

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.



We welcome you to Immanuel. As we worship together let us rejoice in the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ and share that love with each other.

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Today's Service Participants

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Patty MacInnes, Jenny Sheldon & Deb Sullivan

Flowers provided by Barb Richter

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's hymns are projected on the wall.

Please stand as you are able where the asterisk (*) appears.

Prelude *"The Good, Good Shepherd"* 3x Words on Screen

PL Mission Statement: Our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people as we follow Jesus.

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADERS

PL Will all youth receiving Bibles today and their parents, come forward at this time.

PL Dear Friends in Christ, it wasn't so long ago that many of you stood with a baby in your arms and made a sacred promise to God on behalf of your child. On that day you promised to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures. Today you stand again before the altar of Almighty God to renew and fulfill this pledge. In a world where promises are often made to be broken, you are keeping your promise. God bless you for doing this! Before we present the Bibles, we will ask you to recommit to the promises you've already made to God on behalf of your child. Parents, in the presence of God, this congregation, and your children, will you continue in the promises you made to God in baptism? If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Parents Yes with the help of God.

A Parents, please present the Bible to your child.

A Look your child in the eyes and repeat after me: May this Word of God...be a lamp to your feet...and a light to your path...May the mind of God...bring you wisdom...May the Living Word of God...shine in our family...in all we do and say...Today I keep my vow...to present you with the Holy Scriptures...

A And all God's people said Amen.

C Amen

Kid's Time

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

GATHERING

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

PL Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PL Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

PL Today we give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PL Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PL Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

PL Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Opening Song "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" vs. 1,2,3 ELW #883

*Greeting

PL Siblings in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

*The Kyrie

(ELW p. 184-185)

(*Kyrie Eleison' is 'Lord Have Mercy')

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*PL Prayer of the Day (prayed by all)

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

A **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

A **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (NRSV)

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg. 188

*PL The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*PL **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (NRSV)

*PL The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Pastor Leah Stolte-Doerfler

Song of the Day

"The Lord's My Shepherd" vs. 1,2,5

ELW #778

***Affirmation of Faith** (read by all)

I believe in Jesus, the good shepherd, who laid down His life for us, His sheep; Who has redeemed us and brought us into the fold; Who cares for us, His flock, whom He protects and feeds; Who guards us against all that threatens us; We hear the voice of our shepherd, calling us each by name. We trust our shepherd, who gathers all people into one flock, and leads and guides us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. We follow our shepherd, knowing we will lack nothing, but will have life both abundant and eternal.

*The Prayers

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *(A brief silence.)* Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

"Shepherd Me, O God" vs. 1,2,5

ELW #780

*PL **Offertory Prayer** (read by all)

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

PL The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PL Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

PL Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*PL **Words of Institution**

*PL Remembering His love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (prayed by 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 Communion of Christ's People

Communion Songs *“At This Table”* by Kris Anne Baker
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” ELW #484

After all have communed:

PL The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PL **Post-Communion Prayer** (prayed by all)

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

***Sending Song** *“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”* vs. 5 ELW #883

*Blessing

PL God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Dismissal

PL Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Postlude *“The Good, Good Shepherd”*

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*Welcome to Immanuel! We are so glad you worshiped with us today!
If you are new to Immanuel, please sign in on the sheet outside the first sanctuary door.*

Baptisms and New Members - May 3

Are you interested, ready to celebrate being on this faith journey together? We will receive new members on May 3 during the 10:30 service. Please reach out to Pastor Leah if you have questions or are ready for a conversation. {503.302.7712}

Sound & AV Upgrade – Informal Q&A - May 3

Join us for an informal Q&A immediately following worship on **Sunday, May 3** in the sanctuary. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the proposed sound and AV upgrades and ask any questions you may have.

The Sound System Committee is also developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to provide additional information. Once completed, it will be available on the ILC website. You may also request a copy from the church office, and a limited number of printed copies will be available in the narthex.

We encourage you to attend and be part of the conversation.

Kitchen Cleaning - May 4

Join us Monday, May 4 at 9 am. All are welcome.

Esther Circle - May 7

All women are invited to attend! We meet in the Fireside room for social time at 9:30, and will have Bible Study from *Gather* magazine at 10 am. Bring a friend and come to meet other friends! Contact is Lynn Gannon at (503) 329-2585 or lpma.gannon@gmail.com

Mother Daughter Tea Party - May 9

Saturday, May 9 at 11am. Call/text Kate Bush for tickets at 503-580-4964. \$15 adults, \$5 ages 8 and under.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast - May 11

Join us at Immanuel for our next Men’s Fellowship Breakfast on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 am.

Men's Fishing Trip - May 20 or 21

Men's Breakfast is planning a deep-sea fishing trip May 20 or 21 (weather dependent) with Dan's Deep Blue Charter.

- 6 spots available (more dates if needed)
- Halibut fishing + optional crabbing
- \$300/person + licenses required

Sign up in the lobby or call Andy at 503-509-0541 for details.

Grief Recovery Method Support Group - Tuesdays in June & July

New Grief Recovery Method Support Group starting June 2, 2-4pm. Call Patty at 503-428-4921 for more information.

Grief Recovery Method ALUMNI Support Group - Wednesdays in June

New Grief Recovery Method ALUMNI Support Group starting June 6, 6-8pm. Call Patty at 503-428-4921 for more information.

Vacation Bible School - July 13 to 17

Save the Date! Children welcome from age 3 through 6th grade; evenings with a meal served. Teen and adult volunteers welcome! To help with program, text Brenda Wilson at 503-779-8154; kitchen help contact Audrey Nickodemus at 503-881-7993.

Pastor Evaluation



Please use the QR code to share your anonymous feedback for Pastor Leah. The survey includes both multiple-choice and open-ended questions. Your input is deeply valued and plays an important role in supporting both Pastor Leah and the overall health of the congregation.

Sound System Update



We are actively requesting the congregation to consider their contribution towards the Sound system upgrade. The total is \$120,000. Check out the speaker design in the narthex to watch the progress.

Why do we need a new sound system and projectors?

The current sound system was not professionally designed for our sanctuary. We did have additional speakers in the past that are no longer working. The impetus for this project came from the fact that church leadership learned last fall that people were not coming to worship because they could not hear clearly what was being said and sung. To address this issue the Board of Trustees appointed a sub-committee to come up with solutions. The sub-committee was authorized to seek out professional advice and consultation in order to come up with an Audio/Visual system that enhances the worship experience not detracts from it.

Several temporary fixes were identified and implemented, but they do not solve the problem of dead spots. Dead spots are areas within the sanctuary that the sound waves don't reach because of the lack of a properly designed speaker system. The choir area is the prime example. It is very difficult for the singers to hear each other.

Additionally, the video projectors are now over 20 years old. They don't always turn on, the image is not always high quality and there is better technology available which would greatly improve the visual portions of our worship services.

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