IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 24/25, 2021



THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 24/25, 2021

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Members.

- We pray that God will richly bless you as we worship together. During the offering, please pass the *Record of Fellowship* down the pew and back, signing your name and address. If you are receiving Holy Communion please check the box beside your name (*one line* for each communion registrant). Please introduce yourself to Pastor as you leave.
- * Children in Worship. We love to have children with us in worship at Immanuel; what a joy that they can be a part of the intergenerational family of faith. We encourage them to participate in as much of the service as possible based on their age and ability. Children can stand, kneel and sit with the congregation, speak the parts of the liturgy and prayers that repeat each week, especially the creed and the Lord's Prayer. There is the children's message and children's offering. There are children's bulletins and "quiet" bags available at both entrances to help the younger ones get through the service. After the Children's Message, the children are welcome to go downstairs to the nursery where they can play under supervision by nursery workers until after the prayers of the church.
 - If your child becomes fussy and disruptive to others, please take advantage of the "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary until they are ready to return to the pew. There is a changing table, restroom, rocking chair, quiet toys and books in the "Cry Room". There is an audio speaker in the room so the parents can continue to listen to the service.
- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak to the pastor. To schedule an appointment call 893-6792 or email pastor.jud@immanuelhamilton.com. If you are not receiving the sacrament, but would like to come forward for a blessing please cross your hands over your chest while kneeling at the rail. In the center of the individual cup rack, there are several cups of highly diluted wine for those who prefer. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29;1 Cor. 11:17-34.
- At Immanuel our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. You may find that you don't understand everything that is going on the first week you visit us. That's okay. There is a depth to Lutheran Worship that can take time to appreciate. We are not traditional in style because we are lost in the past, but because this is the worship that has been delivered to us by Christians who have gone before for close to 2,000 years. Worship services at Immanuel normally last one hour fifteen minutes.

△ When you see this symbol next to the last verse of a hymn, please rise in honor and respect to the Trinity.

Pre-Service

Ringing of the Bells

- **P** This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Stand if able

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Sit

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.

Stand if able

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Everyone turns to face the people on the other side of the church. The following is then spoken:

Lectern Side: The Peace of the Lord be with you always **Pulpit Side:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always

All: Amen

Service of the Word

Procession

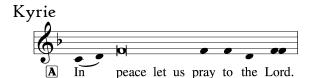
Turn and face the processional cross as it enters the nave and follow it forward during the procession, bowing as it passes if you choose.

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



- 5 How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought! But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath; And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!

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Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



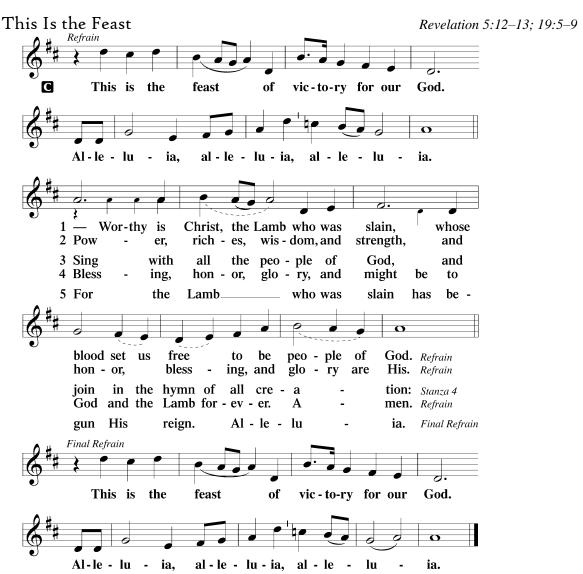


C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Sit

First Reading Acts 4:1-12

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

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 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. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 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.

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6

- **P** The LORD is my | shepherd;*
- **C** I | shall not want.
- P He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
- **C** He leads me beside still waters.
- P He re- | stores my soul.*
- **G** He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.
- 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.
- P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;*
- you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.
- P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,*
- and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- ever.

Epistle 1 John 3:16–24

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

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. 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 if able





Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

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



[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 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. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 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.



Sit

Children's Message



709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 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

Stand if able

Apostles' Creed

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

Installation of a Lutheran School Teacher

Those to be installed are presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

Beloved in the Lord, Amy Barker has been properly elected and called to serve as a teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School. This office has been established in love by the Church to support the Office of the Holy Ministry and to assist and strengthen Christian fathers and mothers in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord.

Hear the Word of God concerning this office.

A For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The presiding minister addresses the teacher-elect:

- **P** Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- **R** Yes, I believe and confess the canonical Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?
- Yes, I believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds because they are in accord with the Word of God. I also reject all the errors they condemn.
- P Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?
- **R** Yes, I make these Confessions my own because they are in accord with the Word of God.
- **P** Do you solemnly promise faithfully to serve God's people in the teaching ministry in accordance with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?
- R Yes, I promise, with the help of God.
- Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?
- **R** *I will, with the help of God.*

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the confession and solemn promise of Amy, who has been called to the office of teacher in the Church. I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive her, show her fitting love and honor, and support her by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.
- **C** We will, with the help of God.
- P The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The presiding minister asks each teacher-elect:

- P Are you ready and willing to assume the work of this office?
- R I am.

The presiding minister installs each teacher-elect, saying:

- Amy Barker, I install you as teacher of Immanuel Lutheran School in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand if able

The newly installed may kneel.

P Let us pray.

Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to Amy, and adorn her with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ⅓ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** ...Lord in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

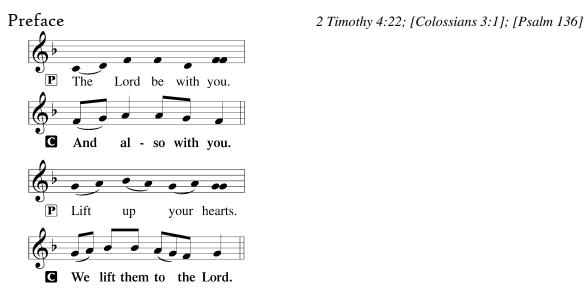
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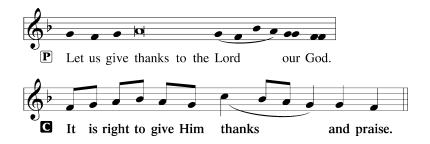
- **P** ... now and forever.
- **C** Amen



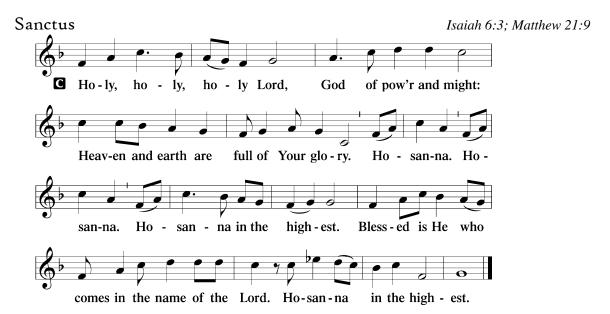


Service of the Sacrament





P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 Our Lord

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."

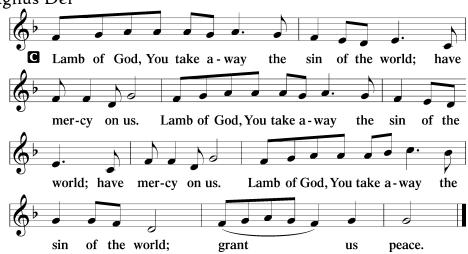
Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

Distribution for Social Distancing

Distribution will be done in stages at the 4:00, 8:00, and 11:00 services. First, we will bring family units forward who wish to commune at the rail. Please leave a few feet of space between family units at the railing. Then, we will move to continuous communion for those who don't wish to go to the rail. If you are only receiving a blessing please cross your hands over your chest after you come forward as directed by the ushers.

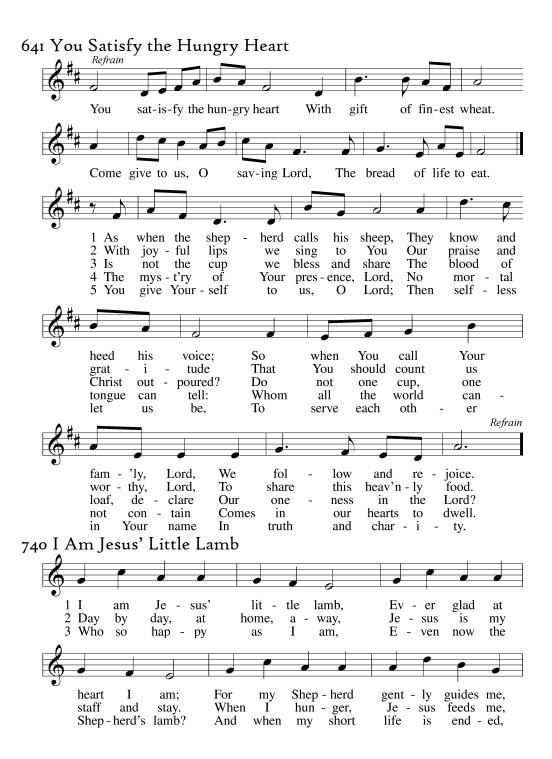
Communion at Immanuel

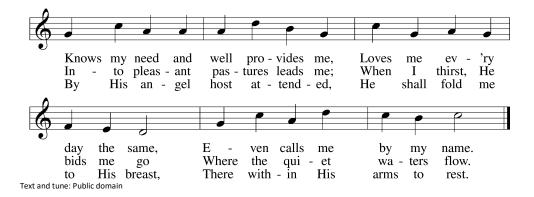
Holy Communion at Immanuel is an important part of our worship and one of the three means by which God pours out His grace upon us. In, with and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, believing Jesus' words, "this is my body, this is my blood" Before coming to communion one should examine him/herself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in my Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament? Do I plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change my sinful life? Communion is a family meal for those in fellowship with Immanuel Lutheran Church or a sister congregation. It is for baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning and power of the sacrament and who accept the teachings of the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod. If you have not communed at Immanuel previously, please make an appointment to speak to the pastor during the coming week. Those who are not communing and children and youth who have not yet made their first communion but wish to come to the rail for a blessing, are asked to cross their hands over their chest while at the rail.

Communion Prayers

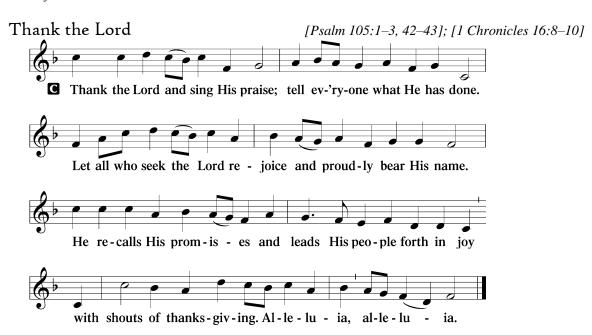
Before Communing Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.





Stand if able



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

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.



710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



End of Service

Sit

Announcements

- P Go in Peace, Serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

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