

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021—9am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

Prelude

Hymn: #466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Invocation

Matthew 28:19

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

- 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.**
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- All: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve 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.**

The Word of Absolution

- 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.**

The Kyrie

- C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Salutation

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And with Thy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Day

- P: Let us pray:
- C: **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.**

Special Music: "Our God Reigns"

Michaela Farnsworth, Ethan Wilcox, Jackson Hamilton

Gospel Reading

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.

¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: #709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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 - "Understanding deeper reality of Jesus as Good Shepherd
(Contrast of shepherd and hireling)" *John 10:11-18*

Intro: What do we know about sheep?

I. Heart of hireling

- A. Employee
- B. Watching flock but didn't own. *Vs. 12-13*
- C. Cares nothing for sheep
- D. Cares for what he can get rather than give.
- E. Prophets in it for profits.

II. Characteristics of Good Shepherd

- A. In every predicament of life, he is your Good Shepherd
 - 1. He loves you so He knows you
 - 2. To love Him is to know Him.
- B. Lays down His life for sheep. *Vs. 11, 15*
 - 1. Sacrifices for flock
 - 2. Whatever may attack the Shepherd takes stand to defend flock even to death.
 - 3. Jesus delivers from the bondage of sin and Satan.
 - 4. Our response to follow Him not to get, but give, because we've been richly given.

The Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Eric Gillis, 15 yr old son of Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin

Successful chemo treatment for Anona, friend of Susan Tumlin

Good test results & healing for Richard, husband of Nancy Richards

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and putting in basket on the way out.)

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

The Words of Institution

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." 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."

Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The 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 give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Wait for Ushers to excuse you. Please leave nothing in the pews. Place pencils, attendance card and offering in the basket in front of the Baptismal Font. Please quietly return to your cars.

Communion Distribution (during final hymn)

The Closing Hymn #609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments

Continued Prayers

Peace & comfort for the family of Kimberly Marrs, niece of Betsy & Tom Proeschel

Peace & comfort for the family of Michael Cribbs, father of ILS Student, Elijah Cribbs

Successful employment opportunities for Matt Murphy

Thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church and
Its congregation

Employment for those struggling to find a job

Healing

Tom McGillem, kidney transplant

Sherri Ritter

Sara Plumb

Nancy Eydmann, wife of Ray Eydmann

Beverly, mother of Bonne Faherty

Melissa, daughter of Carol Frasse

Kathy Hedrick, friend of Sue Hague

Jim Nichols, father of Cathy Wilson

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Carol, sister of Trish Smith

Don & Bev Cook, brother of Steve Cook

Chad Pry, boyfriend of Cheryl, daughter of Joan Crouse

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Raymond, brother of Barbara LaVere

David, brother of Larry Habeck

Walt Braudis

Barbara LaVere

Tracy, cousin of Jacquelyn Hahn

Lisa Steinbrueck, niece of the Steinbrueck's

Kevin Eads, brother of Karri Funk

Kathy, daughter of Walt Braudis

Keith Stallings

Alan Sparks

Don Swisher, step-father of Larry Habeck

Paul Braudis, brother of Walt

Bill, (w/brain cancer) uncle of Brian Littrel

Cheryl Ford

David Parkinson, brother of Betty Loraamm

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo

Xander Ritter stationed at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, (USMC)

Matthew Albers, Major in USAF and in command in Sacramento, CA, son of Deb Albers

Logan Crouse as he is undergoing Army air borne training, great-nephew of Joan Crouse

Carson Crouse, (army) great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed in Georgia

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Tom Finger
Monday: Joseph & Claire Fleischman, Avery, Benjamin
Tuesday: Austin & Helena Flynn, Jane
Wed: James & Cheryl Ford
Thursday: Rita Fowler
Friday: Ron & Karri Funk
Saturday: Bob & Christine Garrett

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Leah Schultz
Monday: Aniah Shannon
Tuesday: Cassidy Shepherd
Wed: Benjamin Sierra
Thursday Blake & Gavin Simmons
Friday: Kenneth Smith
Saturday Gia Steenis