

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**APRIL 21, 2024**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**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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**8 am to 12 pm**

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**I AM** *John 10:11*  
**THE GOOD SHEPHERD.**  
*The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*



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**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.

This 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** - Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; I am Yours. Empower my church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

## PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

## WELCOME

## OPENING SENTENCES

*John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1-3, 5, 10; 106:48*

**P** Jesus said: "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

**C** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

**P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

**C** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

**P** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

**P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**C** **And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!**

**P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness. We begin our time of Confession and Absolution as we sing the hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

## OPENING HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

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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.



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.

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4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head.  
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!



Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.  
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, Thou!

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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 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 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 23; 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 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

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

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

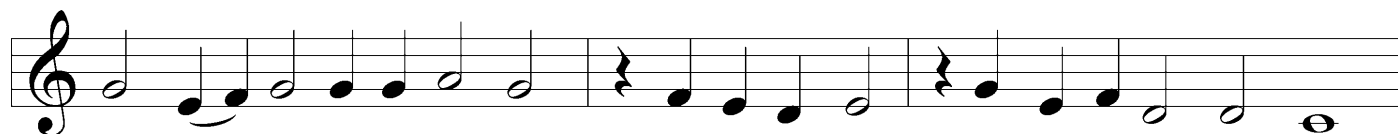
**P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**C 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



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

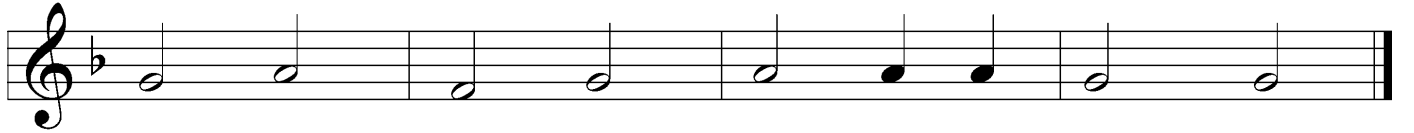


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE

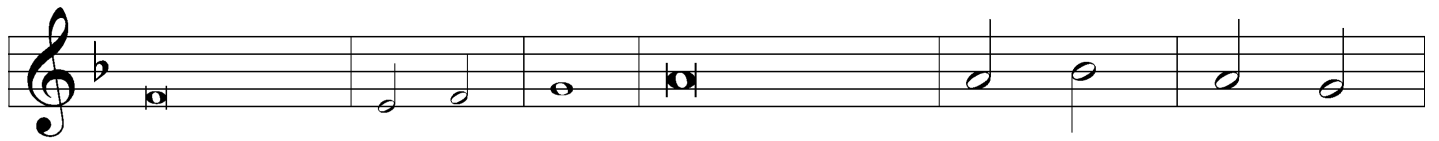


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

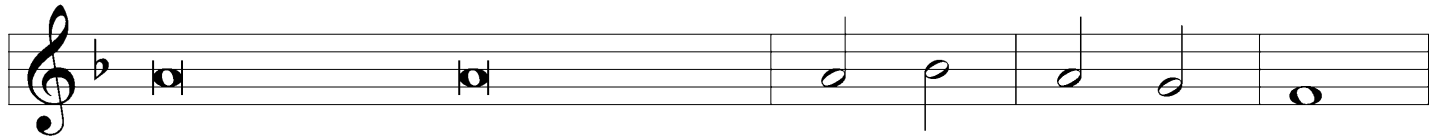
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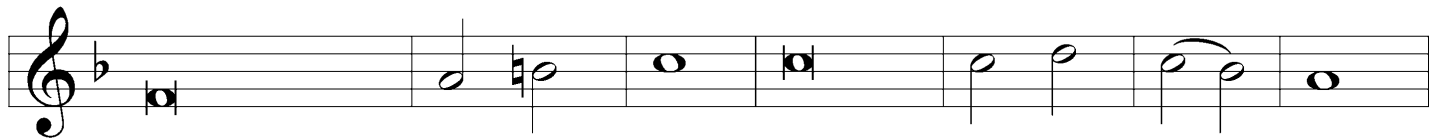
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



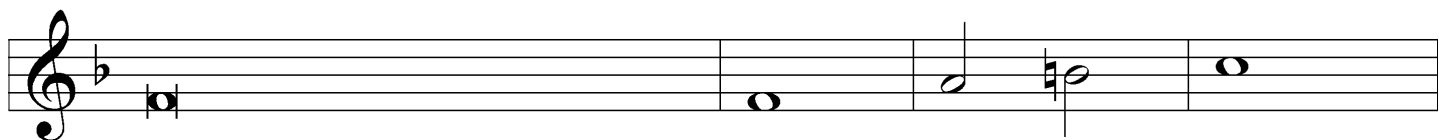
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



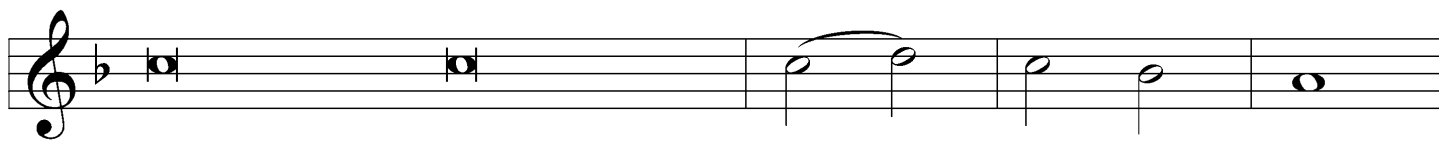
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



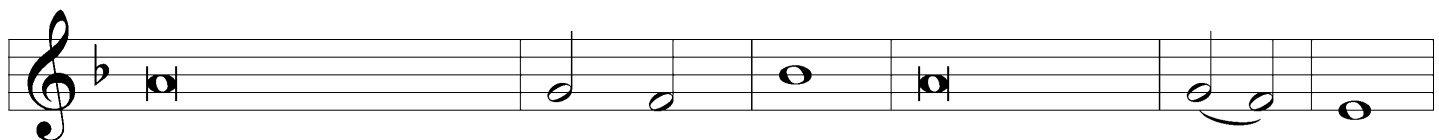
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



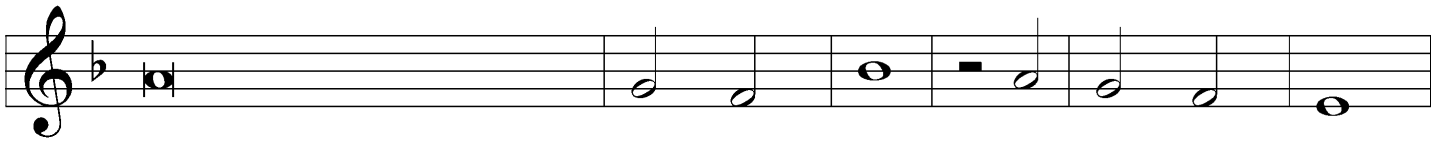
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



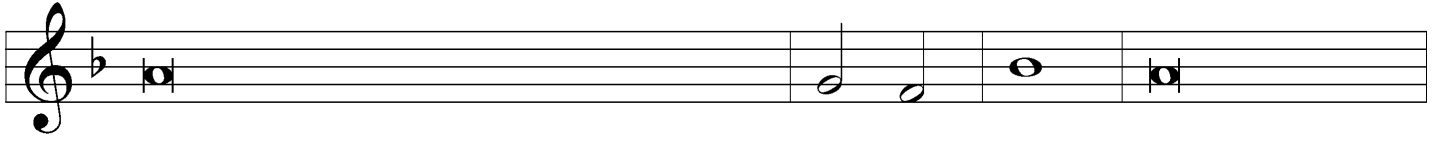
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



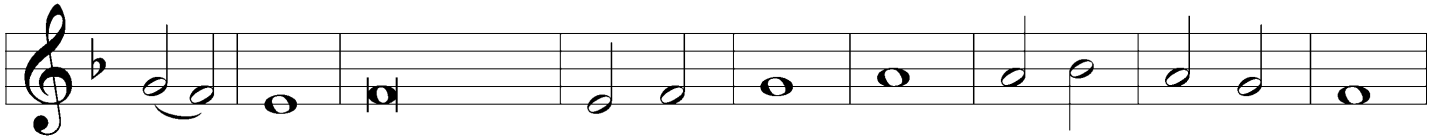
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



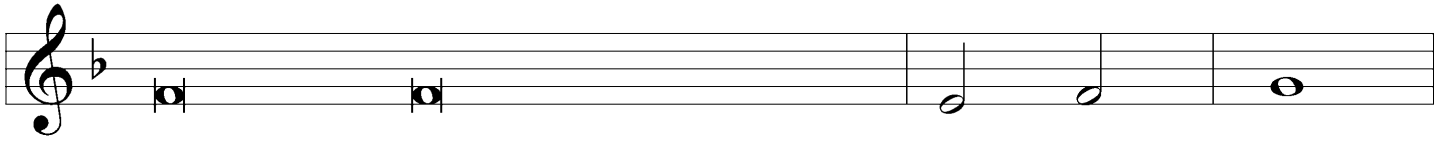
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



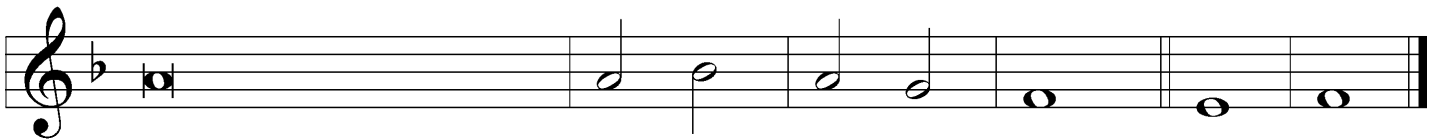
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

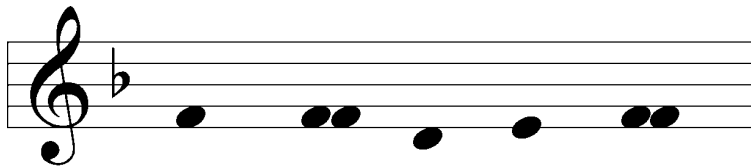


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

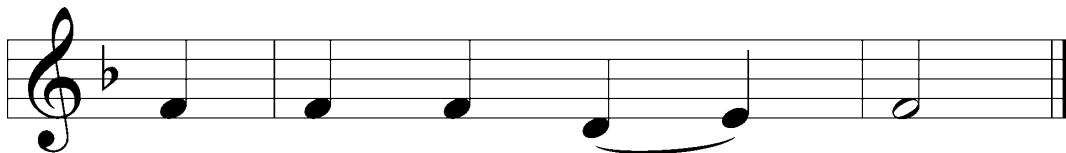


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

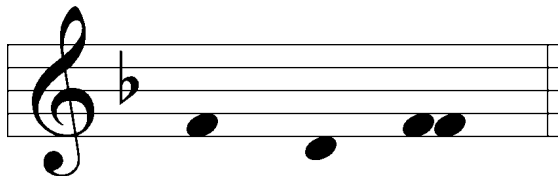
### SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

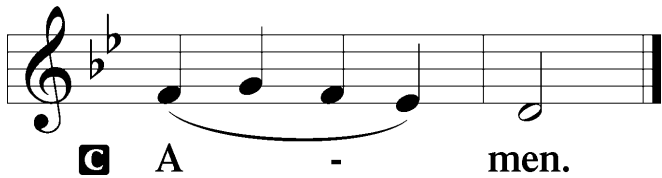


**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we

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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.



*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 4:1–12*

(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

1 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM**      *Psalm 23*

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**EPISTLE**      *1 John 3:16-24*

(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

P    This is the Word of the Lord.

**C    Thanks be to God.**

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## ALLELUIA

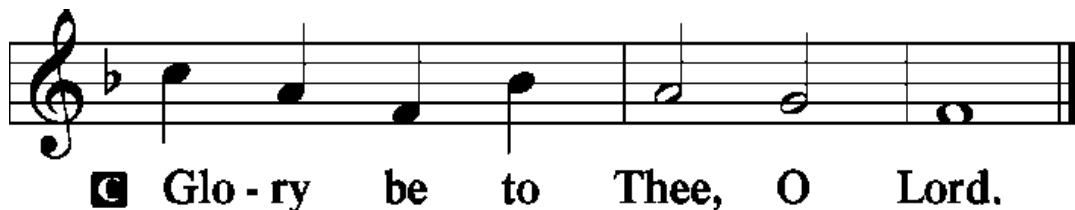


## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 10:11-18*

(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

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



11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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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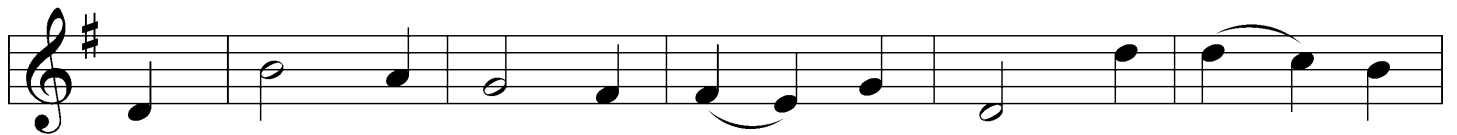
## HYMN OF THE DAY

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.

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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



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 -



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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**SERMON**                      *“Known by the Good Shepherd!”*                      (John 10:14)

**OFFERING**

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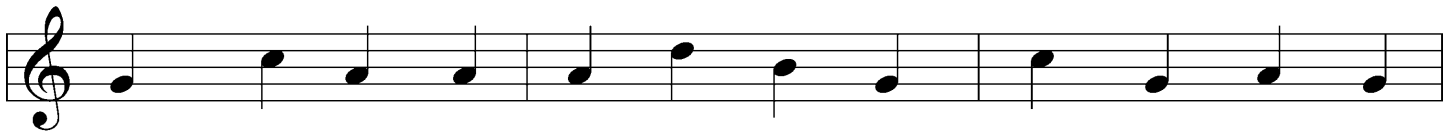
**OFFERTORY**                      *I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*                      **LSB 740**



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*“Peace be with you”*

*[through use of American Sign Language]*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others. Trusting in God’s loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God’s people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

**C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [especially . . .].

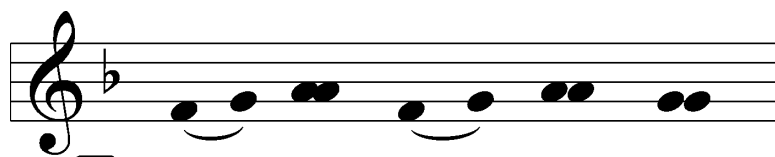
**C Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**P** These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

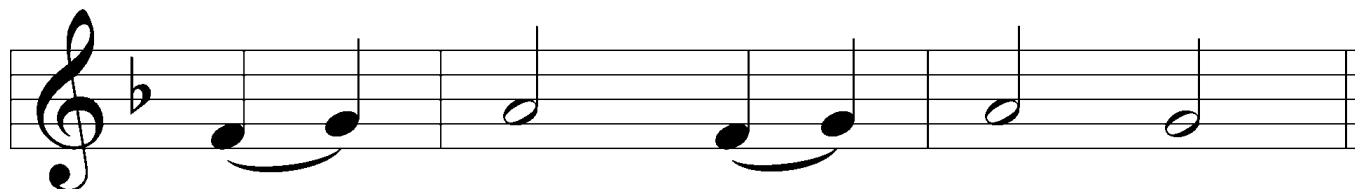
**C Amen.**

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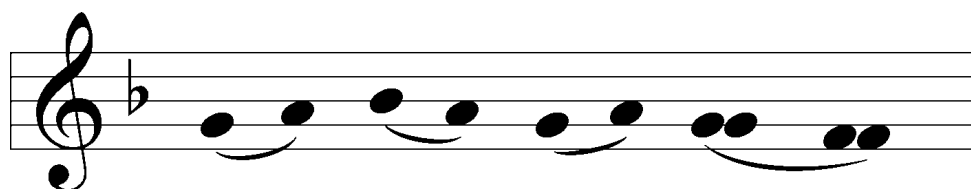
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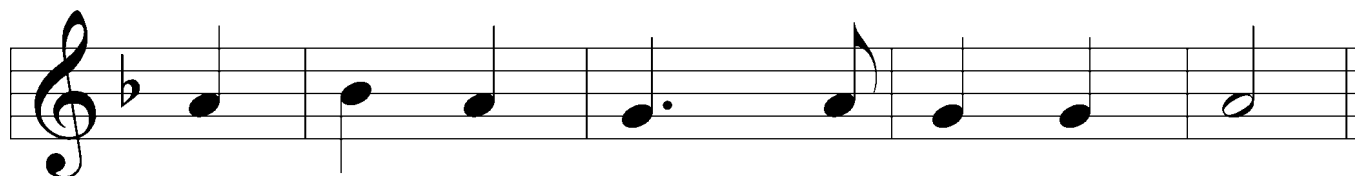
**P** The Lord be with you.



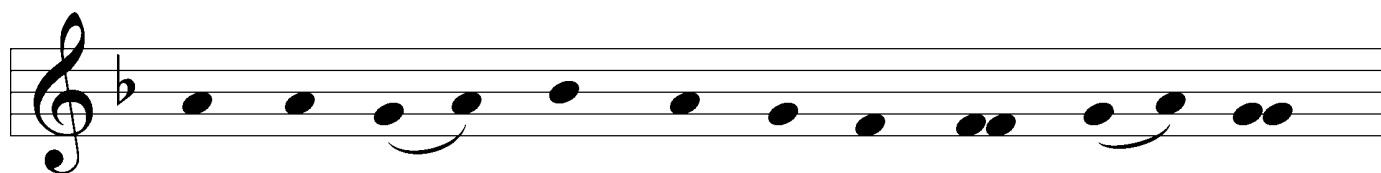
**C** And with thy spir - it.



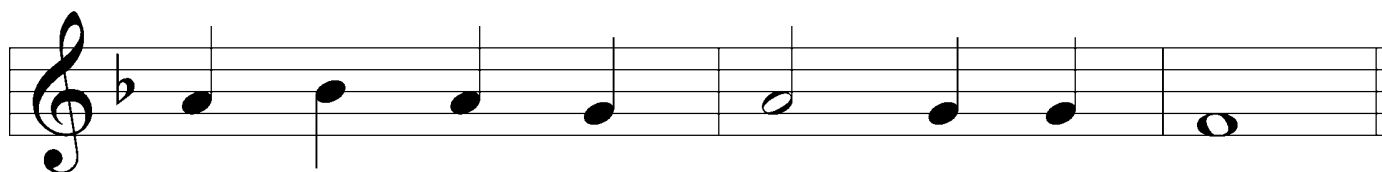
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God. You call us to be Your people and invite us to bring our cares to You in prayer. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and death and glorious resurrection He has

brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion in this sacred fellowship of Your pilgrim people. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

## SANCTUS



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



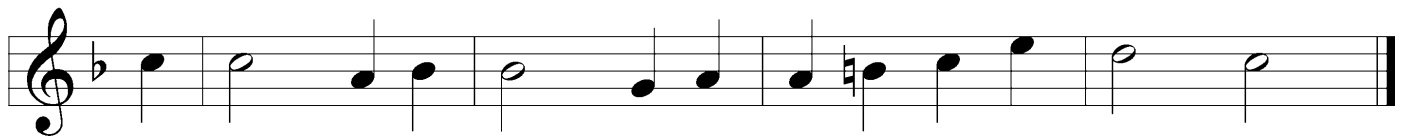
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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 forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**C** 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."

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."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** 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**

I I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -

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lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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.

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*Please stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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

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 without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** A - men.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

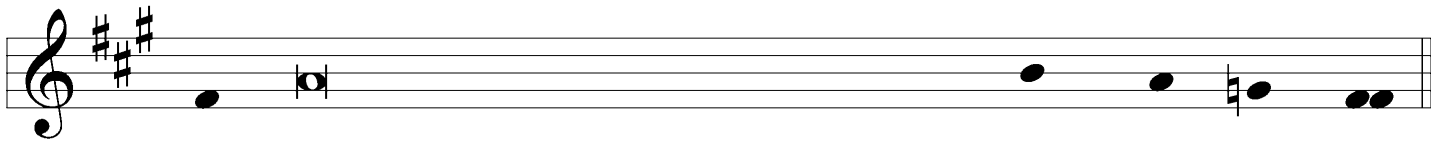
**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

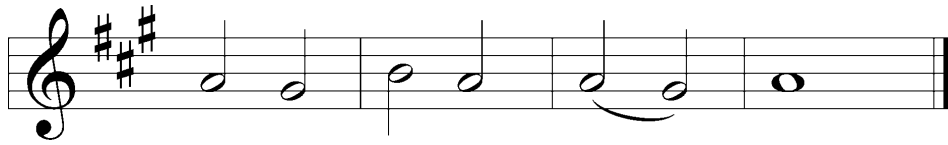
## BENEDICTION

**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*

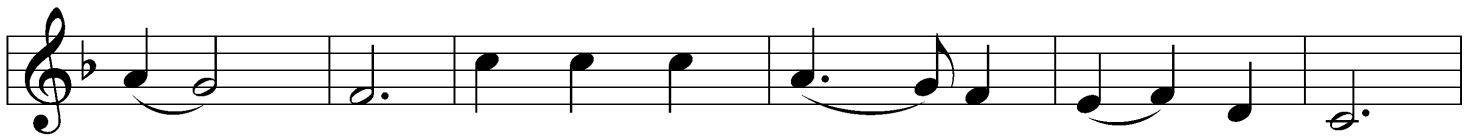
**SENDING HYMN**

*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

**LSB 819**



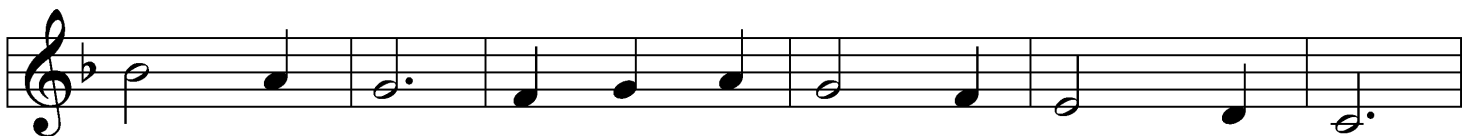
1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
of His might All things are just and good and right:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
To God all praise and glo - ry!



3 We sought the Lord in our dis-tress; O God, in mer-cy  
 4 He nev-er shall for-sake His flock, His cho-sen gen-er-  
 5 All who con-fess Christ's ho-ly name, Give God the praise and



hear us. Our Sav-ior saw our help-less-ness  
 a-tion; He is their ref-uge and their rock,  
 glo-ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro-claim



And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal-va-tion. As with a moth-er's  
 A-loud the won-drous sto-ry. Cast ev-'ry i-dol



praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a-dored:  
 ten-der hand, He leads His own, His cho-sen band:  
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a-lone:



To God all praise and glo-ry!  
 To God all praise and glo-ry!  
 To God all praise and glo-ry!

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P** Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study**  
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
Rev. Weber is leading the class.

### April's Activities

**Youth Confirmation Class**  
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

#### Immanuel Lutheran School

**Bar-B-Que Brisket Sandwich Fundraiser**  
(includes bag of chips, bag of pickles and onion,  
and drink.)

**Pick up:** drive by on Washington Ave.  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Donation:** \$10.00 per bag

There will also be a Rummage Sale going on  
from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the school playground;  
(tacos and loaded baked potatoes will be 4 sale)

**Earth Day**  
Monday, April 22nd

Coming Thursday, May 2nd  
**National Day of Prayer**



# Sermon Notes

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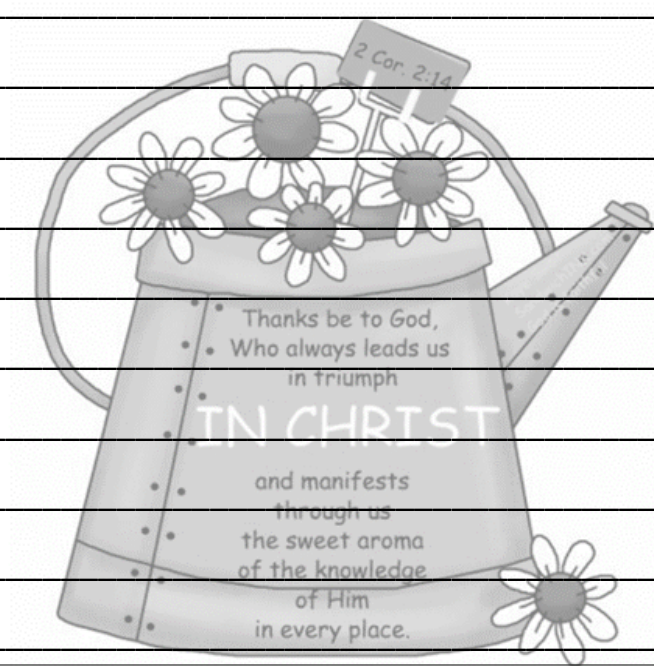
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*He restoreth my  
soul: he leadeth  
me in the paths of  
righteousness for  
his name's sake.*

*Psalms 23:3*

## ***Memory Verse Challenge***

This week's memory verse: ***John 14:19***

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

<b>4/14/2024</b>		
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>33</b>	
Plate:		\$ 210.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,655.00
Envelopes-Other: <b>School</b>		\$ 500.00
On-line:		
Donation:		
	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 2,365.00
Bible Class:	<b>14</b>	\$ 19.00

### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter*** ***Readings:***

*Acts 8:26-40*

*Palm 150*

*1John 4:1-11 (12-21)*

*John 15:1-8*

## Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is “the good shepherd” who “lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

	<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	<b>April Sunday Servants:</b>	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Cisneros/Marivel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering	
<b>This Week</b>	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
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:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am