

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Following the Shepherd's Voice

Good Shepherd Sunday

9 a.m. Service Bulletin

May 11, 2025

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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.



✝ THE PRELUDE *The Lord's My Shepherd / The King of Love My Shepherd Is* J. Wayne Kerr
Dr. Will Cleveland, Organist

**As the prelude begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.*

✝ THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✝ THE WELCOME The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *For All the Faithful Women* Finnish Folk Tune
The Chancel Choir

For ALL the faithful women who served in days of old, to you shall thanks be given; to ALL, their story told. They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave. To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. Send us, O Christ, your Body, where people cry in pain, and touch them with compassion to make them whole again.

✝ THE LITANY FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Easter people, rejoice in Christ's triumph over death. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor May the Easter Spirit fill you year-round! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

✝ THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you.

✚ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

ELW Setting 4

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

ALL 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.

**The Children may come forward for a brief message and then leave for Children's Church downstairs and return during Communion.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✝ THE LESSON Acts 9:36-43

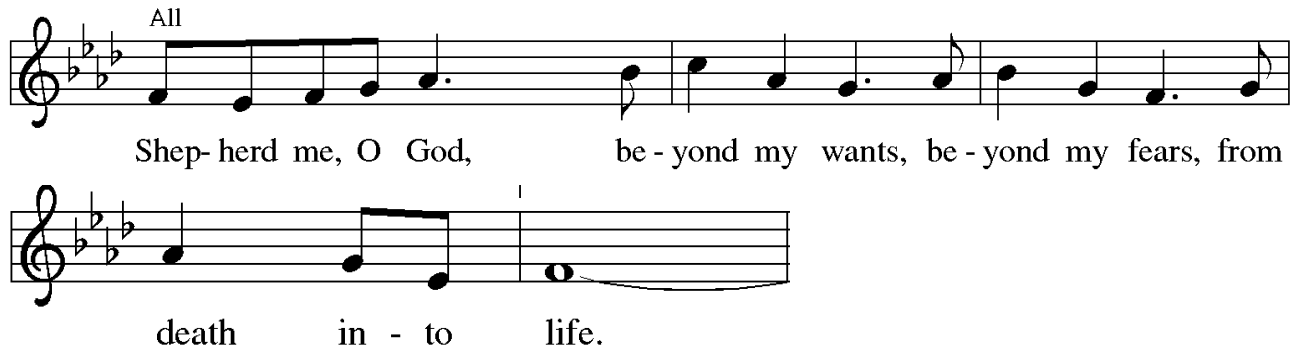
Summary

Lector *In Today's lesson, we learn of Dorcas, a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer. Now, the lesson from the book of Acts in the New Testament.*

Lector ³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good work and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ 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." ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,

ALL Thanks be to God.

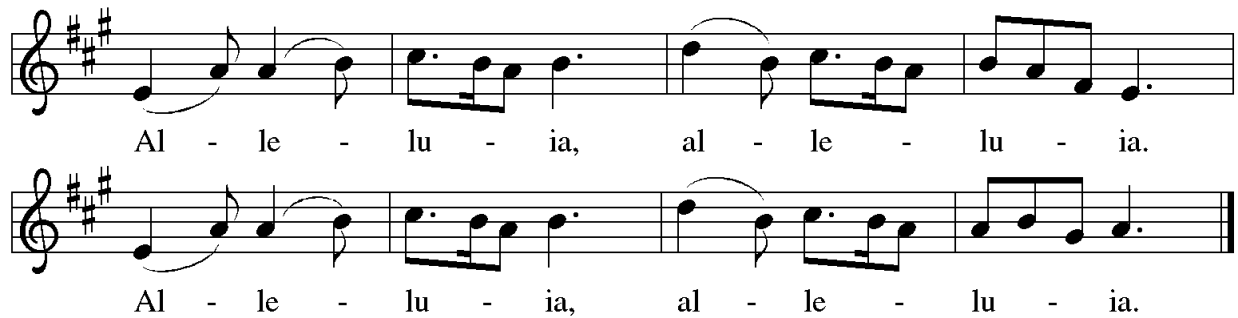


- Cantor Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Cantor 1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Cantor 2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Cantor 3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Cantor 4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.
- Cantor 5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.
ALL Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

✚ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Please stand, as you are able.



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✚ THE GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 10th chapter.

ALL Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor ²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to you, O Christ.

✚ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✚ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

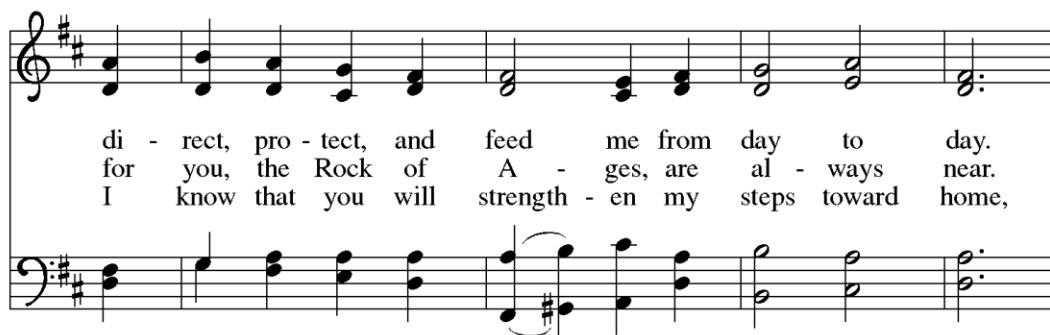
Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me

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Please stand, as you are able.



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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✙ THE NICENE CREED

AM In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
ALL We trust in Christ and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

AM Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
ALL 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

✙ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

AM God of Resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and ALL who are in need.

Silence for preparation

AM You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for ALL who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of holy Baptism and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

ALL Your mercy is great.

AM You tend to the Earth, sustaining life in ALL places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with all of creation. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM You lead ALL people along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage ALL who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to ALL who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold ALL who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and ALL who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console ALL who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for ALL your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

ALL **Your mercy is great.**

AM We commend these and ALL our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

ALL **AMEN.**

✝ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

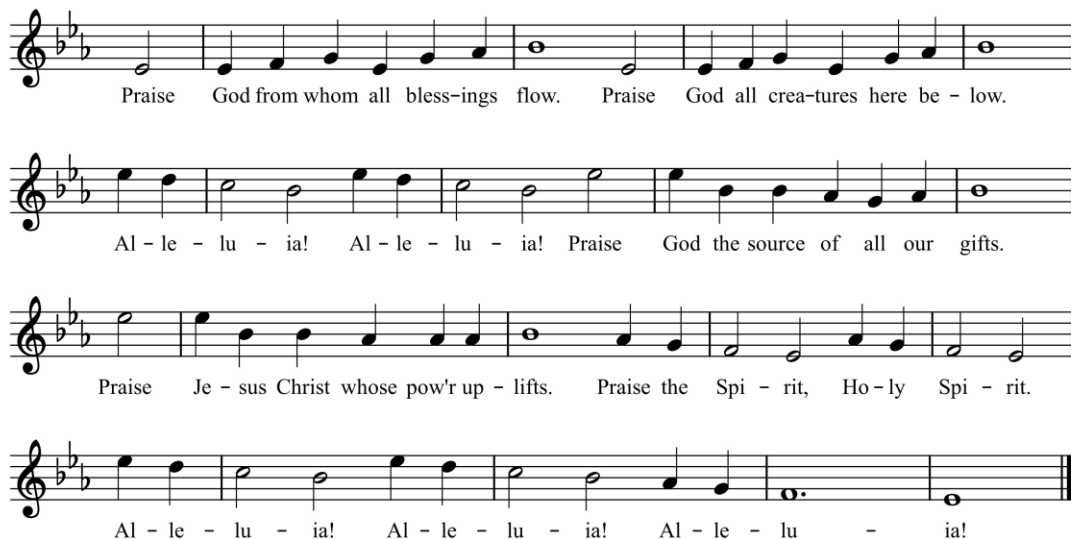
Please be seated.



*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✙ THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* William Walker
The Chancel Choir

✙ THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Please stand, as you are able. LASST UNS ERFREUEN



✙ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Risen One,
ALL 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.

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
ALL 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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

**ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord.*

Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the chalice (cup). The metal chalices hold wine. The stoneware chalices hold grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please ask for gluten free as you approach the server. Also, prepackaged elements are available inside a bowl at the head of the aisle.

ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

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

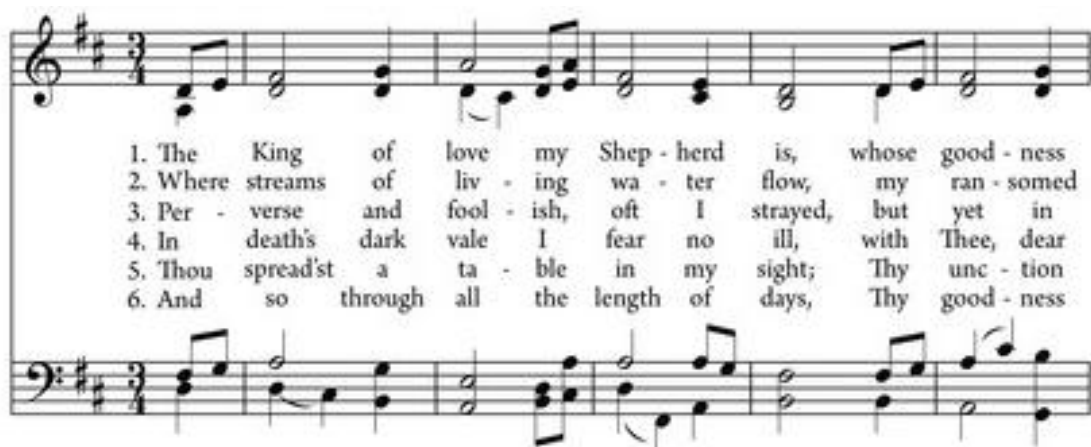
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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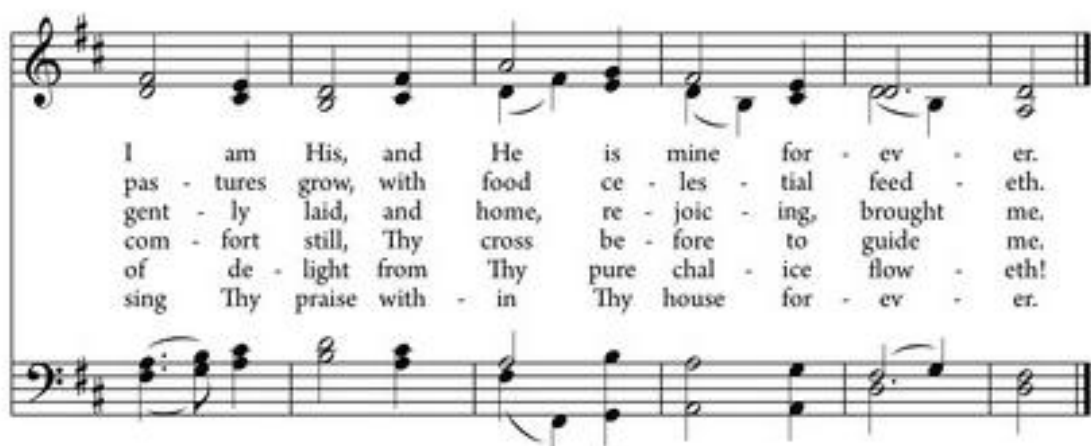
✠ THE COMMUNION HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW# 502



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish, oft I strayed, but yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thy unc - tion
 6. And so through all the length of days, Thy good - ness



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth; and where the ver - dant
 love He sought me; and on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His, and He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 sing Thy praise with - in Thy house for - ev - er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868; based on Psalm 23
 MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. *The English Hymnal*

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✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Living One,

ALL 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.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see page 19.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

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.

ALL AMEN.

✚ THE CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us




1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us



ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,



for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!



Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt.

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

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✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:
ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our community,
and connecting others to Christ.
AM Go in peace as Easter people. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
ALL Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

✝ THE POSTLUDE *Fugue in G Major, BWV 577* Johann Sebastian Bach (The Jig)

*Please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for refreshments and adult Christian education immediately following Worship.

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship!

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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Chris Christopher |
| Lector / Assisting Minister | Sue Kaufman |
| Cantor | Claire Hudson |
| Communion Assistants | Kim Leemhuis, Bo Bowman, and Sue Kaufman |
| Organist and Pianist | Dr. Will Cleveland |
| Sound and Video Technicians | Steve Presley and George Beveridge |
| Ushers | Danny Kinard and Wayne Boozer |
| Altar Guild | Sue Frantz |
| Counters | Steve Presley and Danny Kinard |
| Officer on Duty | Will Stroup |

*Altar Flowers today are given by Richard and Leisa Hotchkiss to the Glory of God, in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary, and in memory of their mothers, Jessie Hotchkiss and Jene Wise Klopp.

✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.

If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Peggy Bowman, Kinsley Bouknight, Stephanie Branch, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Cassie Harrell, Phyllis Hartley, Torsha Hicks, Suellen Holmes, Coraline Johnson, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Lisa Miller, Georgia Parker, Steve Presley, John Mark Scruggs, Charles Stark, Quintaus Starks, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Nancy Bollinger, Rick Coker, Tommy Hipp, Dale Huebener, Willie Fred Kennedy, Mary Kenzie, Lois Kuntz, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, Francine Sheppard, and Beckham Waters.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and New (Again) Parents and Siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in Recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry Ministries, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, and the people they continue to help in Guatemala and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest:

Kristen Antley, Robert Beveridge, Mary Butler, Peter Dubuque, Suzanne Crowder Han, Sabrina Hood Kumar, Fred McDowell, Jane Shealy Putnam, Jean Roberts, Juna Wergin, and Carolyn Brammer Wolfer.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 5/11/2025)

Happy Mother's Day to ALL Moms!

- **Pickleball** - Monday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Larry Hammond if you are interested in joining. (landkhamm@gmail.com)
- **Mutual Ministry** - meeting Tuesday, May 12, at 11 a.m. (McCombs Meeting Room)
- **Greater Greenwood United Ministry** - Meal is needed Thursday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m. Plan for 12-14 people. No utensils or plates are needed. Please call or text Sue Kaufman at 843-518-9839. All the other Thursdays are covered. Thank you.
- **FREE Fish Fry** - Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. Barbie & Ray Frick have graciously offered to host another fish fry. Fish, tater tots and hush puppies will be provided. The items needed are coleslaws, desserts, lemonade and iced tea. **Please RSVP to Dr. Will, by June 1, if you are planning to attend.**
will@ilcgreenwood.com

If you are willing to bring any of the items needed for the fish fry, please let Dr. Will know what you are bringing. Thank you.

- **Summer Messenger** - There will only be a June Messenger and no July Messenger. Materials are due to Dr. Will by Friday, May 23.
- **Day Camp** - Camp is returning to ILC June 23-June 27. Five counselors from Lutheridge will spend the week providing a Christian "camp" experience for approximately 30 children from the Boy's and Girl's club. This is a spirit-filled week for the children, the counselors and all involved. If you would like to be part of this special week, we need help serving snacks, preparing and serving lunch and helping with afternoon activities. We also need a few dinners served to the counselors where the group would come to your home for the meal. There will be a short meeting following service NEXT Sunday, May 18th. If you are unable to attend but would still be interested in helping, please contact Zeolean Kinard at (kinardz@yahoo.com) or 864-554-0957.



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