

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING - COPY FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP



*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"  
Psalm 122:1*



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***Worship Notes***  
***Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025***  
***Traditionally Known as Good Shepherd Sunday***

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshipping with us today,  
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

THEME

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Christ alone secures salvation for believing Jews and Gentiles. He temporally and eternally anchors those persecuted for believing, asserting, and preaching divine truths. In the midst of strife, sin, disease, and death God shepherds His people into eternity. As His sheepish people, we listen to His voice. So also, we receive the living waters of Holy Baptism where He asserts His claim on us forever.

ORDER

Today we follow a hymn-based setting of one of the traditional *Orders of the Day*, the *Order of Matins*. Our psalmody is probably the most familiar and well-loved psalm of all, the **23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm**. Our hymns reflect the theme of the Lord as *our* Shepherd and King, as we as His sheep whom He guides and cares for!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Henry W. Baker's paraphrase of Psalm 23, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, first appeared in 1868. This hymn is a wonderful example of the application of Christian truth to psalmody, particularly stanza 3 and the last line of stanza 4, “Thy cross before to guide me.” The tune, St. Columba, is a traditional 18<sup>th</sup> century Irish melody, and named for the highly revered Irish saint.



# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## A Hymn-Based Order of Matins

Prelude - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (*Incorporating Sheep May Safely Graze*)  
(William Bradbury/J.S. Bach; arr. Paul Grime)

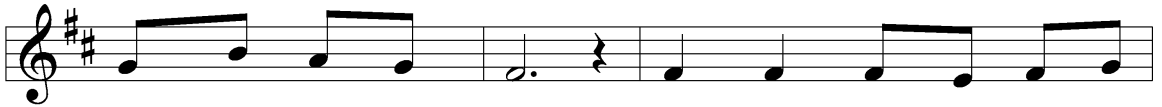
### Ringing of the Church Bells & Welcome to Worship

Hymn - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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*Stand*

### Invocation and Versicles

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

**L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

# Venite Hymn

OAR 300



1 Come, let us praise the Lord, With joy our God ac - claim,  
2 Our God of match-less worth, Our King be - yond com - pare,  
3 In wor-ship bow the knee, Our glo - rious God con - fess;



His great-ness tell a - broad And bless His sav - ing name.  
The deep - est bounds of earth, The hills, are in His care.  
The great Cre - a - tor, He, The Lord of Righ - teous - ness.



Lift high your songs Be - fore His throne To  
He all de - crees, Who by His hand Pre -  
He reigns un - seen: His flock He feeds And



whom a - lone All praise be - longs.  
pared the land And formed the seas.  
gent - ly leads In pas - tures green.

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**L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

(8:00) Anthem - **Rejoice, This Easter Day** (*Milton & Joanna Ledoux*)

Rejoice and sing this Easter day! Rejoice! Rejoice!  
For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice.  
Rejoice, alleluia! Rejoice, alleluia! Rejoice, alleluia! Rejoice, I say, rejoice!  
Rejoice and sing this Easter ! Rejoice! Rejoice!  
For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice.

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice and sing this Easter day! Rejoice! Rejoice!  
For Christ has risen from the grave! I say, rejoice!  
Lift up you voice, rejoice, again I say, I say, rejoice.

## **First Reading**

*Acts 20:17-35*

### *Keep watch over the flock.*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:  
“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

- C** <sup>1</sup>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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*"The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd."*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:22-30*

*"My sheep hear My voice."*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Responsory

**L** Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**L** Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Sit*

## Children's Message



Song - I am Jesus' Little Lamb - Sung after children are gathered!

LSB 740

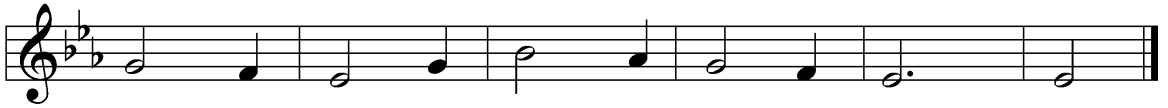
1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
 Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig  
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Hymn - The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

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**

*Stand*

**Te Deum Hymn**

*LSB 941*



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring;  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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*Sit*

## We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

Voluntary – **He Shall Feed His Flock** (*G.F. Handel; arr. Bernadine Johnson*)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
 and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden,  
and he will give you rest.  
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for He is meek and lowly of heart,  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

*Stand*

### **Lord's Prayer**

- L** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

### **Collect of the Day**

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

- L** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Our prayers conclude:*

**L** O Lord, You promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice, know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your arms forever; 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.

### Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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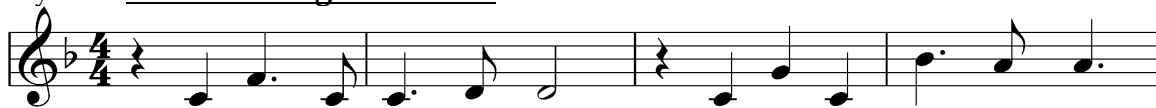
**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

# Hymn - There Is a Higher Throne

OAR 269



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne.



Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.  
We'll hon - or Him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die.



Be - liev - ing hearts find prom-ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
The Lamb be-comes our Shep-herd-King; we'll reign with Him.

## *Refrain*



Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings.



Through em-'rald courts and sap-phire skies their prais-es rise.



All glo-ry, wis-dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are to



God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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## Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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*You can prepare for next weekend by reading:*

#### **Acts 11:1-18**

*"Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."*

#### **Psalms 148**

*"Praise the LORD."*

#### **Revelation 21:1-7**

*"I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem."*

#### **John 13:31-35**

*Love one another.*



God is **love**.  
Whoever lives in love lives in God,  
and **God** in him.

1 John 4:16

**Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Vicar Joshua Horst  
Preacher: Pastor Rory Karg  
Organist: Paul Snyder  
Choir: 8:00 – Immanuel 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Elders: 8:00 – Drew Hackmann 10:30 – Tim Schaff  
Acolytes: 8:00 – Ryan Hundelt & Jack Mohrmann  
10:30 – Caleb San & Jeremy Tian  
Ushers: Team B – Wayne Meyr & Dan Krenning, Head Ushers

*Chancel Flowers*

*The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God by Lorna Arbet!*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL  
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!  
PLEASE COMPLETE ONE OF THE GREEN SLIPS GIVING  
THE REASON FOR PLACING FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL!**

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