

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 25, 2021
IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Missouri Synod**

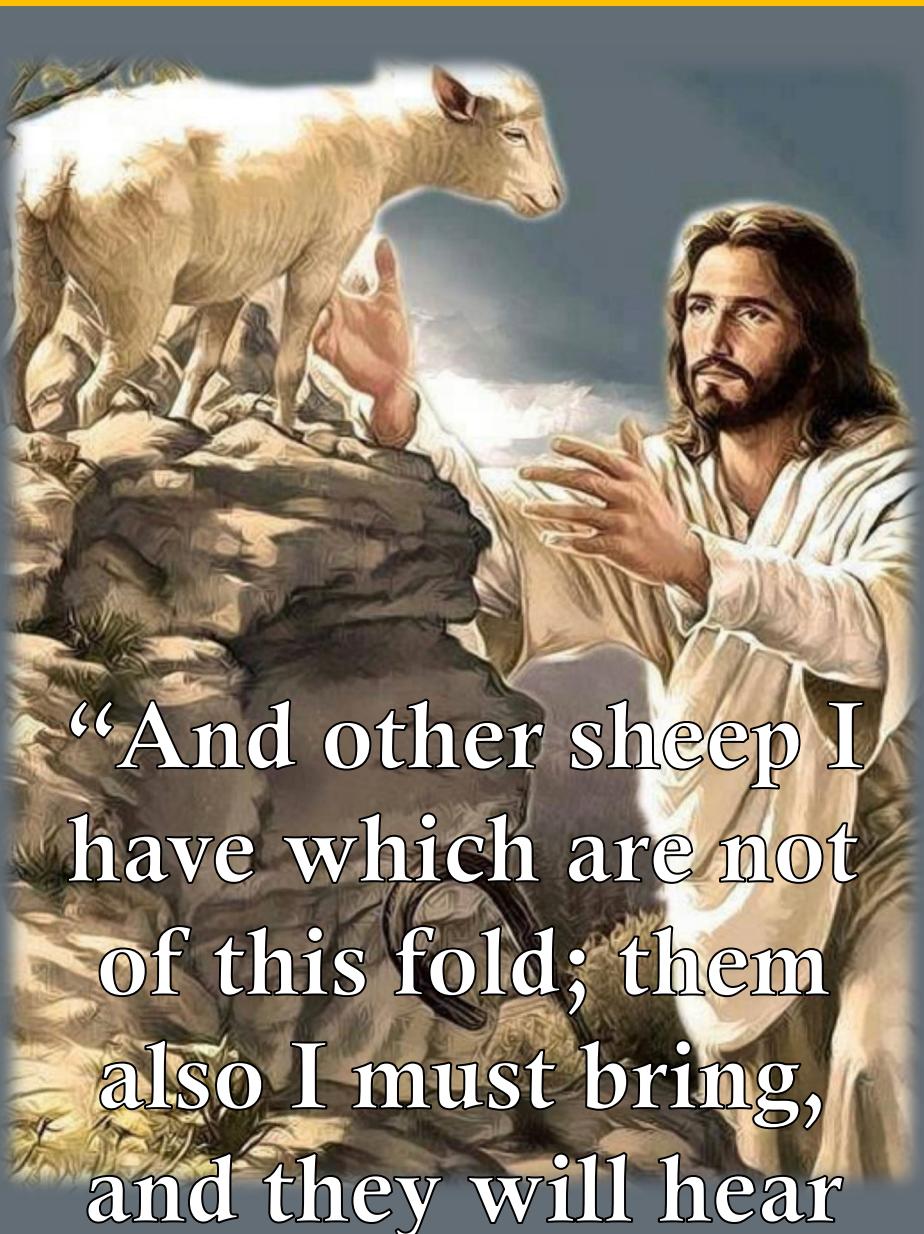


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**Sunday
9:00 A.M.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday**

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**“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.”**
(John 10:16)

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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.

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 - Risen Lord, You are the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep. I am Yours, and nothing will snatch me from Your hand. In the love You've shown and the perfect love I know through Your Spirit, empower me to reach others, that all may be guided by Your shepherding grace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self

when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

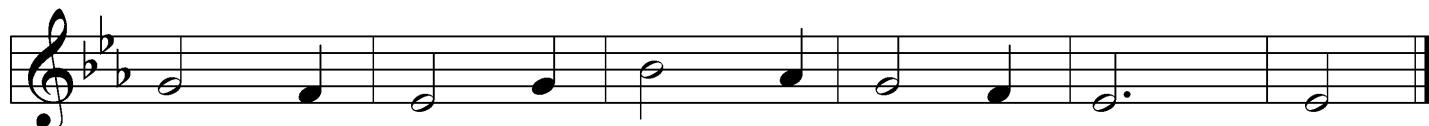


OPENING HYMN*The King of Love My Shepherd Is***LSB 709**

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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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFSSION 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 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.

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



C 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 4:1-12*

(Peter and John witness before the 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; antiphon: v. 6*

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 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *1 John 3:16-24*

(Love one another.)

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.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE



Music notation for the Alleluia response, consisting of three measures of music. The first measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The second measure has a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The lyrics "C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

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



Music notation for the verse, consisting of three measures of music. The first measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The second measure has a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The lyrics "C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that" are written below the notes.

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



Music notation for the verse continuation, consisting of three measures of music. The first measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The second measure has a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." are written below the notes.

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



Music notation for the final Alleluia response, consisting of three measures of music. The first measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The second measure has a sixteenth-note grace note followed by a quarter note. The third measure has a single note followed by a sixteenth-note grace note and a quarter note. The lyrics "C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

(Jesus the Good Shepherd)

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

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

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.

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.

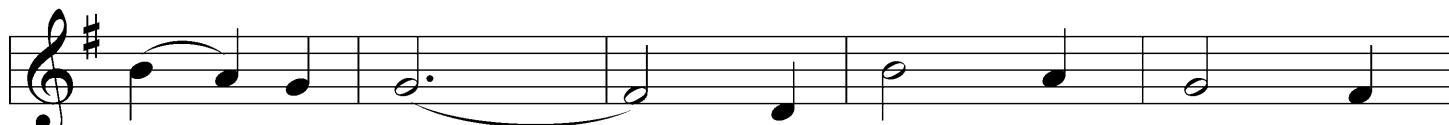
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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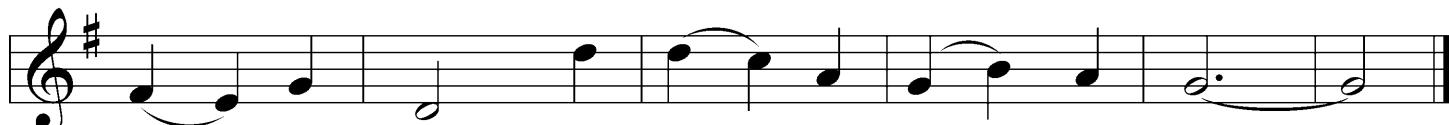
HYMN OF THE DAY *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* **LSB 710**



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.

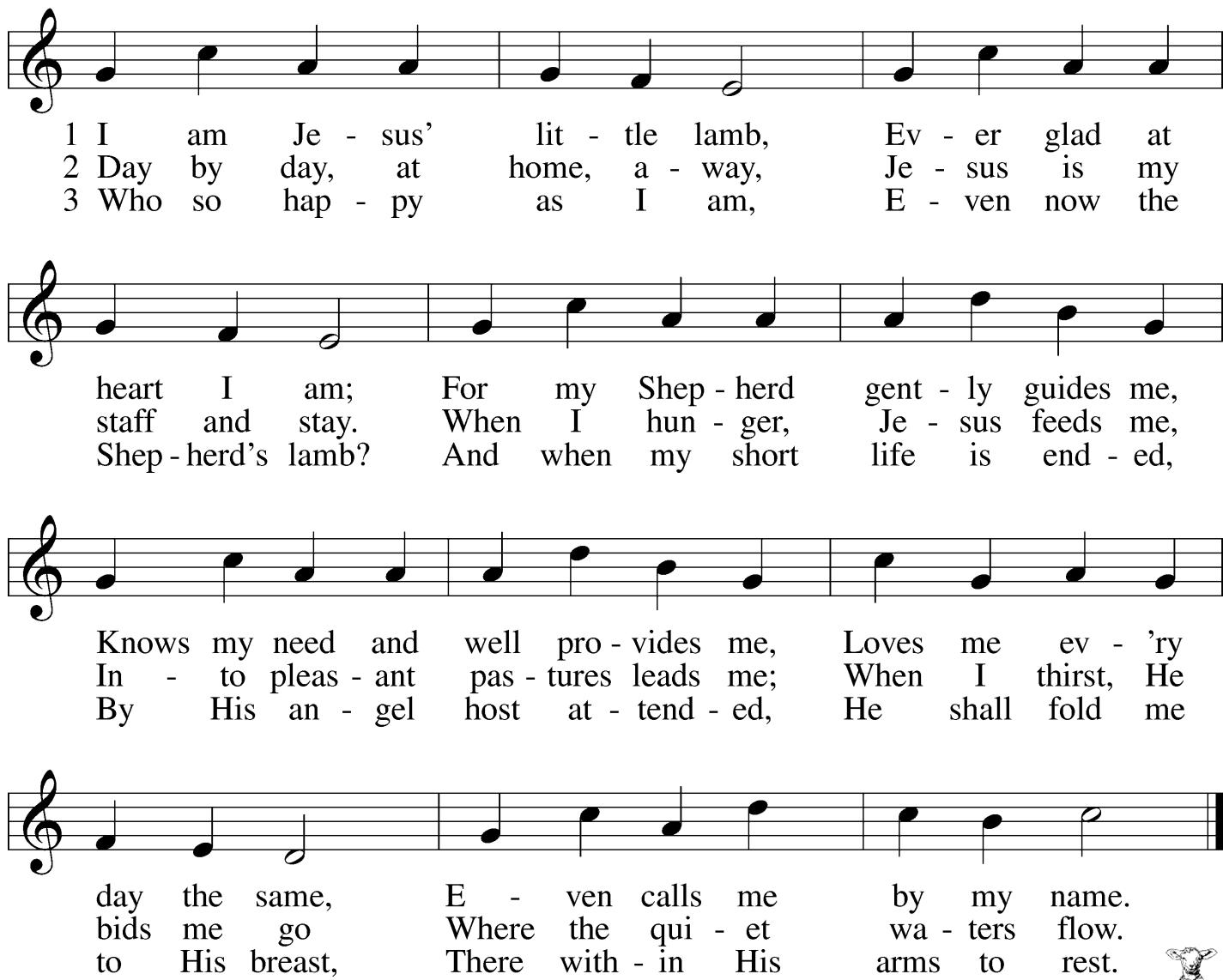
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SERMON

"The Other Sheep of the One Shepherd"

(John 10:16)

OFFERING (*Please place your offering in the offering plate as you exit,
thank you*)

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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
You are the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for us out of love. Help us to hear Your voice, follow where You lead, and receive what You provide through Your grace and

mercy; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

P For the times we fear our enemies and the powers against us, remind us that we belong to You and no one can snatch us from Your hand. We bring before the Lord the part of Your flock here in this place and others whom we love in their time of need, [especially . . .]. Carry them as lambs in a shepherd's arms through the difficult paths ahead. Give all wisdom to know the faithful path we are to take, and shepherd us through every trial, trouble, and temptation; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

P Give us courage that we not live in captivity to our fears; guide those who lead us in this and every land; provide peace, justice, and freedom for people everywhere. In our busy days, give us time to reflect upon the goodness of God and to experience joy in the security and peace You provide us, that we find contentment and peace in You; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

P Protect and defend the members of our armed forces and the public workers who keep our communities safe. Defend us from our enemies, and teach us to rely on Your provision, the true protector of us all; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

P That we do not forget those in need but share with all the Lord has entrusted to us and to display the kind of love shown and known that has no end; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

P That we recall the saints of old, who put their trust in the Lord, that we also be found faithful when He returns in

glory; let us pray to the Lord.

C Good Shepherd and Lord, have mercy.

Additional petitions may follow.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C 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

P 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.

C Amen.



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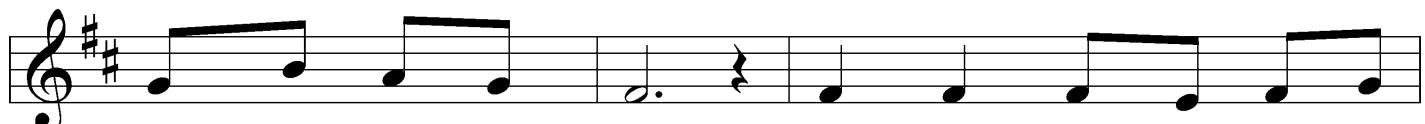
SENDING HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

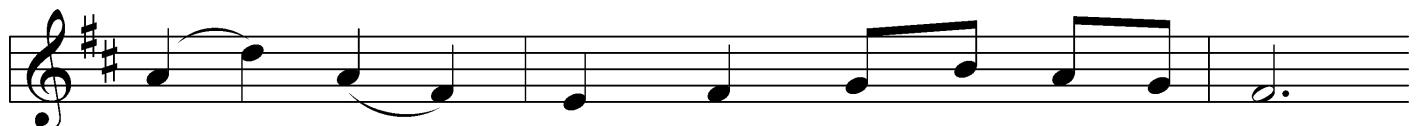
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1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



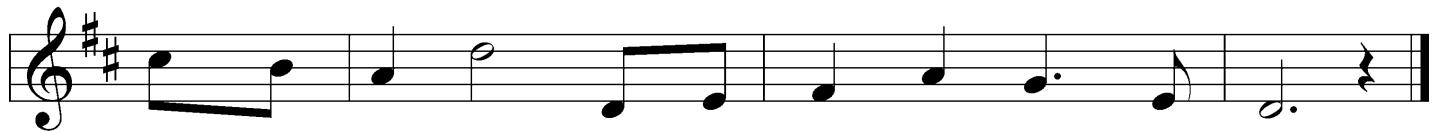
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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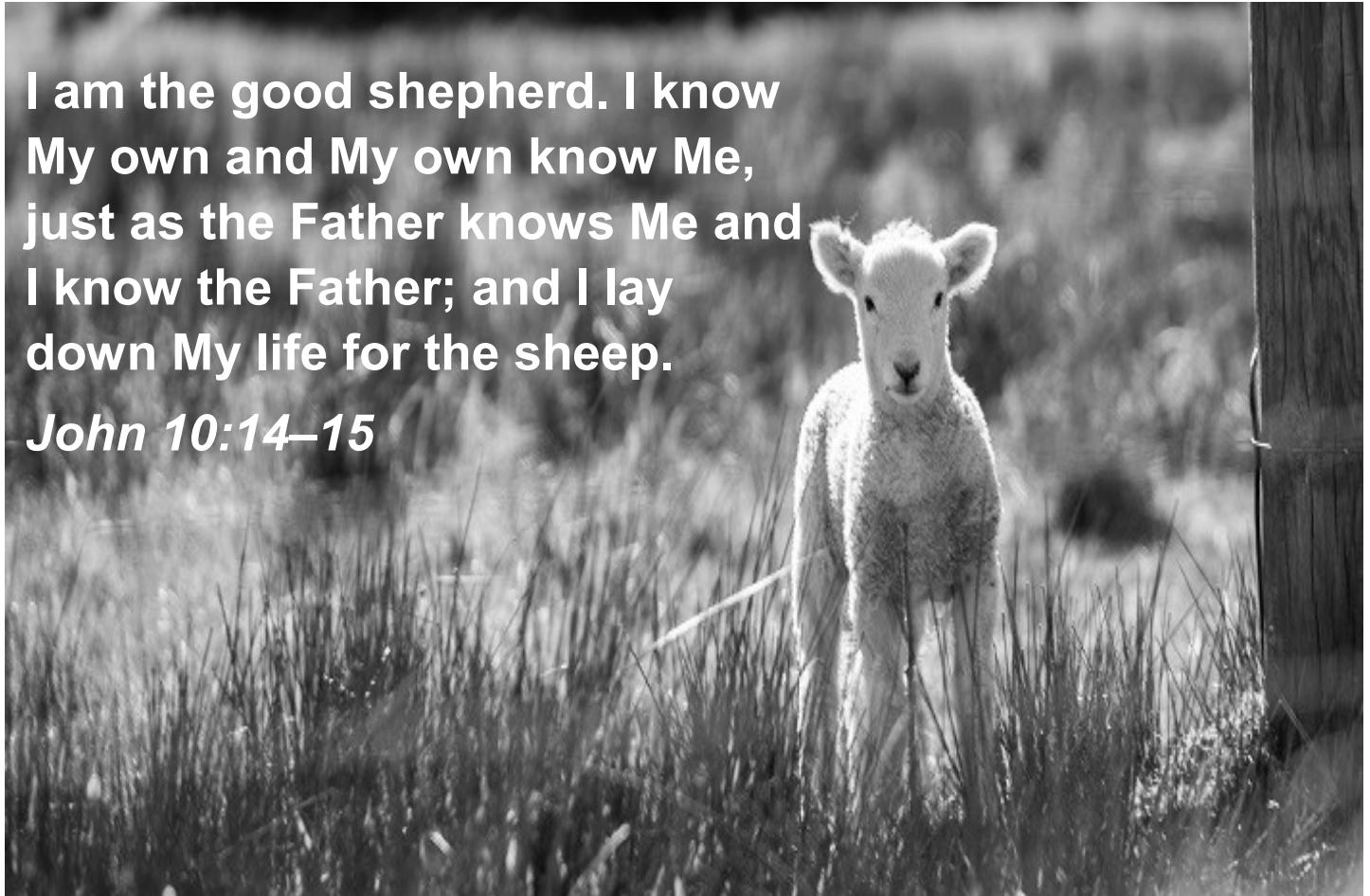
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

**I am the good shepherd. I know
My own and My own know Me,
just as the Father knows Me and
I know the Father; and I lay
down My life for the sheep.**

John 10:14–15





Birthdays

Members

5 *Donna Jackson*
5 *John Winston*
13 *Thomas Marchant*
19 ***Jasmine Reyes***
29 *Helen Vogel (101st)*

Winter Texans

4 *Kathy Bosch*
6 *Dale Blume*
8 *Jim Klima*
11 *Lillian Bosch*
21 *Mike Myers*
28 *Floyd Bosch*

Immanuel School

8 *Obeth Ledesma*

Anniversaries

Members

6 *Elias & Maribel Perez*
Winter Texans
3 *John & Doris Hambleton*
14 *Jim & Wanda Klima*
24 *Don & Noreen Boyd*

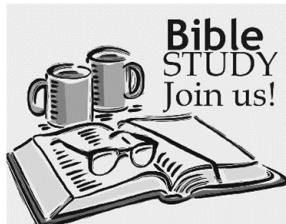


Coming next week
Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, May 4th, @ 9:00 a.m.



Portals of Prayer
for April to June 2021 are available in the
Narthrex or office.

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



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

This week's memory verse:

1 Corinthians 15:57

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	April Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	Same
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am



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).

4/18/2021

Sunday Worship	25	
Plate:		\$ 10.00
Envelopes		\$ 1,320.00
Donation:		
Rental		\$ 100.00
Total:		\$ 1,430.00
 Bible Class:	 12	 \$ 16.00

Fifth Sunday of Easter Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 150

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

John 15:1-8