

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God With Us"



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th 2021

*To God be glory for 141 years of His grace at Immanuel and
60 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 782

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days, For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴**Even 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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**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.**

Kyrie

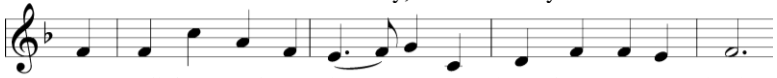


C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

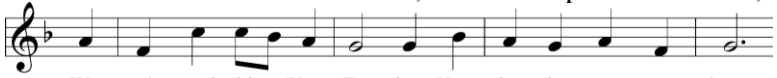
Gloria in Excelsis



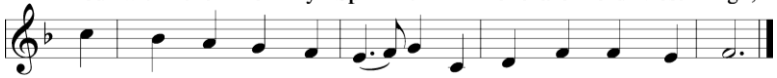
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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 - shipped 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 and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you 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 is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

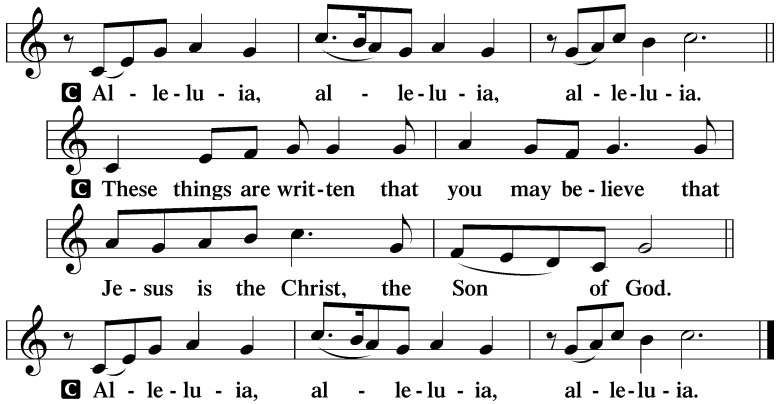
¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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

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

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

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

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

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

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 710 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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.
 right - eous - 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.

Sermon

Title: *The Good Shepherd*

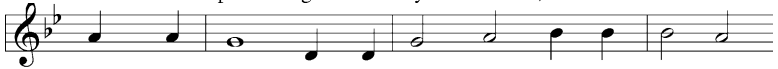
Scripture: *Psalm 23 and John 10*

Hymn for Reflection #LSB 534

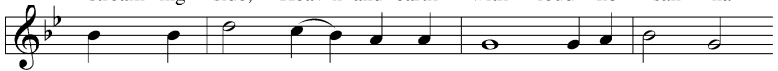
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



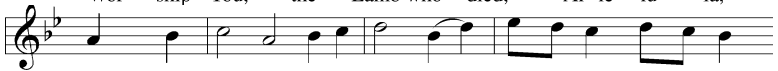
1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten
2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in
3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when
4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,
Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,
You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished
stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,
Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.
ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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Stand

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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

- A** 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.

Hymn to Depart #LSB 728

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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The Lord's Week

Sun. 9:00am **Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300**
10:00am **Ladies of the Congregation Meeting**
10:15am BC
11:15am Church Council
6:15 pm 5th-6th Confirmation
7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

Mon. 1:00pm Finance Board

Tues. 7:00pm Elders

Sun 9:00am **Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300**
10:15am BC/Sunday School
11:15am Church Council
7:30pm 7th-8th Grade Confirmation

NOTICE: Ladies of the Congregation meeting following church in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Plans for Sunday May 2nd

Sunday school is meeting on May 2nd. Immediately following the church service, all ages will go to the opening area in the basement.

- **Masks are required!** Snacks will be provided during class time.

The Board of Properties is actively looking for a person to *fill the position of custodian & groundskeeper*. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please have them contact a member of the Board of Properties or Dave Gieselman at 660-815-7470.

Saint Paul Lutheran High will host a semi-formal FAMILY event for the community on Saturday, May 1st on the campus in the Krueger Dining Hall.

Upon arrival, you'll be entertained, you'll feast on hors d'ouvres have an elegant 4-course meal. You'll hear some of your favorite songs from musical theater and Disney movies! Dinner will be prime rib with a wonderful array of desserts. Doors open at 5:15pm and dinner at 6pm!

NOTE: LIMITED SEATING SO RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID FOR BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH. Email jmarsh@splhs.org or call or text 816-605-5173 for reservations. Reservations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. Children under 2 are free. The dinner and show itself will be freewill offering. **Come, BE OUR GUEST!**

Holy Cross after-school program: If you will be needing after-school care for the 2021-2022 school year, Holy Cross in Emma has 7 openings. They will likewise have bus service from all three local schools to bring your kids directly there. For inquiries, call Holy Cross office.

Mother's Day Rose order form is on the table in the Narthex.

Those Serving


Musician.....Ron Baker
Acolyte.....Madison Moulton
Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies
Ushers..... Allen Bredehoeft, Allan Koch, Gary Anderson
Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel
Church Custodian.....Jim Teufel
Pastor.....Rev. Alan Mueller

SAVE THE DATE: VBS—Wednesday, June 16th, 5:30-7:00

- VBS will take place this summer for *one night only* on June 16th. (*Rain date-June 23rd*)
- This will take place outside, and we will begin with a meal for the children.
- The food will be served as a sack lunch. Kids, bring your picnic blankets!
- Thrivent cards are welcome to help cover the cost.
- There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for volunteers/donations.

TODAY!

Zion Lutheran Church, Dunksburg brought the Good News of Jesus to people from about 1907 until 1936. **A new stone marking the location will be dedicated on Sunday, April 25 at 2 PM. Zion Lutheran Cemetery** is located on Dunksburg Road, just north of Dunksburg.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:** Missouri District church planter, Pastor Jim Bartok, often uses his background in martial arts to connect with families in the Ozark area—teaching classes and meeting new people. These relationships then open doors for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and extending invitations to worship. Pastor Bartok is one of several church planters in our state—all using their unique skills for the glory of God to launch new churches. Please continue to keep these workers in your prayers as they serve in this challenging and joyful role!

CORRECTION for MARCH 2021 GIVING

2021 WK	Amount	2020 WK	Amount
10	\$ 8,444.00	10	\$ 2,388.00
11	\$ 2,658.00	11	\$ 2,979.00
12	\$ 3,785.00	12	\$ 645.00
13	\$ 2,997.00	13	\$ 2,481.00
	\$ 17,884.00		\$ 8,493.00
	\$ 1,194.40		\$ 1,318.45
	\$ 1,194.00		\$ 802.00
	\$ 20,272.40		\$ 10,613.45
	\$ 47,898.46		\$ 38,810.09

Church Budget 2021-\$168,855

- Needed tithes and offerings for
March 2021 \$12,989.
- Actual amount of tithes and offerings March 2021 \$20,272.
March 2021 received over budget \$7,283.

Sorry for the confusion. The year was switched for the two columns.

PRAYER

Members of Immanuel

Janet Eichholz, Carol Thurman, and Ronnie Vogelsmeier

Family and Friends of Immanuel

Nancy Abbuhl, Tiffany Scott Baker, Cindy Bernard, Shirley Colson,
Melissa Eckhoff, Corey Finkeldei, Tabby Green, Linda McFadden,
Neil Meador, John Richmond, Terry and Judy Thomsen

Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents

Millie Heins, LoWanda Pinkepank, and Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)
Dolores Fischer (GSNH Apartments)
Dorothy Krause (The Villa)

Mission Workers

Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China),
Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand),
Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

Military

MaKenna Eckhoff, and Chad Ziegelbein



Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

If you get a chance check us out online at:

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May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!

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