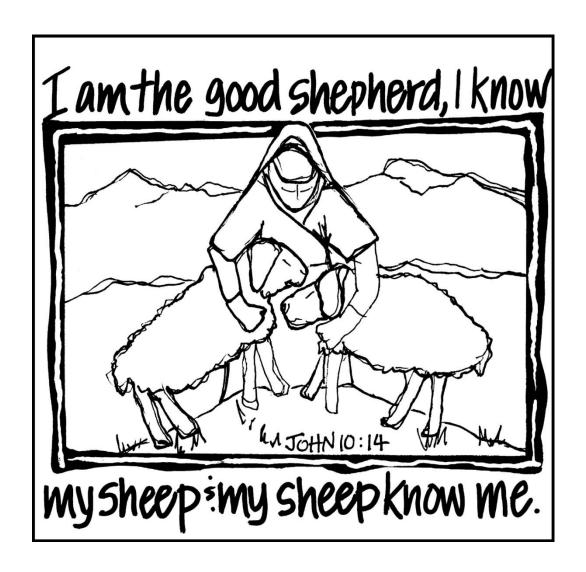
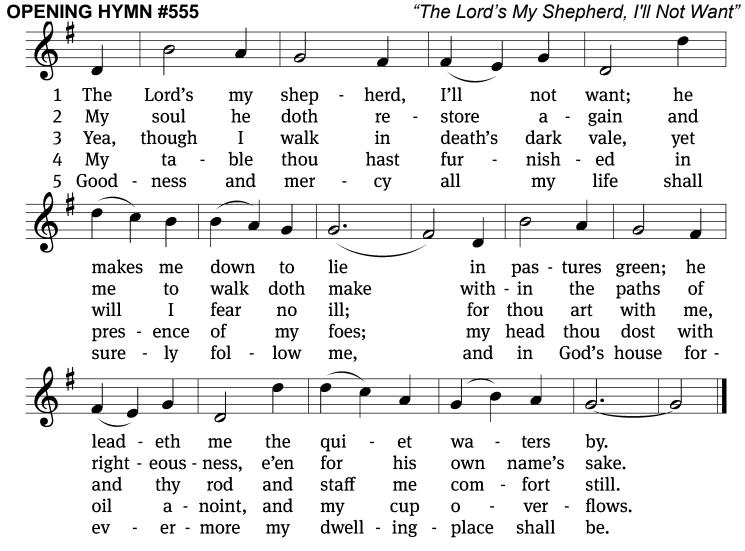
Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Please stand.

INVOCATION AND OPENING DIALOGUE

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

C: Amen.

M: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

M: The Lord is my shepherd.

C: I shall not be in want.

M: "I am the Good Shepherd," says the Lord.

C: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

CONFESSION CW189

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 190

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

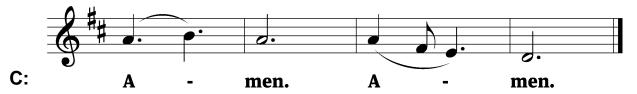
M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

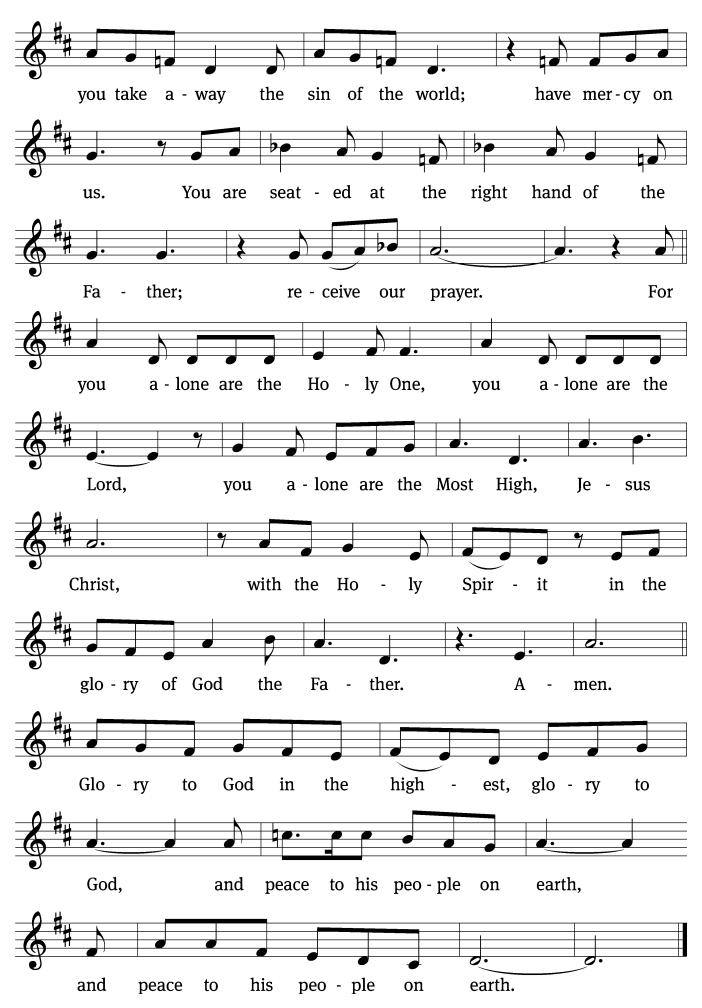


M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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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 20:28-32

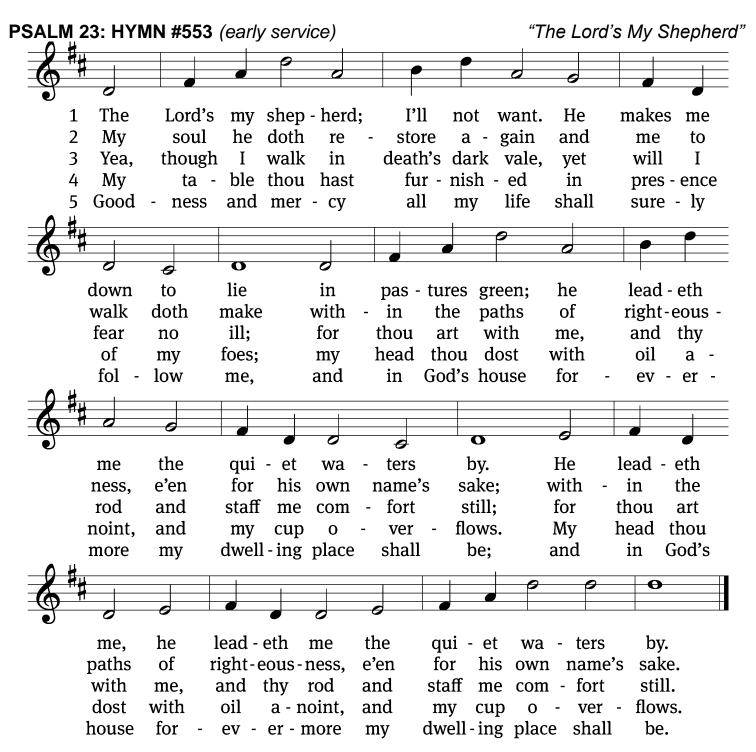
²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





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CHOIR ANTHEM (late service)

"The Shepherd Psalm"

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The Lord is my shepherd, There's nothing more I'll ever need; I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green, I'll follow wherever he leads me. The Lord is my shepherd, Beside the still waters I go; My soul is restored when I walk with my Lord, His righteousness 'round me will flow. And if I should walk in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid; My shepherd, the Lord, goes wherever I go, His rod and his staff are my comfort. I know that the Lord is my shepherd, I'll sit at his table to dine; His goodness and mercy will follow my days, And Heaven will surely be mine, And Heaven will always be mine.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:1-6

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. (NIV)

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



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 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

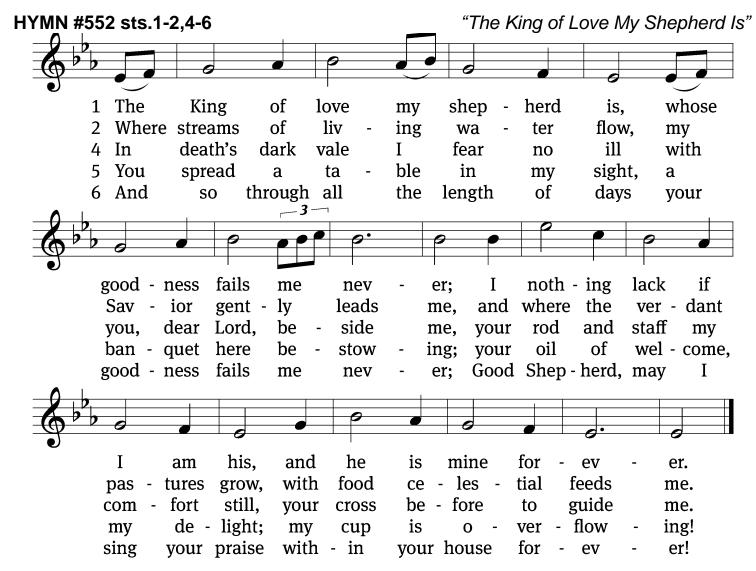
¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." (NIV)

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.



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SERMON TEXT

St. John 10:11-18

SERMON THEME

"Follow Your Good Shepherd"

Please stand.

CONFESSSION 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION (late service)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FRIENDSHIP CARD is available on the tables by the entrances and in the mailboxes of members. If you are watching on-line please go to the description link and sign in.

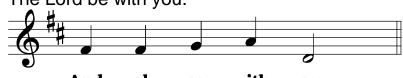
OFFERING The offering plates are located by the entrances. You may also give electronically via our website: immanuelfindlay.org or the App: GivePlus.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CW 199

Please stand.

M: The Lord be with you.

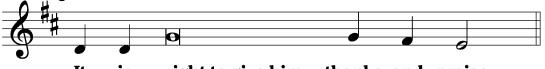


C: And al - so with you.



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

C:



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Praise to you, our gracious heavenly Father, for in your goodness you gave your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of your Spirit direct our ways that we may follow the Good Shepherd through all of our lives, so that we may be gathered at the table which he has prepared before us. Grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the halls of heaven, where we will enjoy the green pastures of your eternal kingdom.

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.

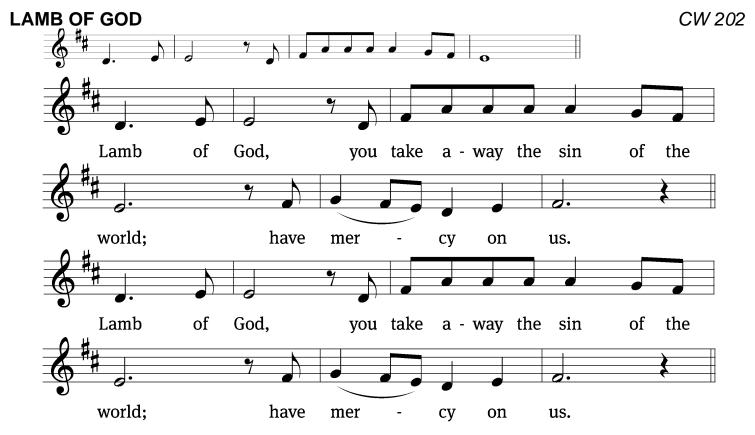
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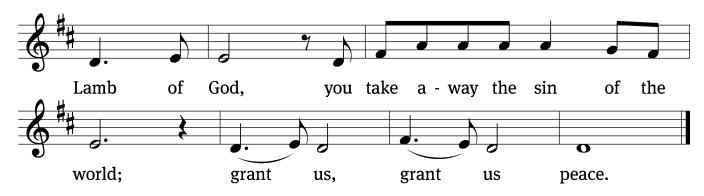
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.





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Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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The distribution hymns are on the display, in the hymnal, and at the back of the large print bulletin.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #528

"Christ, The Word Of God Incarnate"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #551

"Jesus, Shepherd Of The Sheep"

- 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: Lord God, our Shepherd, you gather the lambs of your flock into your merciful arms and bring them home. We give you thanks for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son for our forgiveness. Sustain us with Christ's body and blood that we may not wander or fall prey to our enemies. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection, so that we may live each day with joy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BLESSING Hebrews 13:20-21

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

C: Amen.



man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION Today we welcome Luke Wilcox as a member by adult confirmation. Luke is married to Kim (nee Green). God bless our fellowship.

OUR FORMER VICAR, Rev. Samuel Pappenfuss, accepted the Call to Good Shepherd Lutheran in Midland, MI (907 Mattes Dr). He will be installed next Sunday, the 28th, at 4:00 pm. There is a meal following; please RSVP for the meal to pastor@bethellutheranbc.org.

LWMS Ohio Circuit Spring Rally Join us at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee for the Spring Rally on April 27. Registration begins at 9 AM and the rally starts at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker is Tom Metzger who will provide information on the Home Missions and Joint Mission Council. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or RSVP to: laura4april@gmail.com

THE LIBRARY has been cleaned out. There are books in the coat area that are free for the taking. We do not want them returned.

Ushers: **8:00 AM Bob H., Mike W. **10:30 AM Joe B., Mike S.

Accompanist: Connie Krueger

Greeters	East Door	North Door
4/21 8AM	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jan S.	Jim & Jamie T.
4/28 8AM	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Deana H.	Bill & Helen R.

Greeters	East Door	North Door
5/5 8AM	Volunteer	Volunteer
10:30AM	Brad & Sarah S.	Pam W.
5/12 8AM	Howard & Nancy	Volunteer
10:30AM	Diane L.	Vern & Marjorie H.
5/19 8AM	Bob H.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Jan S.	Laura & Mike B.
5/26 8AM	Karl & Lynn F.	Volunteer
10:30AM	Deana H.	Bill & Helen R.

May Ushers: **8:00AM Brad S., Howard W. **10:30 AM Bill R., Paul W.

Bible Study: Sunday Adult Bible Study Trinity 9:15 AM Wednesday Adult Bible Study Luke's Gospel 10:00 AM

CALENDAR Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Confirmation, 11:45 AM

Everyone Outreach, 12:30-4:30 PM

Wednesday Adult Bible Class, 10:00 AM **Thursday** Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

Saturday LWMS Rally, Resurrection Church, Maumee, 9:00 AM Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Youth & Adult Sunday School, 9:15 AM

Confirmation, 11:45 AM

Welcome! We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us welcome the opportunity of worship. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, please 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.

If you would like items displayed on the bulletin board 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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- Christ, the way that leads unfailing 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.

HYMN #551

"Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"



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