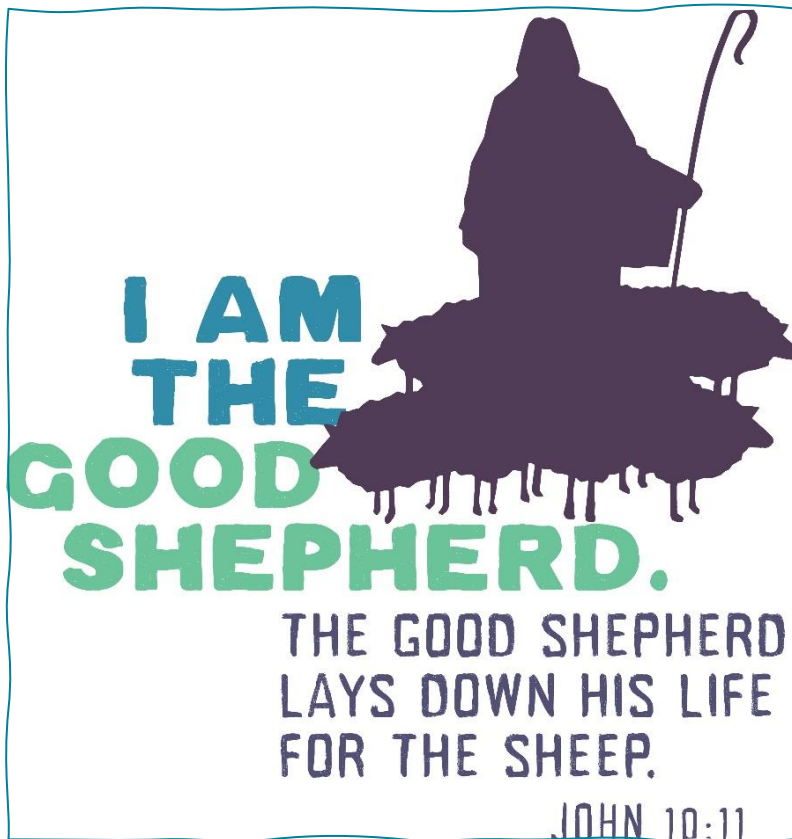


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

*1 Peter 2:9*



APRIL 20, 2024

5:00 PM



## AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

## AS YOU WORSHIP WITH US

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available from an Elder or Usher.

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING SONG

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

### CALLING ON GOD’S NAME

#### SPEAKING GOD’S WORD TO ONE ANOTHER

*John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48*

**Pastor:** Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

**People:** **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

**Pastor:** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

**People:** **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

**Pastor:** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

**People:** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

**Pastor:** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**People:** **And let all the people say, “Amen!” Praise the LORD!**

## SEEKING FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**People:** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

### ✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

#### FIRST READING

Acts 4:1–12

(Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem Council.)

#### SECOND READING

1 John 3:16–24

(Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.)

#### HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

(Jesus prays for and about His disciples.)

#### CONNECTING SONG

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

#### MESSAGE

“How Do You Know?”

Pastor Donald

#### CONFESSING OUR FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

#### TALKING WITH GOD

(Need prayer? Text 224-801-2902)

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the needs of ourselves and others. Trusting in God's loving response, we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to God's people, asking that the Lord will bless His undershepherds and all who care for His flock.

**People:** Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves, that the Holy Spirit guide us into gracious ways and instill in us a holy confidence in the goodness of our God, aiding us in our prayers. With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, [*especially . . .*].

**People: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**                      *“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”*                      **Choir**  
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**LORD’S PRAYER**    (forgive us our sins)

**LEAVING WITH A BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG**    *“Beautiful Savior”*    LSB 537

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