

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*To God be glory for 146 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
74 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

# Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 666

*O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

**P** Upon 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*

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

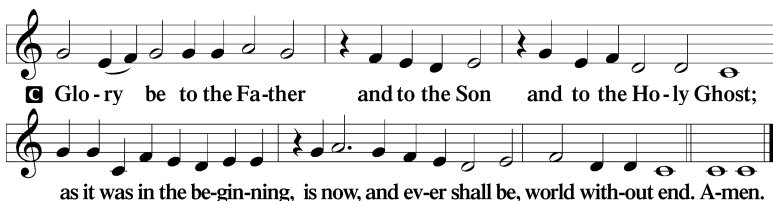
**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

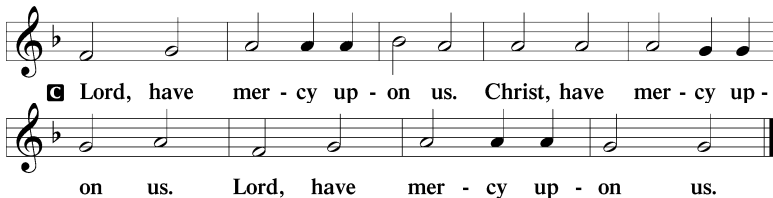
all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



**G**lo - 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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** 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 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Acts 4:1-12*

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

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and

John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.  
<sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,<sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,<sup>10</sup>let 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.<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.<sup>12</sup>And 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*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.<sup>17</sup>But 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?<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;<sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;<sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.<sup>23</sup>And 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.<sup>24</sup>Whoever 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



**C** 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 be to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.<sup>12</sup>He 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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Sit*

Hymn #LSB 605 v.1

*Father Welcomes*

Children's Message

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

Sermon

*Title: My Cup Overflows*

*Scripture: Psalm 23*

# Reflection Hymn #LSB 782 *Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

## Offering

### Offertory

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 740

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

## Acknowledgments

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# The Lord's Week

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>6:30am</b> 10:15am	<b>Divine Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> BC/SS
<b>Mon.</b>	8:30am 1:30	Royal Oak Bible Study Finance Board
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00pm	Elders
<b>Wed.</b>	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:00pm	Church Council
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:00am</b> 10:30am 11:00am	<b>Holy Communion Service on KMMO AM 1300</b> Short SS class, Bible Study, and fellowship Potluck Dinner celebrating the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Sanctuary



**Our radio broadcast this morning is sponsored in the loving memory of Harlan Gieseke and Lana Scott.** Lois Gieseke and her family with Lindsey Shockley are sponsoring this broadcast. We thank them for remembering their loved ones by sharing God's word with others. May the Lord continue to enrich and bless your lives every day.

**Roses for Mother's Day: Form in Narthex. \$2/rose. Due by Tues., May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please specify red (honoring) or white (remembering).**

**The Board of Ed has available the guidelines and form for the Lutheran School Scholarship** given by Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is for students entering Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade who are attending a school sponsored by a Lutheran Church. Forms are to be completed and returned to the church office or to Kayla Ohrenberg by **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The scholarship will be determined by July 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Missions is planning a SHINE project** cleaning up trash along the north side of I-70 and possibly down 127 Highway in town. The Boy Scout, we saw, did the south side of I-70 coming into Sweet Springs so we thought we could do the north side. We are planning to start **at 9 am until noon on May 4<sup>th</sup>** and then feeding those

who help. MoDot will provide trash bags and vests to wear while picking up trash. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church for those who want to help. Thanks ahead of time for helping out.

## Those Serving

Musicians:.....Ron Baker  
 Acolyte: .....Braelyn Johnson  
 Radio and Sound:.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
 Video:.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
 Ushers: .....Allan Koch, James Nowland, Garrett Sims, Dave Gieselman  
 Church Secretary:.....Judy Teufel  
 Pastor:.....Rev. Alan Mueller



# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt, Walter Howard

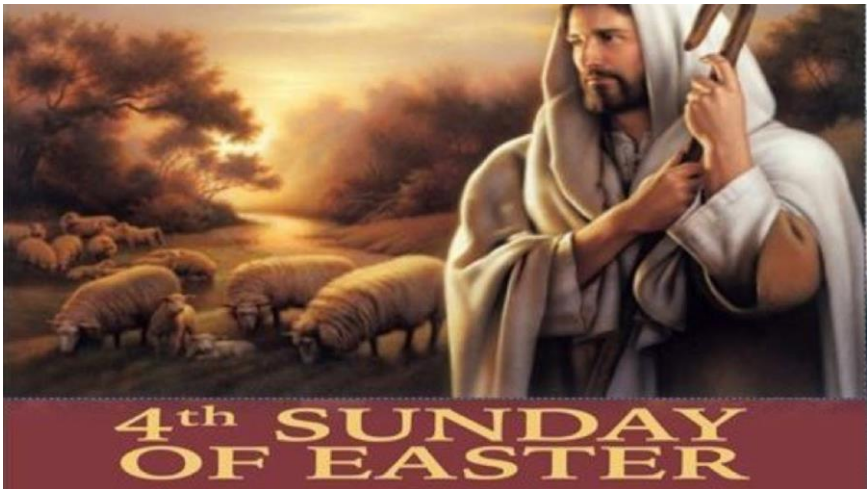
**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, Evelyn Bledsoe, Michelle Boland, Gloria Burrow, Brandy Clevenger, Gail Foster Horman, Retta Hamilton, Diane Heermann, Tracy Schultz, Nicole Scott, Jeff Vogt, Marty Winter, and Debbie Wulser.

**Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:** Dorothy Krause (The Villa)  
Dolores Fischer, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH)  
Thelma Nienhueser (The Living Center)

**Mission Workers:** Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand),  
Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO.

**Military:** Jeffrey Abel and MaKenna Eckhoff

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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:

[www.immanuelsweetsprings.com](http://www.immanuelsweetsprings.com).

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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*Welcome to  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
through the waters of Holy Baptism*

***Kamrynn Elizabeth Rae Wheeler***

*on Saturday, April 20th, 2024*

***Child of Dillin Wheeler & Madisen Thornton***

*"We pray that according to Your good pleasure that Walter may faithfully grow  
to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name." (LSB)*

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***Confirmed on***

*Sunday, April 14th, 2023*

*Confirmed last Sunday at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
in Sweet Springs, Missouri was:*

***Baylee Lynn Renken***

*Parents: Andrew & Claressa Renken*

*Her Confirmation Verse is:*

*Matthew 19:14 (ESV).*

*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me  
and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"*



# BIKE4ALZ 5K AND WALK

June 1, 2024

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at Immanuel Lutheran Church Education building will be the start of the BIKE4ALZ 5K AND WALK.

Check-in begins at 8:00am. The registration is \$35 per person.

Registration made before May 24<sup>th</sup> will receive a t-shirt. For registration forms please contact Cari at [carihiggins@yahoo.com](mailto:carihiggins@yahoo.com).

Group, personal, and business participation are welcome. Any persons or organizations who wish to sponsor please contact Cari at 660-553-1321 or by email. All proceeds and donations will be donated to Bike4Alz organization.

## *SUMMER ACTIVITIES*



**Join us for Summer Music Camps at Concordia Music Conservatory: Choir Camp, June 3-7**, for children ages kindergarten to 8th grade.

**Orchestra Camp, June 10-14**, for children ages 4th-12th grade.

Enroll online at [cmc-music.org](http://cmc-music.org).

Camps are 9am to 4pm daily on the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, MO. Lunch and snacks are provided. On the Friday of each camp there will be a closing concert at 2pm. If you have any questions please contact CMC at 660-624-7950 or [info@cmc-music.org](mailto:info@cmc-music.org).

Are you looking for meaningful activities to engage your elementary and middle school children this summer? Check out Saint Paul Lutheran High School's summer camps that cater to a variety of interests from athletics to cooking and language learning. Our activities are designed to develop new skills, foster teamwork, and inspire personal growth. Learn more and register at [tinyurl.com/2024SummerCampsSPLHS](http://tinyurl.com/2024SummerCampsSPLHS).



**Immanuel's Sanctuary is turning 100 years old!**

Come celebrate with us Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with a special service and followed by a potluck at 11:00am.

You can either run home and grab a dish after service, or just stick around for a short minute while enjoying the fellowship of your brothers and sisters.

Together, we remember and thank God for his enduring blessings poured out upon our church.

