

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20 and 21, 2024



*He is risen*

*Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer  
Lector: Seminarian John Carpenter  
Organist: Nicole Busarow  
Choir: Adult Choir (8:00, 10:30)  
Acolytes: Carson Smith, Grant Bradtmiller (8:00)  
Madelyn Van Spankeren, Scarlett Gillingham (10:30)  
Elder: Wade Benjamin (5:00)  
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)  
Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe) (5:00)  
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (8:00)  
Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (10:30)  
Communion Assistant: Ben Oberlin (5:00)  
Randy Sommer (8:00)  
Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

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## Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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**WELCOME** to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY** ~ Everyone, please sign in! If you are a guest today, please include your address and zip code so that we may acknowledge your visit.

**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!

**PRELUDE** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Powell)*

**GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS**

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia* **LSB 463**

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!**  
**Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!**  
**Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!**  
**At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!**  
**Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!**  
**Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!**  
**Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!**  
**God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!**  
**When contending death and life, Alleluia!**  
**Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!**  
**All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!**  
**Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!**  
**Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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**INVOCATION ~ Page 184 ↑**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.** (Matthew 28:19)

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 184 ↑**

**Pastor:** 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. (Hebrews 10:22)

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People:** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved 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.**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** **Amen.** (John 20:19-23)

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑ (5:00)**

**Pastor:** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14, 15b)

**Pastor:** The Lord is my shepherd;

**People:** **I shall not want.**

**Pastor:** He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**People:** **He leads me beside still waters.**

**Pastor:** He restores my soul.

**People:** **He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Pastor:** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**People:** your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**People:** you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**People:** and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY** ↑ (8:00, 10:30) *Congregation will sing the verses printed in bold.*

I am the good | shepherd. \*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.  
(John 10:14, 15b)

The Lord is my | shepherd; \*

I | shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green | pastures. \***

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

He re- | stores my soul. \*

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.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies; \*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

**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.** (Psalm 23)

♪ **GLORIA PATRI ~ Page 186** ↑

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

(8:00, 10:30) I am the good | shepherd. \*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.  
(John 10:14, 15b)

♪ **KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy ~ Page 186** ↑

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

♪ **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest ~ Page 187** ↑

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

**People:** And on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ Page 189** ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

**People:** And with thy spirit.

Pastor: 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.

**People:** Amen.

**FIRST READING** ↓

**Acts 4:1-12 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>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



And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever!

**SERMON** ↓ *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and  
minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

People: **Amen.**

♪ **OFFERTORY - Page 192** ↑ (Psalm 51:10-12)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** ↑

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people  
according to their needs.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your  
mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess  
regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you,  
we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,  
you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

♪ **PREFACE ~ Page 194** ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS ~ Page 195** ↑

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 196** ↑

**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.** (Matthew 6:9-13)

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 197** ↑ (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

Pastor: 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 ~ The Peace of the Lord ~ Page 197** ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.** (John 20:19)

♪ **AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God ~ Page 198** ↑

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.** (John 1:29)

♪ **DISTRIBUTION** ↓ *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* **LSB 710**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

*I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

*LSB 740*

I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, by His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, there within His arms to rest.

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*LSB 711*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

**BLESSING** ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: **Amen.**

♪ **NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon ~ Page 199** ↑

(Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

♪ **THANKSGIVING ~ Page 200** ↑

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

(Psalm 107:1)

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT ~ Page 201** ↑

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in  
loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You  
that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and  
we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and  
minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ People: **Amen.**

♪ **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ~ Page 202** ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)

People: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **BENEDICTION ~ Page 202** ↑

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.** (Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ **CLOSING HYMN** ↑ *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* **LSB 475**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!**

**To all the world glad news we bring: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;**

**Let all the world rejoice and say: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,**

**And sing with hearts uplifted high: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord**

**The life laid down, the life restored: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* (Leavitt)