

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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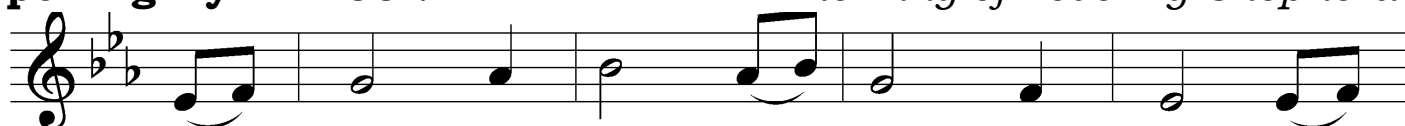
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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## Opening Hymn #552

## *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 You spread a table in my sight,  
a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!

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*Please stand.*

## **Invocation**

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Opening Sentences** (Revelation 7:12)

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who gave his life for his sheep.

**C: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

## **Confession and Absolution**

M: We praise you, O Christ, as our Good Shepherd, for you willingly offered up your life to save us, your lambs and sheep. We realize that it is on account of our wanderings that it became necessary for you to sacrifice all on our behalf. Therefore, we humbly come before you, confessing our sin and awaiting your word of forgiveness and comfort.

*(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)*

M: O Lord, so often we have not listened to your voice as we should.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

M: O Christ, we have strayed from you and have been disobedient.

**C: Have mercy on us, Christ.**

M: O Lord, we have been rebellious and have turned to our own way, following our own wisdom, relying on our own strength.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord. Renew, restore and refresh us by your unending mercy and grace.**

M: Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid his life down for his sheep on the cross. He sacrificed his life, that all who believe in him will not perish but have forgiveness of their sins and eternal life in his name. In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of his resurrection from the dead, I, a called servant of the risen Savior, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

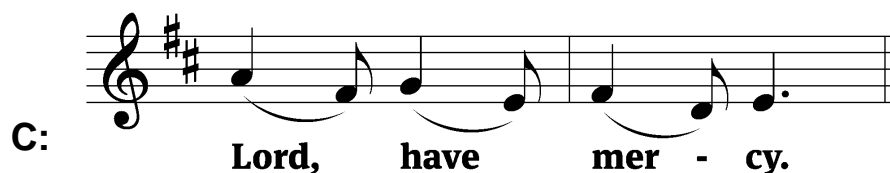
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M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



# Hymn of Praise #938

*This Is the Feast*

## Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1	Wor - thy	is	Christ, the	Lamb who	was slain,	Whose
2	Pow -	er,	rich - es,	wis - dom,	and strength,	And
3	Sing	with	all the	peo - ple	of God,	And
4	Bless -	ing,	hon - or,	glo - ry,	and might	Be to
5	For	the	Lamb	who	was slain	Has be -

## Refrain



blood	set	us	free	to	be	peo - ple	of	God.
hon -	or,	us	bless -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a	tion.
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A	men.
gun	his	reign.	Al -	le -	lu	-	ia!	

## Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

*Acts 13:15,16a,26-39*

<sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

<sup>16</sup>Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

<sup>26</sup>"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. <sup>27</sup>The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

<sup>32</sup>"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors <sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son;  
today I have become your father.'

<sup>34</sup>God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

<sup>35</sup>So it is also stated elsewhere:

" 'You will not let your holy one see decay.'

<sup>36</sup>"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup>But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

<sup>38</sup>"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup>Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23: Hymn #555** (early service)      *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*  
*\*this hymn is printed on page 17 of the bulletin*

**Choir Anthem** (late service)

*Everything to Me*

Words and Music by: Patricia Mock

*He's the Lord of creation, He's the Bright and Morning Star.  
He's the ruler of nations, those both near and so far.  
He's the sweet Rose of Sharon, He's the Lily, oh, so fair.  
He's the heavenly bridegroom with none to compare.  
He's my Savior and my King, He's the One of whom I sing.  
He is everything, everything to me. He's my bread and water, the sustainer of my soul.  
He's my rock and my refuge, He's my shelter from the cold.  
He's my shield and protector when the enemy is near.  
He's my peace and my comfort, He's my guard against all fear.  
He's my Savior and my King, He's the One of whom I sing.  
He is everything, everything to me. He's the Holy Messiah, the Lion and the Lamb.  
He's the King of heaven, He's the great I Am.  
He's the good, faithful Shepherd, He's the one and only gate.  
He's the One who will lead me, He's the Truth, the Life, the Way.  
He's my Savior and my King, He's the One of whom I sing.  
He is everything, everything to me. He is everything.  
He is everything, He is everything to me.*

**Second Reading**

*Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

“Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, "These are they who have come 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>'Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,'  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'" (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*St. John 10:14*



*Refrain*



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

M: I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

C: **Refrain**

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## Holy Gospel

*St. John 10:22-30*

<sup>22</sup>Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."



<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

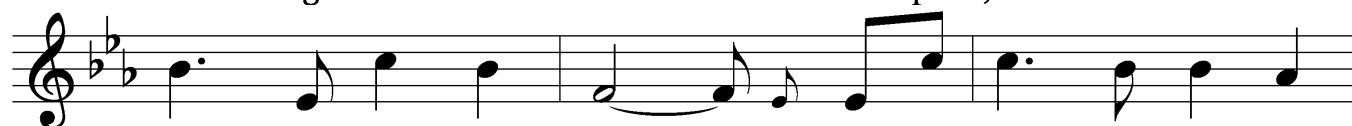
*Be seated.*

## Hymn #554

## *The Lord's My Shepherd*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he makes me  
2 He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and he a -  
3 And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not

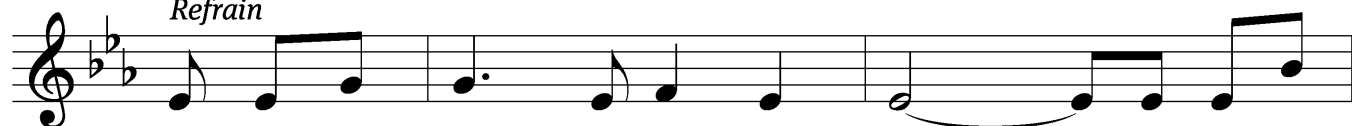


lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still  
noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -  
fear the e - vil one, for you are with me, and your

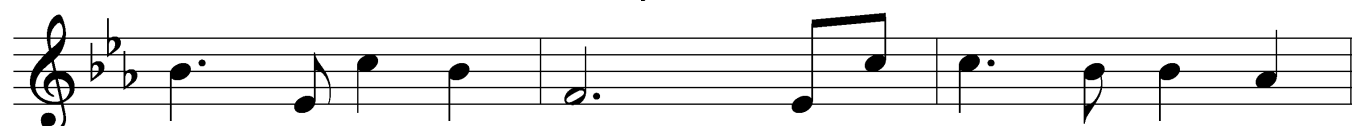


wa - ters, his — good - ness re - stores my soul.  
flows with joy, I — feast on his pure de - lights.  
rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.

### *Refrain*



And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will



trust in you a - lone, for your end - less mer - cy



fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

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**Sermon**

*Please stand.*

**Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

**C: Good Shepherd, save us.**

**M:** Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

**C: Good Shepherd, lead us.**

**M:** Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

**C: Good Shepherd, guide us.**

**M:** Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. [We include in our prayers today...] May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

**C: Good Shepherd, console us.**

**M:** Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

**C: Good Shepherd, inspire us.**

**M:** We thank you for mothers, who protect their children, love them, and encourage them to grow in the Christian faith. We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

**C: Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.**

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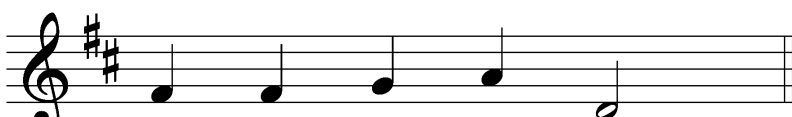
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*Please stand.*




M: The Lord be with you.



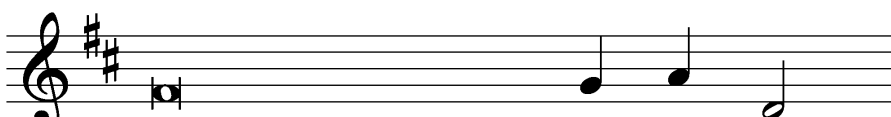
C: And al - so with you.



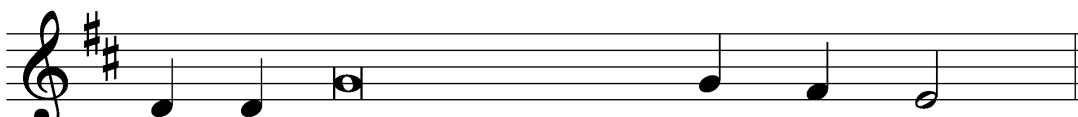
M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.



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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**M:** Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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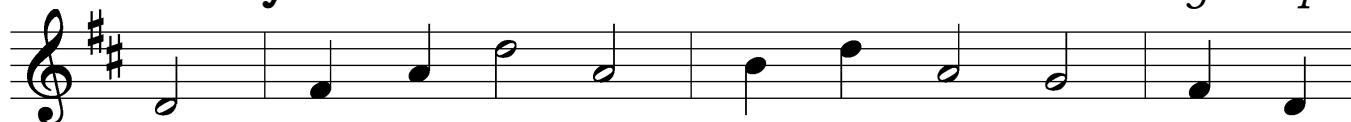
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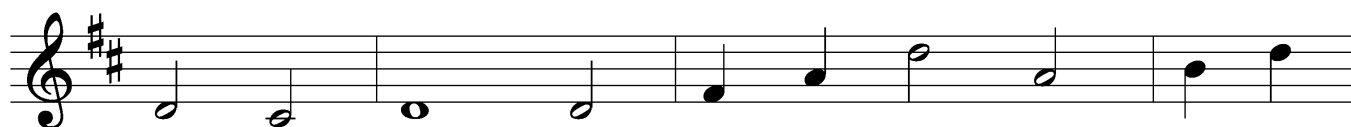
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## Distribution Hymn #553

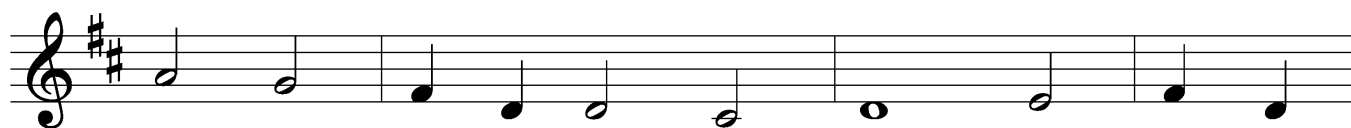
## *The Lord's My Shepherd*



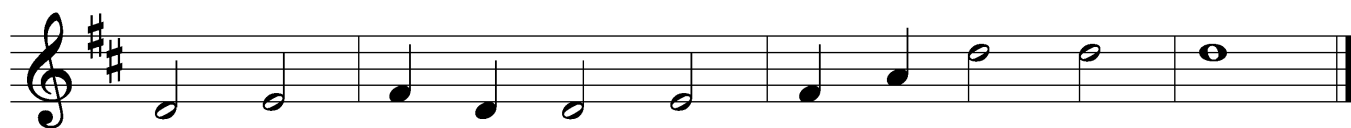
1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly



down to lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth  
walk doth make with - in the paths of right - eous -  
fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy  
of my foes; my head thou dost with oil a -  
fol - low me, and in God's house for - ev - er -



me the qui - et wa - ters by. He lead - eth  
ness, e'en for his own name's sake; with - in the  
rod and staff me com - fort still; for thou art  
noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My head thou  
more my dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's



me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

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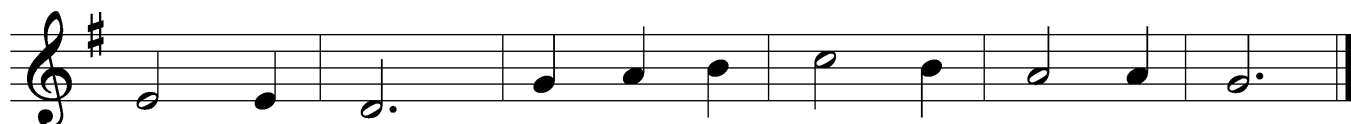
## *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray that they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more such grace with



those who sit in night; let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; en - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way; let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'rers to your fold; u - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore and end - less praise to



hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed in you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part, con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
you be giv'n by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

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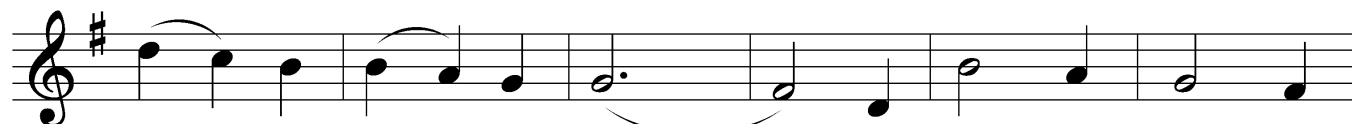


## Distribution Hymn #555

## *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

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**M:** The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you to life everlasting.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C:** **his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C:** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**M:** Father, we thank you for feeding us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation,  
and we pray that you open our hearts to the work of your Spirit, so that we trust in  
Christ, our Good Shepherd, hear and follow his voice in his Word, serve you in  
willing obedience, and dwell in your house forevermore; through Jesus Christ, your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**C:** **Amen.**



## Blessing

*Hebrews 13:20–21 (NIV)*

M: <sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn #908

*Go Forth and Preach the Gospel*



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.  
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,  
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.  
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.  
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare  
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace  
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.  
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.  
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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**Thank You to Rev. Timothy Flunker** for preaching for our services today. He serves as the WELS Hispanic Outreach Mission Counselor.

**A VBS** is being planned for Saturday, June 21st. If you can help, sign up in back.

**Bible Classes:** Join us Thursdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom for a study of how God forgives us; copies of the study guide are in back, and pastor will email a link this week. And on Sunday at 9:20 AM we have a new class on the Nicene Creed, a confession of the faith all Christians hold to.

<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	<i>Sunday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Nicene Creed	9:15AM
	<i>Wednesday</i>	Adult Bible Study	Judges	10:00AM
	<i>Thursday</i>	Zoom Bible Study	God's Forgiveness	7:00 PM

<b>MAY</b>		
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>
<b>5/11 8:00</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
10:30	<i>Jim &amp; Jamie T.</i>	<i>Marjorie H.</i>
<b>5/18 8:00</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Nancy W.</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
10:30	<i>Laura &amp; Mike B.</i>	<i>Denny &amp; Sharon P.</i>
<b>5/25 8:00</b>	<b>Bob H.</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
10:30	<i>Pam W.</i>	<i>Jan S.</i>

<b>MAY USHERS</b>	8:00	Brad S., Howard W.
	10:30	Don B., Paul W.

<b>CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Confirmation, 6:30PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Elders, 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM No Choir Practice... <i>until Fall</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Zoom Bible Class, 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Pastor gone through May 18<sup>th</sup> to son Tim's wedding</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00AM & 10:30AM Adult & Youth Sunday School, 9:15AM Confirmation, 6:30PM

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

**There are visitor welcome packets** available in the narthex.

**There are children's books**, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**Bulletin Board:** If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.

**When receiving communion**, it's very helpful when you extend your hand to receive the wafer of bread. If there is anyone who would prefer to receive the wine mixed with water, please contact the pastor. We also have low-gluten wafers available; please speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Celebrating Communion in Love**—In love, Jesus gives his body and blood in Holy Communion. In love, Jesus tells us we are prepared for his meal when 1) we recognize our sins and need for forgiveness; 2) we confess Jesus as the only true God and Savior, without whom we would be lost for eternity; 3) we have been instructed in the Biblical truths of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection; 4) we believe that in the Supper Jesus gives us his real body and blood in the bread and wine; 5) we publicly confess our oneness of faith and full agreement of belief with those whom we receive the Supper. In love, Jesus cautions us that if we are not properly prepared, then we are rejecting his love and would receive his Supper to our harm. Therefore, in love for all, we at Immanuel follow the ancient, Biblical practice of Close Communion, offering the Supper only to those who have professed their agreement with our Wisconsin Synod fellowship. If you are interested in receiving the Supper with us, we invite you to speak with our pastor about the important necessary pre-Communion instruction.

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