



*I lay down My life for the sheep*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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& FaceBook live

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**Theme for Worship:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter has traditionally been known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. On this Sunday we explore the metaphor of God/Jesus as our good shepherd. We will examine the use of Shepherd metaphors throughout scripture and how that image is still important and relevant for us today.

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Pre-Service Music ♪

Ring of the Bells

Pastor Marty Welcome

Opening Hymn ♪ “Come Now Is the Time to Worship”

--*Spiritwind*

*Chorus* Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God, Come

1 One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now (*Chorus*)

2 Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now (*chorus*)

*Ending* Come come just as you are come come

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## The Invocation

**P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## 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.

**C** Amen.

## The First Reading

*Acts 4:1–12*

<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 this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>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.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>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? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children’s Message

*--Pastor Marty*

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>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.      **C** Praise to You O Christ

### Sermon Hymn ♪ “Everything I Am”

**Everything I am, everything I have, everything I can, I bring to You  
For you alone are worthy so I come to give You praise  
and everything I am I bring to You. (repeat)**

### Sermon: “The Shepherd” Confession and Absolution

--Rev Marty Marks

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

## The Offering

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## Announcements

### The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

### The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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 Closing Song 🎵 "Let the River Flow"

**1 Let the poor man say  
I am rich in Him  
Let the lost man say  
I am found in Him  
Let the river flow  
Let the blind man say  
I can see again  
Let the dead man say  
I am born again  
Let the river flow, Let the river flow**

*Chorus* **Let the river flow**  
**Let the river flow**  
**Holy Spirit come**  
**Move in power**  
**Let the river flow**  
*Repeat vs 1 and chorus*

*(Bridge)* **Let the river flow (let the river flow)**  
**Let the river flow (let the river flow)**  
**Let the river flow (let the river flow)**  
**Let the river flow**

**The Benediction**  
**Silent Prayers**  
**Postlude**

*--Spiritwind*

<b>TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – April 25, 2021</b>		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson		
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocals</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	---	Chloe Marks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Yvette Lubbers	Jackson Harms
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Marty	
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Tammy Tiggelaar	---
<b>Sound Operator</b>	Nathan Allen	Doug Nelson
<b>Videographer</b>	Nathan Allen	
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Lohmeier	

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