

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

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. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since 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." ³⁹So 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. ⁴⁰Peter 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. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalms 23**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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.

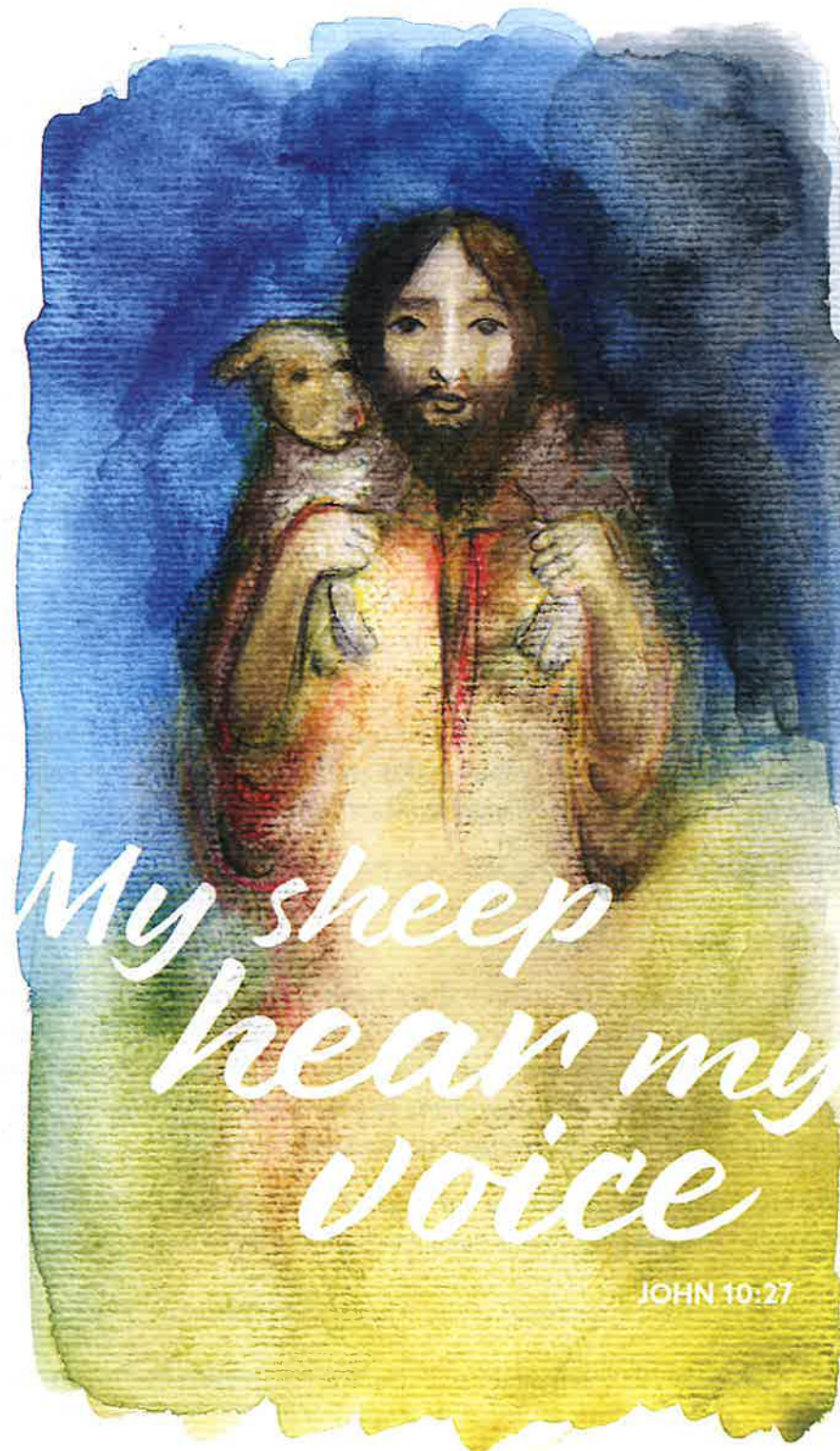
¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and
thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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."

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours.

Prayer before Worship: "The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation" (Psalm 118:14, NRSV). Jesus, bless me with increased belief, even when I cannot see you in person. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

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This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, May 11, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM
Lay Reader: Dennis Griepentrog
Greeters: Harlan Brucker, Sherri Ganske
Ushers/Acolytes: Eli & Katelyn Petersen
Communion: na
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview), Karen Nelson (sister-in-law of Brea Harms)

Announcements

Happy Mother's Day to all moms and those who love us as only a mother can.

Today we are delighted to welcome Deacon Jason Fisher as our guest speaker.

The Outreach Committee will be meeting (today) Sunday, May 11 at 9:30 am.

Parents and potential confirmation students, please gather for an introductory meeting with Pastor Nathan next Sunday, May 18 at 12:00 pm. If you are not able to attend the meeting or have a student that would be attending confirmation classes in the fall, please contact Cindy Wilson or Pastor Nathan.

Vacation Bible School, 2025 – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.

June 9 – 13, 8:45 – 11:00 am. We are planning an Alaskan Adventure that you don't want to miss! Sign-ups sheets are on the tables of the fellowship hall of the church.

LWR Quilts - We will be knotting quilts on Tuesday, May 13 and 27 from 12:30-3:00 pm. If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!

The Baby Bottles in the basket at the back of the church are available for those who would voluntarily like to support the Hope Center of Pontiac. They promote good health and well-being to young families who are in need of essential aid. You may take a bottle, fill it with loose change or a donation of your choice and bring it back before Father's Day, June 15.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able.*

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *You may be seated*

GATHERING SONG

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

Please stand as you are able.

*GREETING

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

*THE KYRIE

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L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. (sung) C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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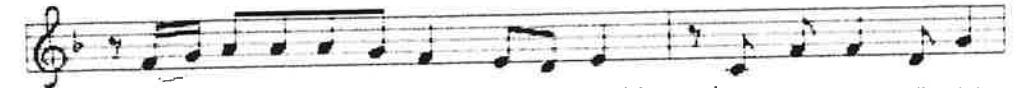
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - night - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God.



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us:



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. you a - lone are the Lord.



you a - lone are the Most High. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.** *You may be seated*

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Acts 9:36-43

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Dorcas was 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.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

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GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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The Gospel is announced:

L: The Holy Gospel according to John ...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Deacon Jason Fisher

HYMN OF DAY

Lead Me, Guide Me

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*CREED

L: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed,
Please stand as you are able.

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.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition: P: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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. **C: Amen.**

* LORD'S PRAYER

(We will sing the prayer today as found on the inserts in the front or back of the hymnals.)

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS *You may be seated*

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

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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.

*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Risen One,

**C: you have gathered us along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again,
breathe your life into us, and enliven us, that we may live as your risen body in
the world. Amen.**

*BLESSING

L: 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.

C: Amen.

* HYMN

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW 848

*DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

