

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

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Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Hymn "Shepherd Me, O God" (based on Psalm 23) #780 vss. 1-3, 5

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

A.M.: Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism, you anoint us with oil, and you nourish us at your table with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, dispel the shadows of evil and death, and lead us along safe paths, that we may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name's sake.

Amen.

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

pg. 990

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.
Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Children Sermon

Handbell Anthem

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

#172

A.M.: Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.
Alleluia. (John 10:14)

Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

pg. 872

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own 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 do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. Amen.

Pulpit Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502 vss. 1-3

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras

Hymn of the Day “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502 vss. 4-6

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight

from thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

The Nicene Creed

Back of Hymnal

A.M.: Let us confess our faith using the words of The Nicene Creed.

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He had 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.**

A.M.: Prayers of Intercession

A.M.: Let us pray

After each petition, please respond with “**Hear our prayer**”.

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Bless all who shepherd your sheep and guide them in their serving. We pray for church custodians, office managers, Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, baptismal sponsors, deacons, pastors, youth workers, and bishops. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore natural environments damaged by our hands. We pray for river valleys and grassy plains, coral reefs and arctic ice, mountains, deserts, and marshlands. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heal and renew all who ache for a better tomorrow. We pray for the unemployed and underemployed, the forgotten, the nameless, and the outcasts; for our enemies; and for our loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give to all who are restless, reckless, or uncertain the peace you promise that is deeper and richer than anything we can imagine. We pray for all who live with chronic pain, who live with anxiety, and who are ill or hospitalized especially Thelma, Neil, Joella, Jerrilynn, Betty Jane, Justin and Ashley, Esther, Barb, Dolores, Pam, Kathrine Sylvia, Norm, April, Breanna, Meredith, LuAnn, Connor, Janci, and Lucy, Ted Sanders, and Youa Xiong & Shelby Brod (Serenity Hulstrom’s Friends). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift up before you our first communion candidates, Emily and Grace Kallio and Baylan Hulstrom as they are getting ready to receive their first communion on May 13. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you hate war. We pray for the families of those who died in the chemical attack in Syria & for those injured & suffering. Bring peace to Syrians and inspire us to speak up against violence and war. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, Grant heavenly wisdom to the President of United States and to the Presidents of Russia and Syria and their administrations to work together for peace, not war. To bring an end to violence in Middle East instead of fighting for power. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nourish us with the testimony of all the disciples who have gone before us. We give thanks for the faithful departed and their witness in every age. Let us pray by singing “Be Not Afraid”

“Be Not Afraid” (*sing twice*)

#388

Be Not Afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be Not Afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Pastor: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always

C: and also with you.

Offering **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Anderson**

Offertory **“Children of the Heavenly Father” #781 vss. 1-2**

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958
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Offering Prayer

A.M.: Let us pray together in union

You are the Great Provider, the Giver of all gifts; your love the only true currency. Thank you for putting money into our hands, and so we freely offer it back to you, for use in your service that we may be your risen body in the world. We do this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

#377

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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Dismissal

A.M.: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A.M.: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “In Thee Is Gladness” Keene

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Prayer Concerns: Thelma Bursik, Neil Coakley, Joella Corado (Maggie Westaby’s cousin), Jerrilynn Duxbury, Betty Jane Kettunen, Justin & Ashley Nickolai, Esther Osterby, Barb Peterson, Lucy Peterson, Dolores Riege, Pam (Rodney Riese’s wife), Dina Sarras, Kathrine Sylvia Sarras, Norm Winterhoff, April Winters (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s niece), Breanna Kurth, Meredith Westaby, Connor Rice (Jamie Rice-Heckendorf’s cousin), Ted Sanders, and Youa Xiong & Shelby Brod (Serenity Hulstrom’s Friends) (Contact ILC Office to update.)

First Communion Candidates will be received on May 13 during worship service. We will have communion on May 6 and 13.

You are invited to join us for our last Bible study on the Book of Revelation. We will meet at 10:30 am in Emmaus Room after worship service today.

Favorite hymns – Turn in your favorite hymns by Monday at 2:00.

A movie for children will be on May 6 starting at 11 am. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. See Maggie Westaby with any questions.

Greetings and grace to all of you at Immanuel Lutheran Church. I have been in contact with

your pastor and your president and we have decided, together, to spend some time in conversation to explore new ways of communicating with one another. Your congregation has experienced recent change and there are rich lessons that come from that. We will explore what the future might hold with the learning that has already happened.

I work with our synod office and I am trained to work with the systems of the church. My passion is the health of the system - the climate that makes people want to join your congregation! I hope that you will take the time to join us in conversation on Sunday, April 29th following worship service. Joan Johanson

ILC potluck will be held on Tuesday, May 1st starting at 5:30pm. Signup sheets for the food and before/after potluck helpers will be in the Narthex. After the potluck, Jean DeVoll-Donaldson, Bishop's Associate for Evangelical Mission will discuss the results of the vitality survey taken back in January.

We will be sending a care package to Ashley Nickolai on April 30. You may bring your items and place them in the box in the Narthex.

Synod Assembly 2018 Service Project will be "Blast Off for Books". Purchase a book(s) for a child in need by helping the National Youth Gathering collect 100,000 books for students pre-K through 6th grade in Houston. All books must be new or gently used. The book list and all information needed are in the Gathering Room. If you bring books, you may drop them off in the box by May 13th. Please complete the little form with your information and drop in the slotted box. A tally of purchases or cash/check will be taken to the synod meeting May 18th.

Windows into Palestine Festival, Minneapolis, May 16-19. This festival celebrates the art, culture, & people of Palestine. This collaboration between Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church & Christmas Lutheran Church of Bethlehem will include art exhibits, documentary film screening, cooking demonstrations and more! Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb will be presenting at several of the events. Early Bird discount by May 1 for celebration dinner Saturday evening. All details on bulletin board.

Wausau Lyric Choir will perform its spring 2018 concert "Songs of Faith, Hope and Love" at 1st Presbyterian Church, Wausau on Saturday, April 28th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 pm. A free-will donation will be accepted. No charge tickets are available from choir members, at the Performing Arts Foundation, and at the door.

Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Address is: c/o Moruti (Pastor) Rev. G.M. Nkale, P.O. Box 160, Motswedi 2870, Republic of South Africa. Email for Pastor: nkalesto@gmail.com

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Coffee fellowship today is hosted by Ron & Jo Beckman, John & Dixie Burk, Arzelee Drown, and Joan Winterhoff.

SERVING US TODAY

Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras
Assisting Minister	Claudette Haring
Ministers	All Members of Immanuel
Handbell Director	Joanne Diestelhorst
Organist	Judy Kort
Head Usher	Dan Westaby
Reader	Pattie Bricko
Greeters	Jerry & Judy Nickolai
Nursery	Deb Case
Video Recorder	Bob Henning
Presentation Manager	
Altar Guild	Joanne Diestelhorst & Lisa Steltenpohl
Contact Person	Mary Munson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun.	Apr. 22	9:00a	Worship Service with Handbells Choir
		10:15a	Coffee Fellowship
		10:30a	Lenten Bible Study: The book of Revelation
Mon.	Apr. 23		-----
Tues.	Apr. 24	5:30p	Handbell Choir Practice
		5:45p	TV Worship CH 980
		6:00p	Executive Committee Meeting
		6:35p	Council Meeting
Wed.	Apr. 25	9:00a	Dorcas Circle Meeting
Thurs.	Apr. 26	7:30a	Men's Discussion Group
		9:00a	Quilters
		9:15a	TV Worship CH 980
		1:00p	Sarah Circle
Fri.	Apr. 27		Church Office Closed
Sat.	Apr. 28		-----
Sun.	Apr. 29	9:00a	Worship Service
		10:15a	Sunday School
		10:15a	Coffee Fellowship, guest Joan Johanson