



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

**Welcome** to this place of praise and prayer. We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family. We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.

We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

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### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, 4/21:**

-9:00 am: Worship with Chris & Dennis Hallemeier

**Monday, 4/22:**

-3:00 pm: Newsletter Folding  
-6:30 pm: Altar Guild Meeting

**Tuesday, 4/23:**

**Wednesday, 4/24:**

-9:00 am: 3D  
-10:30 am: Bible Study @ Immanuel  
-6:30 pm: Confirmation

**Thursday, 4/24:**

-1:00 pm: Claddagh Worship

**Friday, 4/26:**

-Pastor Off

**Saturday, 4/27:**

**Sunday, 4/28:**

-9am Worship

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

***(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as people of God. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

***(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.)***

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, **good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

### FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

#502

### SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**                      *Celtic Alleluia vs. 1*      Cantor: Olivia Denney      **Page 174**

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 10. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care 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>I have other sheep that do not belong to 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 in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me,

but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

*(Congregation may be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Chris Hallemeier**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**#789**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The response to each prayer will be, “Lord, in your mercy,”

Congregation reply will be, “**Hear our prayer.**”

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.*

**OFFERING**

*(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)*

**OFFERING HYMN**

*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

**#721**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Praise the Lord Rise Up Rejoicing*

**#544**

(Shakers are available for anyone who wants to accompany the last hymn)

**SENDING**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

**Reader:** Donna Huttner

**Coffee and Refreshments:** Jan, Emma, & Nyah Rommes

**Worship Volunteering Opportunities:** We would love to have you help us worship! Opportunities include greeting, ushering, reading scriptures, serving communion, and serving refreshments. We continue to have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, as well as the sign-up link on our church website homepage. You may also contact the office or Pastor.

**Thank you to Pastor's Chris & Dennis Hallemeier for leading our worship service today and thank you to Olivia Denney for being cantor today!**

## **Additional News and Notes for the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Next week schedule changes:**

- Newsletter Folding: Monday, April 22 at 3:00 pm
- Altar Guild Meeting: Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm

**Faith Formation Center/Library:** New in the Faith Formation Center/Library are a gold or silver double-ring cross, appropriate for a wedding or anniversary gift. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12. There are 2 styles of mugs perfect for Mom. One read "A Mother Loves at All Times" (\$8) and the other is "Mother-Her Children Arise Up, and Call Her Blessed" (\$5). Also new is a package of napkins which read "God Bless This Special Occasion" (\$3), perfect for a baptism or special event.

Do you need a Mother's Day or graduation card? They are now available in the Faith Formation Center. All cards are always just \$1.

### **We're going to Day Camp!**

The Board of Education is organizing a youth day trip to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for Explorers Day Camp on Monday, June 17th. This one day adventure will include Bible Story time and a variety of activities that may include fun games, nature time, swimming, crafts, pony time and exploring the camp valley! This will be a great opportunity for our youth to experience Sugar Creek before committing to an overnight program.

Day campers must be entering Kindergarten through 6th grade to attend. An email will be going out soon to all families on our Sunday School email list with registration details. Please email [ilsundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:ilsundayschool@gmail.com) if you do not receive the email or are not on our email list.

We're excited to be heading to Day Camp and look forward to new adventures with our youth!