

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 30, 2023

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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:30 am

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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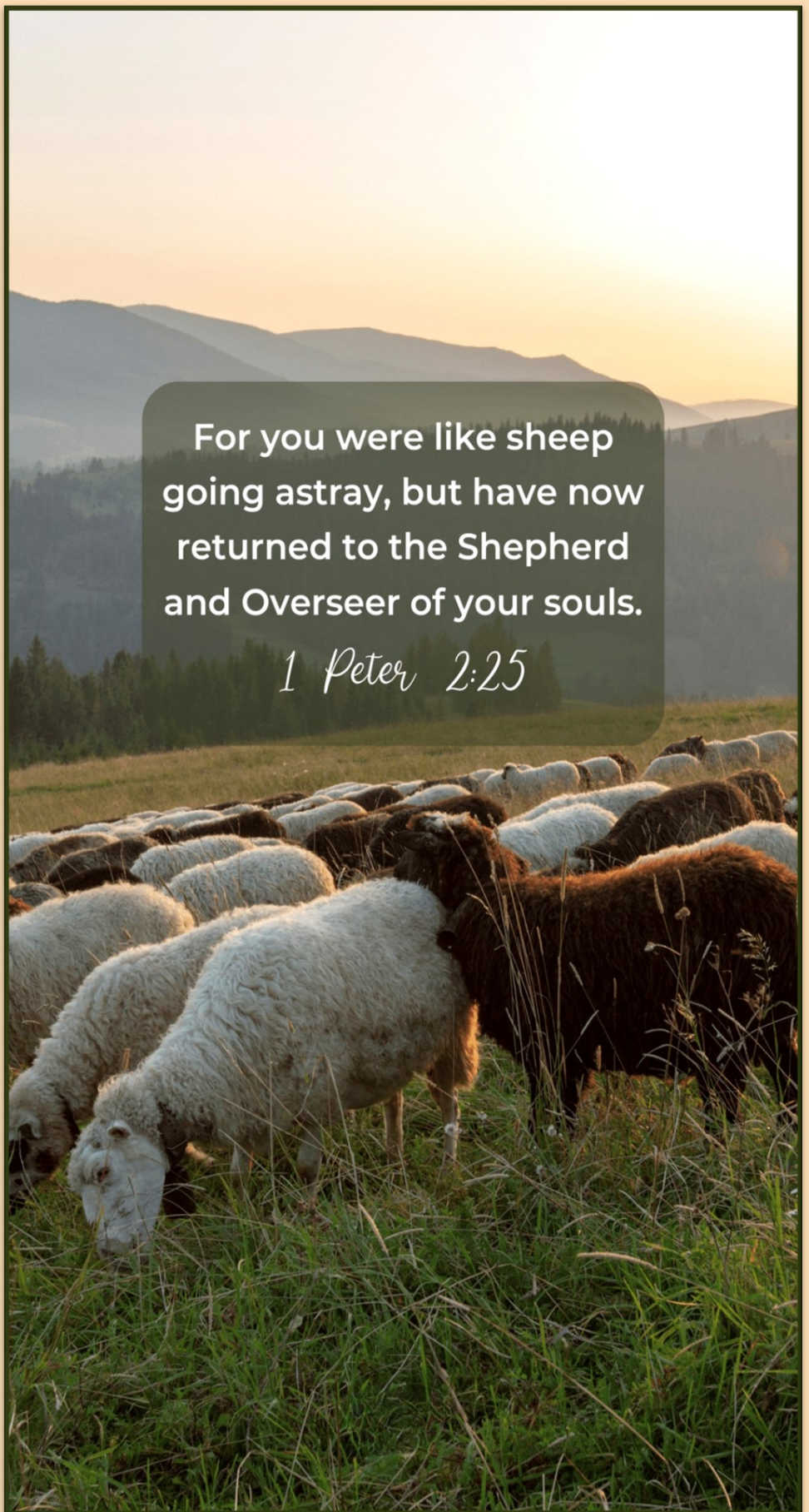
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For you were like sheep
going astray, but have now
returned to the Shepherd
and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:25

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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 - Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who has brought together sheep from every tribe, nation, and language to be one flock ever following You. Strengthen me to devote myself to Your Word and Sacraments, to prayer and fellowship, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Today we hear about Jesus as both our Shepherd and the door for us, the sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us to green pastures and still waters. And Jesus is the door, the gate by which we enter eternal life. As we follow Jesus, we know that He is always leading us toward righteousness— toward an eternity dwelling in the house of the Lord.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540 VS.1, 4-6



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's
 Δ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
 from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good
 Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
 to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us
 ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.
 to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.
 Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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 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. Even so I know the Father; 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, 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, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

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

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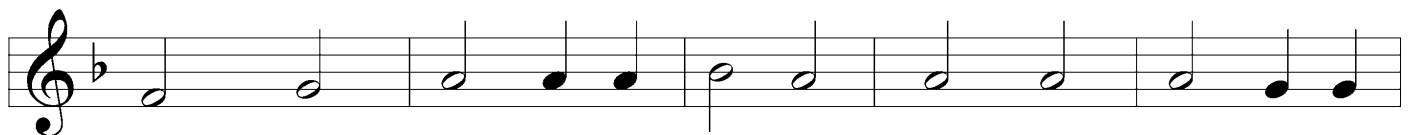


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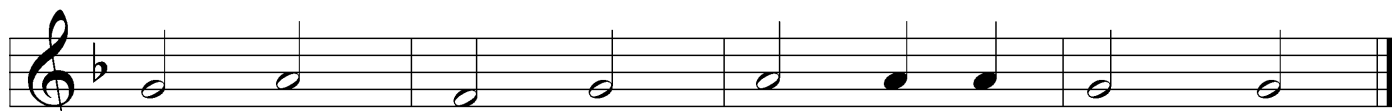
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE



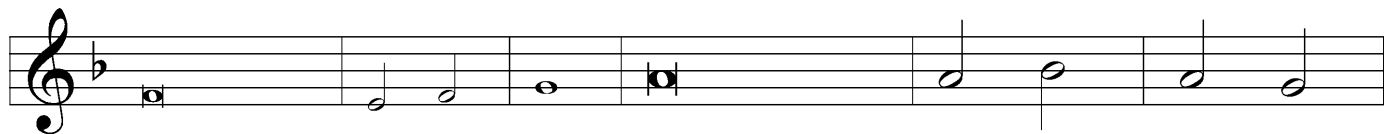
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

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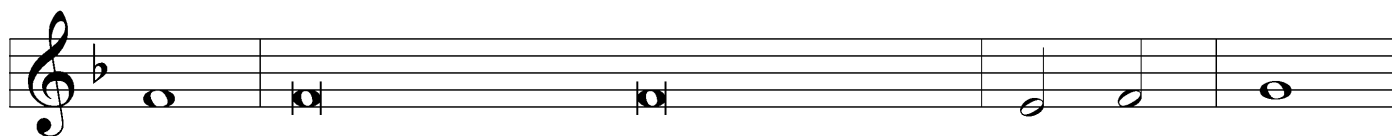


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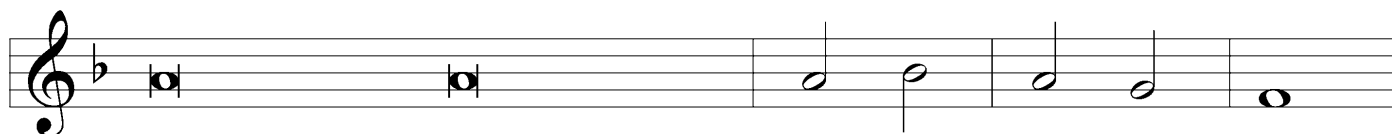
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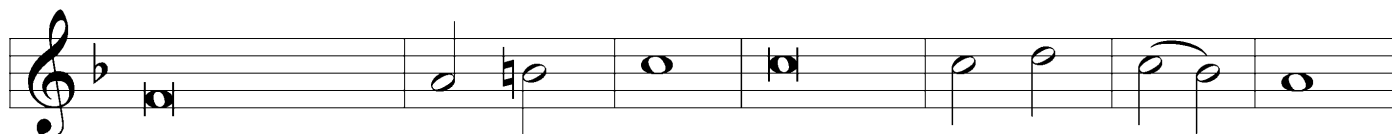
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



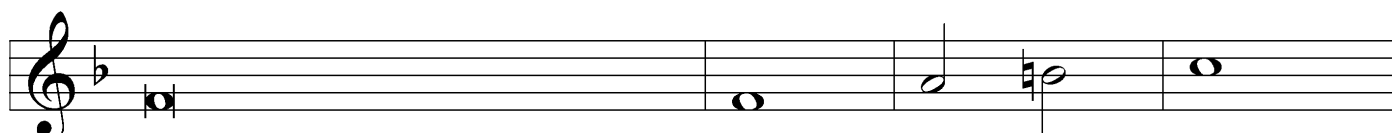
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



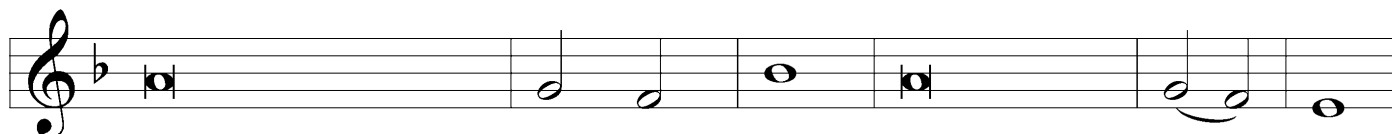
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



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



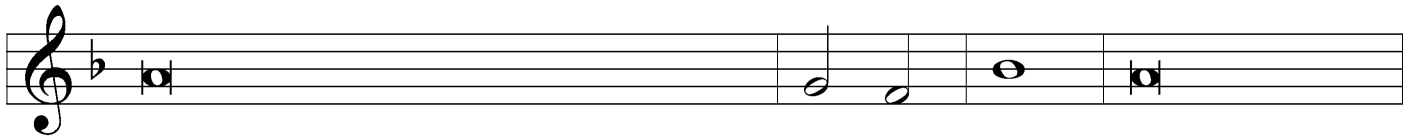
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



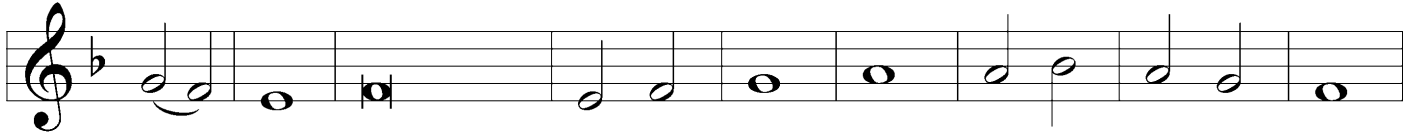
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



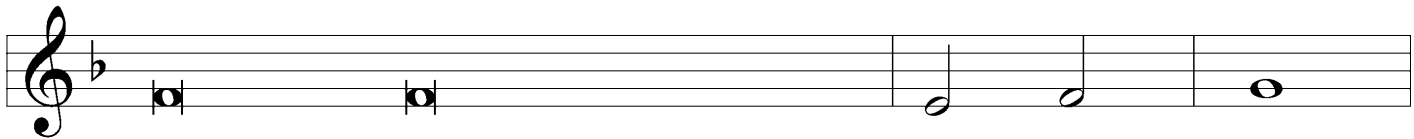
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



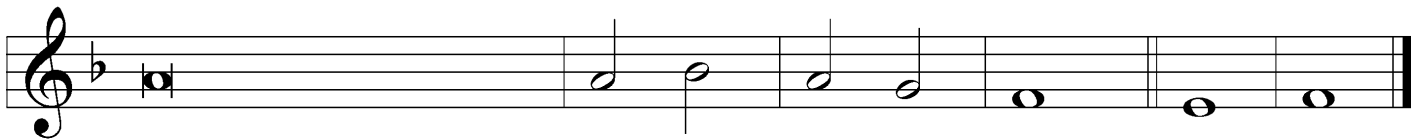
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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



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

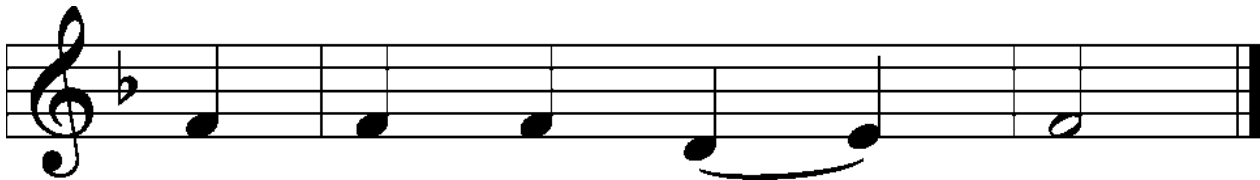


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

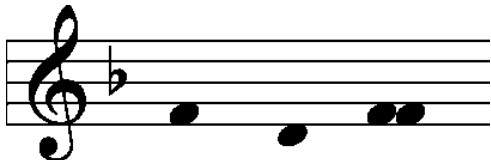
SALUTATION



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



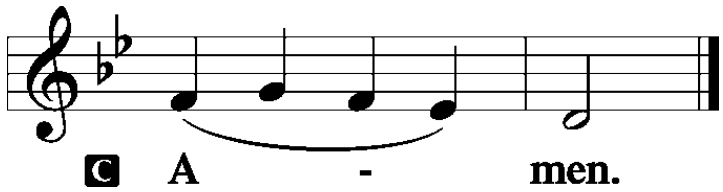
P Let us pray.

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

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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 2:42–47*

(Devoted to the Apostles' teaching, prayer, fellowship, and the breaking
of the bread)

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 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*

(We are returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.)

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.

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ALLELUIA



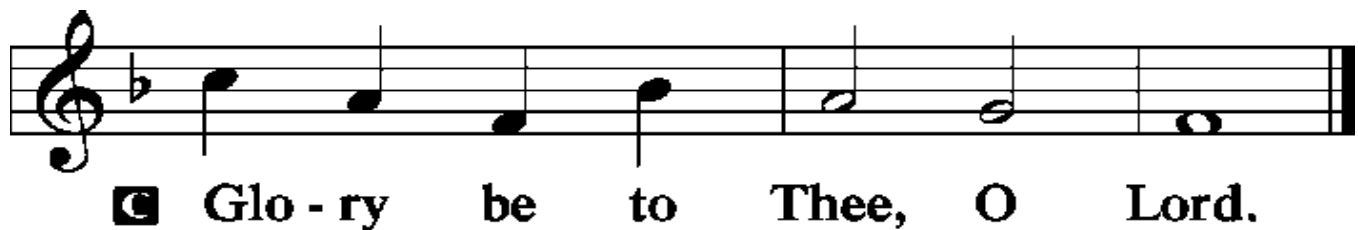
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-11

(Jesus is the door 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.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

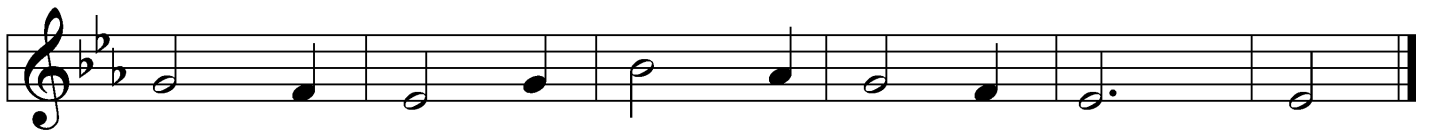
LSB 709



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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SERMON

“The Precious Good Shepherd,

Jesus, - caretaker of your soul!”

(1 Peter 2:25)

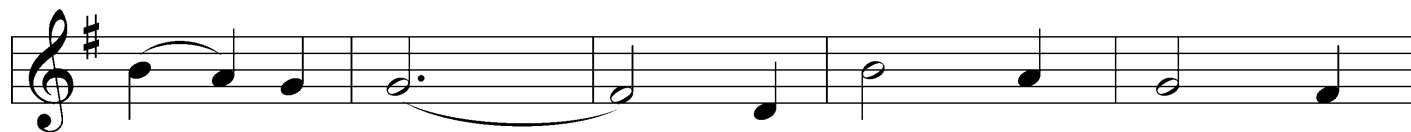
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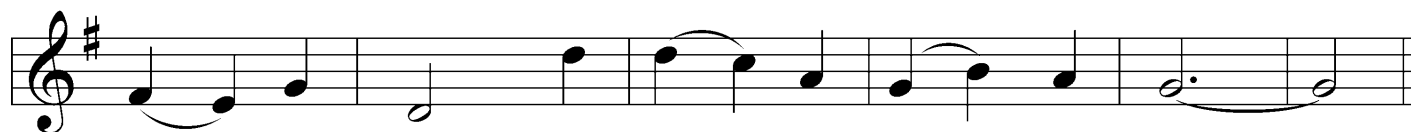
OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* **LSB 710**



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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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"*

[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Incorporating LSB 709:6)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C **within Thy house forever.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, we have filled our lives with so much busyness and chaos. Help us to remove those things from our lives which are not beneficial, so that we may lead lives that are devoted to Your Word and Sacraments, to

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prayer and fellowship. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C within Thy house forever.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all pastors, missionaries, musicians, educators, and all who serve within Your one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Embolden them to teach Your Word that restores the souls of Your people. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C within Thy house forever.

P Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus, where You will prepare a table before us, and we shall dwell in Your house forever. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C within Thy house forever.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we ask Your blessing upon all who labor in the agriculture industry, for farmers, ranchers, shepherds, and all who tend animals and grow food. Give them seasonable weather and joy in their labors. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C within Thy house forever.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we pray that You would open a door for Your Word that we might proclaim Your excellencies to those who have not yet believed in Your name, that they might be sheep of Your pasture and sing Your praises with us. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

C within Thy house forever.

P Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and restore them to health according to Your

wisdom. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

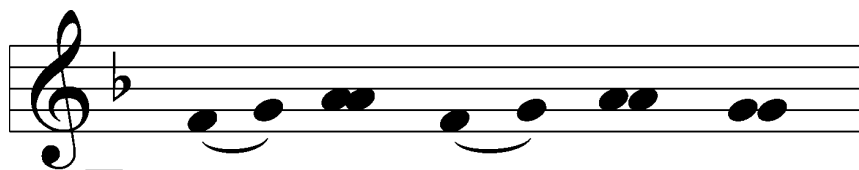
C **within Thy house forever.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and tend us as our Good Shepherd. Good Shepherd, may we sing Thy praise

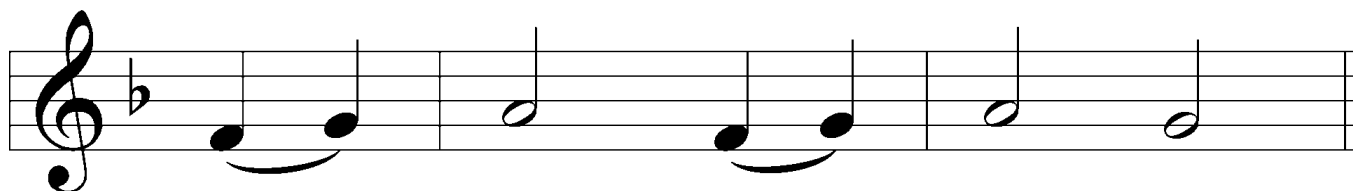
C **within Thy house forever. Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

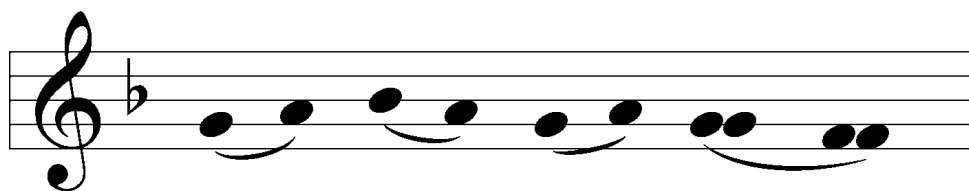
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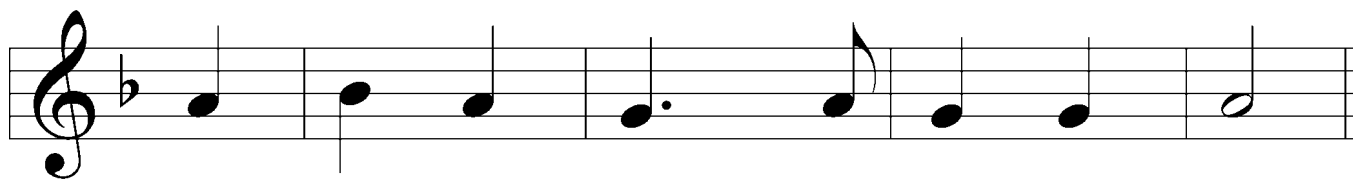
P The Lord be with you.



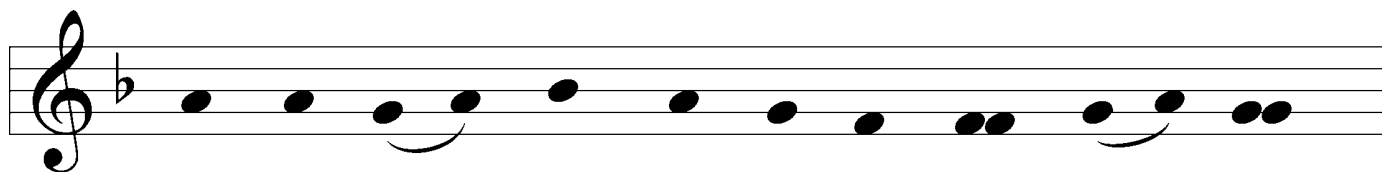
C And with thy spir - it.



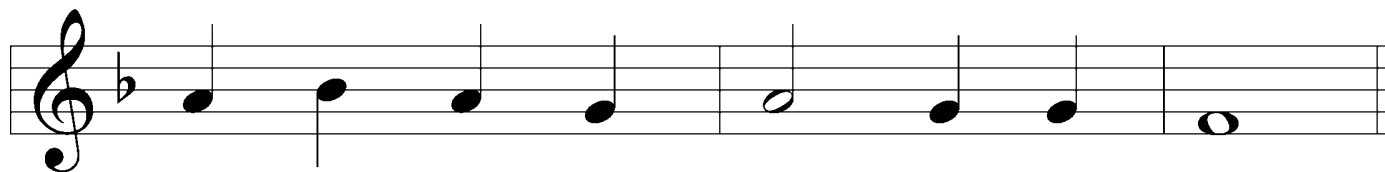
P Lift up your hearts.



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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

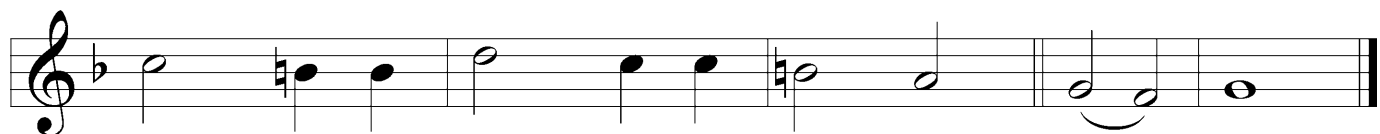
LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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



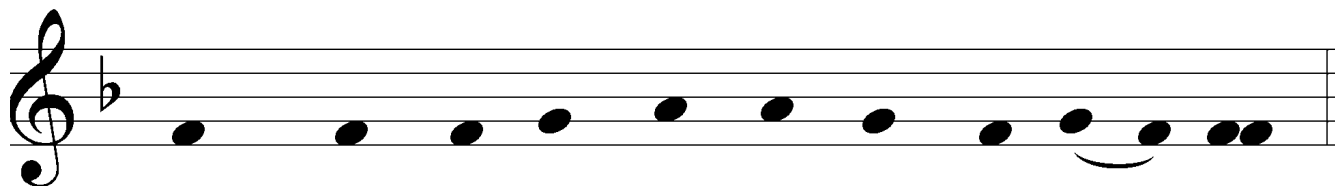
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

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."

Pax Domini

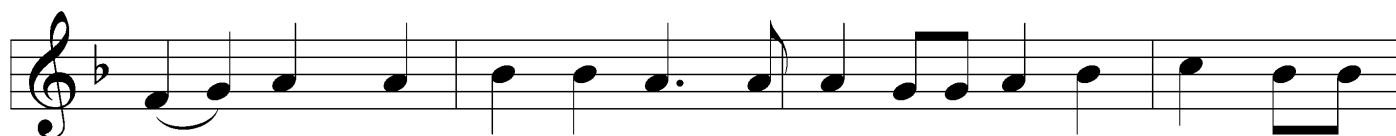


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION *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.

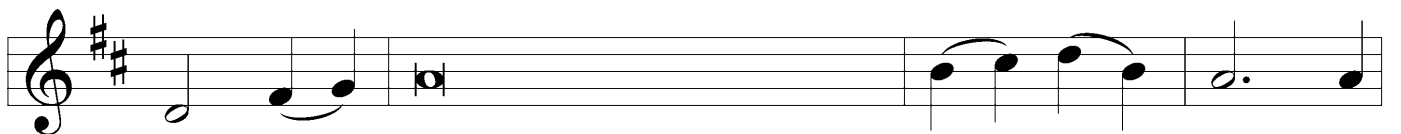


Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

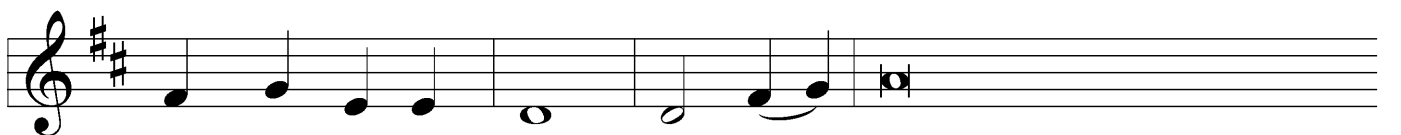
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Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS



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

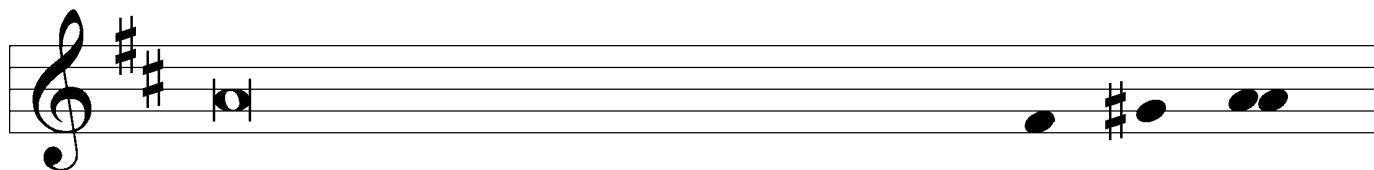


cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

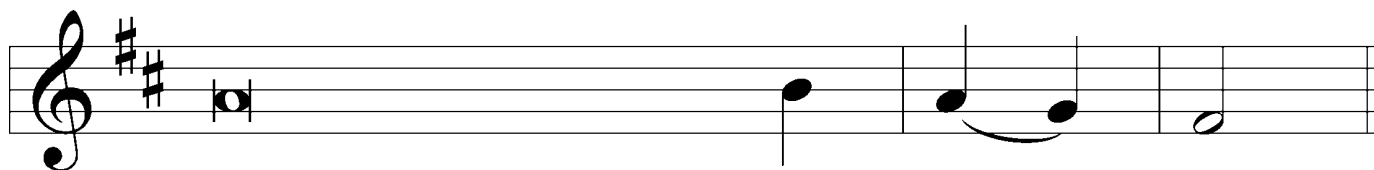


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

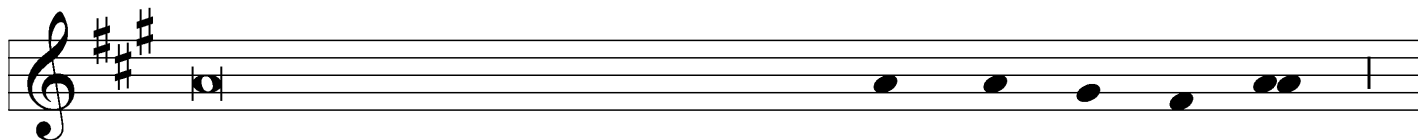
C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

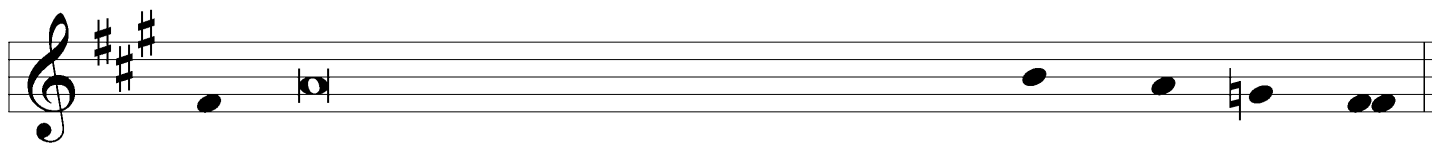
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

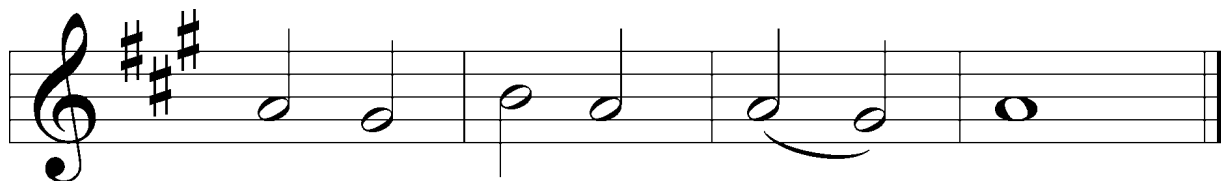
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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

Thine Forever, God of Love

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- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
 All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

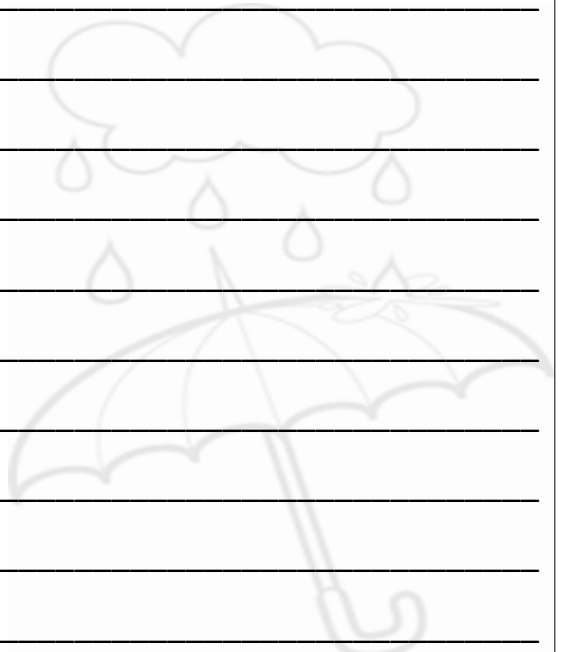
POSTLUDE

Psalm 23

*The LORD
is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Sermon Notes



From the Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2023 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.*

May Activities

*Elders' Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
9:00 a.m.*

Immanuel Lutheran School Activities

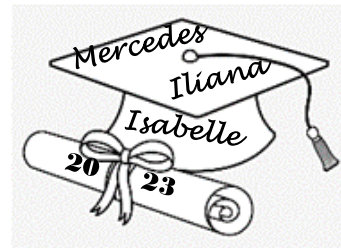
*Friday, May 12th - Muffins for Mom
Monday, May 22nd - Donuts for Dad
Wednesday, May 24th - Graduation/Promotion Ceremony
6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall*

Class of 2023

Kindergarten



Fifth Grade



Thursday, May 25th - Last Day of School

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together.

This week's memory verse: ***Mark 12:29-31***

Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	April Sunday Servants:	May Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Ken Eilers	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	S. Wehling & R. Cisneros	Billie Jo Neuhaus & M. Perez
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion 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

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).

4/23/2023		<p><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Readings :</i> <i>Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60</i> <i>Psalms 146</i> <i>1 Peter 2:2-10</i> <i>John 14:1-14</i></p>
Sunday Worship	41	
Plate:	\$ 221.00	
Envelopes:	\$ 1,783.00	
Donations: on-line	\$ 500.00	
Total:	\$ 2,504.00	
Bible Class:	19 \$ 21.00	

