



**Summer**  
**WORSHIP**  
**SCHEDULE**

*Emanuel's Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, May 24.*

*All services will be held in the sanctuary!*

*Saturday 5:00 p.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 9:00 a.m. Divine Service*

*Sunday 10:30 a.m. Gathering*

**THE WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer  
Lector: Seminarian Juston Lantrip  
Organist: Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music  
Choir: Adult Choir (8:00)  
CLS Charger Choir (10:30)  
Acolytes: Landon Carter, Luke Melcher (8:00)  
Everett Fitzwater (10:30)  
Elder: John Colter (5:00)  
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)  
Ushers: Group S1 (Dale Loshe) (5:00)  
Group 3 (Mark Schuller) (8:00)  
Group 4 (Bill Bremer) (10:30)  
Communion Assistant: Ben Oberlin (5:00)  
Ryan Hellinger (10:30)

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25 and 26, 2026



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# † The Fourth Sunday of Easter †

*Divine Service IV with Communion – LSB page 203*

**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.

**AS WE GATHER** ~ Although we “were straying like sheep,” the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins “in his body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we “have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also “hear his voice” and “know his voice” (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in “the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship” and in “the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42).

## PRELUDE

## 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!**

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**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!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 203 ↑

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

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

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

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

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** (Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

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

## INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

(Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b)

*The congregation sings the verses 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.

Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord;\*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;\***

**let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a | great God,\*  
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

**Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;\*  
let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!**

For he | is our God,\*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I am the good | shepherd.\*  
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

♪ **KYRIE ~ Page 204 ↑**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.** (Mark 10:47)

♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE - Page 171 ↑**

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

*From Divine Service, Setting Two ~ See LSB page 171 for music.*

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**All: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑**

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

**People: And also with you.** (Luke 1:28)

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 ↓**

**Psalm 23 (ESV)**

<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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM ↓ (8:00) Tender Shepherd (Martin)**

Tender Shepherd, lead me on.  
From the hills I hear Your song calling me home where I belong,  
Back to Your arms so kind, so strong.

When my path begins to stray,  
Shepherd, You never turn away, You bear my sins and take the blame,  
And carry me back to the fold to stay.

Though I walk through valleys dark, Your love will keep me from all harm;  
And I know I am safe in Your arms, I am safe in Your arms.  
Mighty God, and yet a man; Shepherd, my heart is in Your hands,  
My ev'ry thought you understand; You know what it's like to be a Lamb.

**(10:30) Song of Hope (Hobby)**

**EPISTLE READING ↓****1 Peter 2:19-25 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**♪ ALLELUIA and VERSE ~ Page 205 ↑**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, these things are written that you may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** (John 20:31)

**HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑****John 10:1-10 (ESV)**

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓***The King of Love My Shepherd Is**LSB 709*

**The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**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!**

**SERMON ↓***Listening to the Good Shepherd***NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



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 208 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

## ♪ SANCTUS ~ Page 208 ↑

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored:**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 209 ↑

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**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.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 209 ↑

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. Do this 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 ~ Page 209 ↑

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

**People: Amen.**

(John 20:19)

## ♪ AGNUS DEI ~ Page 210 ↑

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓ (8:00) *At the Table of the Lord (Althouse)*

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.

We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is My body," He said.

At the table of the Lord in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.

We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.

At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.

For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.

At the table of the Lord, we shall be free.

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

LSB 735

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you in His love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

*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.  
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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 ~ Page 210 ↑

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 ~ Page 211 ↑

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,

For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

## COLLECT ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste  
of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us  
firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His  
coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of  
the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

People: Amen.

## THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate* (verses 1, 4-6) LSB 540

Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence, grant us grace to heed Your call.

Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, watching all Your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; let us hear Your voice alone.

**Christ, the way that leads unailing to the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father, sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, there to share Your wedding feast.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.**

**POSTLUDE**