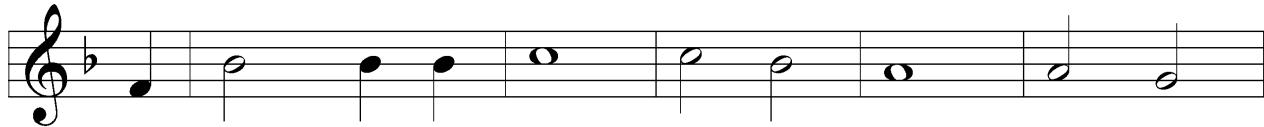
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**C** 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 for give 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

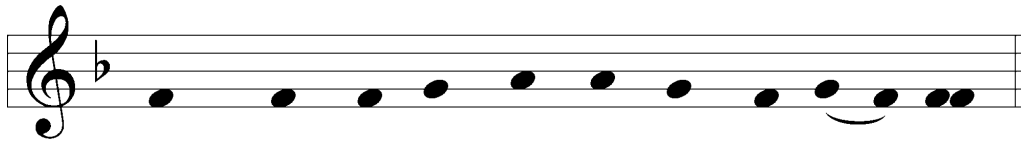
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

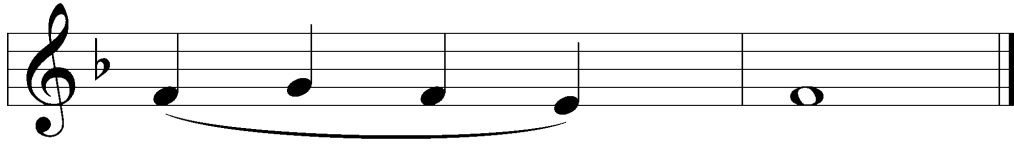
**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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## PAX DOMINI



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



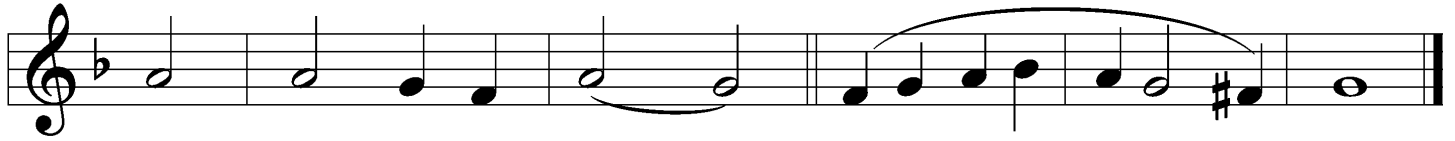
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please sit*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith,

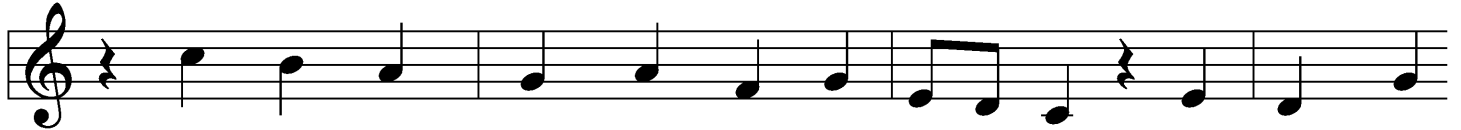
increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

**LSB 618**



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

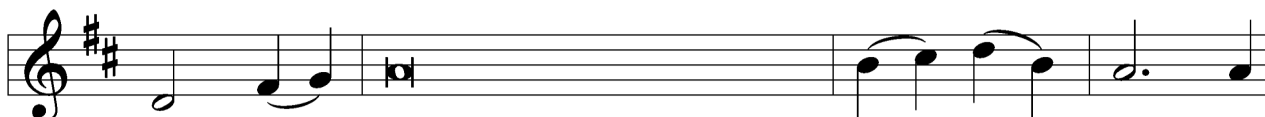


Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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*Please stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

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cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the blessings of this Holy Meal. As the bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your church be gathered together into one flock from the ends of the earth until at last we taste the fullness of Your great goodness in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Please sit*

**SENDING HYMN***The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***LSB 710**

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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**DISMISSAL****P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**

## APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- > Portals of Prayer for April to June 2026 are available in the Narthex or office.
- > Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Weber is leading the class.
- > Plastic bottle caps and can tabs ARE still being collected.
- > Family Confirmation Class - "classes will resume April 30th".
- > Adult Confirmation Class - "classes will resume April 30th".
- > First Quarter Voters' Meeting - Today, Sunday, April 26th; right after worship service.
- > Men's Steak Night/Bible Study - Tuesday, April 28th @ 6:00 p.m.  
(Sign-up sheet is posted on church door.)

## MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**National Day of Prayer**  
Thursday, May 7, 2026

**Immanuel Lutheran School Graduation**  
Thursday, May 28, 2026  
at 6:00 p.m., in the Social Hall.

Budgeted Need YTD:	<b>Will be</b>
Actual Giving YTD:	<b>available</b>
Over/(Shortfall YTD:	<b>in May</b>
Budgeted Need Weekly:	\$4,480
For Church Balances, see Treasurer Reports	



<b>4/19/2026</b>		
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>49</b>	
Plate:		\$ 839.00
Envelopes:		\$ 2,298.00
Other:		
Online/Tithely:		
Other:		
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,137.00</b>
Bible Class:	<b>25</b>	<b>\$ 41.00</b>

***FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 146

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

## The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd

Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

### Memory Verse Challenge:     **John 17:17**

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	<b>April Sunday Servants:</b>	<b>May Sunday Servants</b>
Elder:	Jerry Frese	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/C Zink/M Perez	Laurie Brown/Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral	
<b>This Week</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Byron Terral	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am