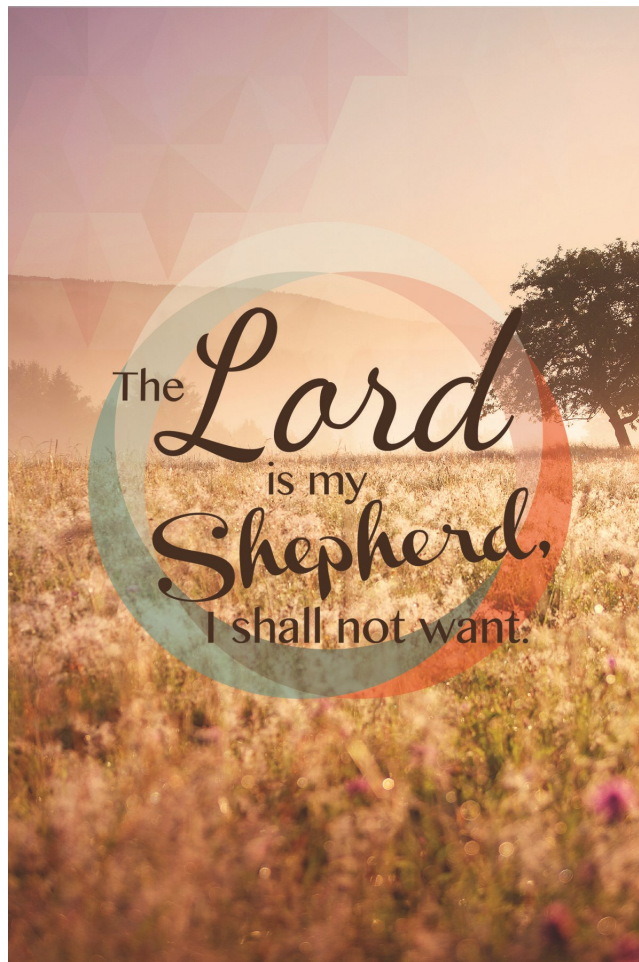


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*“Inspired by God’s Grace
to Love and Serve all”*



**MAY 11, 2025
9:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome & Announcements

WE WELCOME GUESTS WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Thank you!

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Joel Ohman.

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2025, the price remains at \$14.00. The sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

We welcome Nancy Heykes to worship this morning as our worship leader. Thank you Nancy for sharing your gifts and talents!

OFFICE HOURS—Administrative Assistant Kari Britton Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to Noon. Pastor John Kuziej: Various Tuesdays of the month (*when not leading nursing home services*) 10:00 am—Noon and by appointment. Pastor John is happy to schedule visits with home-bound individuals and is also available for hospital visits. Cell: 906-932-4165; email: johnckuziej2@gmail.com.

MAY WORSHIP – Please sign up in the narthex OR call the office if you can assist with Worship. We need readers, ushers, livestream assistant, and communion assistant.

NATH MEALS: Please consider signing your group up to provide a meal for 2025. To volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or you can call Sue Larsen at 715-362-2544.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY—2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY—"Twelve Women of the Bible"

3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm. at an area restaurant. Call Sheree at 715-360-3176 for more info.

DONATE your old eyeglasses, sunglasses and more! Immanuel has decided to do an eyeglasses, sunglasses, cellphone, hearing aids and tablets ministry. Please drop off any of these items in the Lion's containers as provided.

Prelude

Statio: Holy Pause—Silence

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

(continued)

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ELW #789

Pastoral Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (Sing)

Also Found on Page 213

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn of Praise (Sing)

Also Found on Page 213-215

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest:
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.'

39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

Read Responsively

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**
- ³ **he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**
- ⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You 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
my whole life long.**

Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 14 I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

Also found on Page 151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 10:22-30

The Gospel of the Lord according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' 25 Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord ***Praise to you, O Christ***

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Nancy Heykes

HYMN OF THE DAY *"The Lord's My Shepherd" ELW #778*

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*Please share a sign of peace, keeping in mind social distancing
and respecting others boundaries.*

Please be seated.

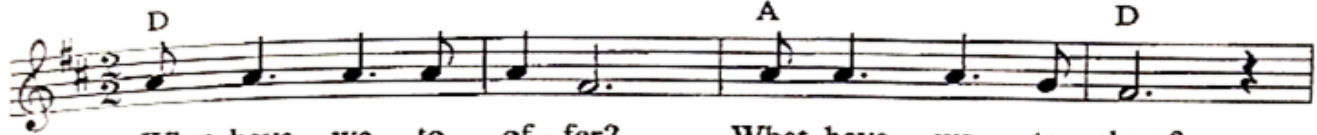
Offering (Please sing hymn while the collection is being taken.)

Offering Song—"What Have We to Offer?"

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1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathered into one with the Holy Spirit let us pray
as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

Please be seated.

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn “*Have No Fear, Little Flock*” ELW #764

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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