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JOHN 10:10

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Bell (*stand as you are able*)

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” ELW 879

Prayer of the Day

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice.

Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

The Holy Word of God

A reading from 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.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A reading from 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.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Gospel Lesson (stand as you are able)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from 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.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Be Not Afraid” ELW 388

Apostles' Creed

**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 community of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

An Invitation to Our Offering

God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. Let us offer our hearts in gratitude to God's service.

The Gathering of Our Offering

Offertory(stand as you are able)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offertory Prayer

Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours.

Bless these offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Our 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.**

Blessing

May the God who calls us by name lead you out to green pastures and lead you into the safety of Christ's fold. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Go Light Your World"
Val Lorenz & Gabe Koxlien

Sending Bell

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude