



IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
**10:30 am**

Pastor Matthew Groenke  
Assisting Minister – Bob Lovett  
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AV Console Operator – Clint Fletcher & David Gifford  
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Praise Band – Sotaria

# All Are Welcome!

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.

### WORSHIP PROTOCOL

- ◇ Please stay home if you are sick.
- ◇ Large print bulletins are available at the entry table.
- ◇ Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- ◇ After the benediction, please follow the instructions for dismissal.
- ◇ A nursery with a changing table is available for use next to the Gather Room.

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The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. ✚

*Gluten free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.*

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*Please silence cell phones*

## GATHERING SONG

### **Are You There, Jesus?**

When your life's in disarray, and you're feeling down  
Your skies are dark and your world is crashing all around  
Keep the faith, the Lord is near and help is on the way  
If you ask you will receive so get on your knees and pray

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.  
He will strengthen you.  
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

When your life becomes a blur, and you feel alone  
You're searchin' deep to find some peace, but you're finding none  
Keep the faith, the Lord is near and help is on the way  
If you ask you will receive so get on your knees and pray

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.  
He will strengthen you.  
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

Sing Jesus, Jesus, oh Jesus, are you there?  
Jesus, Jesus, oh Jesus, is there for you.

Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
Are you there, Jesus? Are you there, Jesus?  
And He'll be there for you. He will comfort you.  
He will strengthen you.  
Are you there Jesus and He'll be there for you.

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## WELCOME

**PASTOR**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**PASTOR**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!  
In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

## OPENING SONG

### **Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)**

You hear me when I call  
You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me

I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful. You are faithful

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I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful. You are faithful You are faithful.

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I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

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### Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

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### Psalms 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 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, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

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### Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud

voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **GOSPEL**

### **PASTOR**

#### **John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

### **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
He lays me down in green pastures  
The Lord comforts me and restores my soul

The Lord is my shepherd, my watchman, my guardian  
The Lord lays me down in green pastures

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want  
He leads me by quiet waters  
He guides me to paths of righteousness  
The Lord is my shepherd, my watchmen, my guardian  
The Lord leads me by quiet waters

Though I will walk through the valley of death  
There is no evil I fear

Goodness and mercy will follow me  
All of the days of my life  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever and ever and ever and ever  
I'll dwell in His house forever

The Lord is my shepherd, my watchman, my guardian  
I'll dwell in His house forever

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PASTOR**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## **OFFERING**

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## **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**



## OFFERTORY SONG

### Eye Of The Storm

When the solid ground is falling out  
From underneath my feet  
Between the black skies and my red eyes  
I can barely see  
When I'm feeling like I've been let down  
By my friends and my family  
I can hear the rain reminding me

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
And I'm runnin' out of faith  
I see the future I picture  
Slowly fade away  
And when the tears of pain and heartache  
Are pouring down my face  
I find my peace in Jesus' name

In the eye of the storm  
You remain in control  
In the middle of the war  
You guard my soul  
You alone are the anchor  
When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

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When my sails are torn  
Your love surrounds me  
In the eye of the storm

## OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PASTOR

## 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.**

## COMMUNION

PASTOR

## COMMUNION SONGS

### **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## **Dance with Me**

This is holy time  
We're gathered together to worship you  
To love one another  
And as we pray  
And as we sing  
And as we dance  
And as we dream  
Oh Lord I beg of you  
Just this one thing

Won't you dance with me  
Throughout the heavens and below the sea  
And upon the mountain tops  
Flow with the breeze  
Come carry me  
Lord won't you dance with me.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PASTOR**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.  
**Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### **Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His Love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever  
Forever forever

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## **GOOD NEWS**

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## **DISMISSAL**

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**