

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16

### Welcome to Immanuel

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st 2024 9:00am

### Notes for your time in worship...

We are glad that you have chosen to be in the Lord's house today and pray that God will bless you in this time of worship. The words, "Stand," and "Sit," are for those who are able. If you are a guest, we ask that you please complete a Welcome Card, found in the card rack on the back of the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

### We are delighted that you're here and hope to see you again!

#### **Preparation for Worship**

Our worship begins with the prelude. The prelude invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. We invite you to separate yourselves from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God through prayerful meditation.

What does this look like?

- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths.
- Meditate upon the scripture lessons for today, listed in the bulletin.
- Read the "Before worship" prayer located in the front of the hymnal.
- · Silence your phone and silence your mind.

Once the prelude begins, usually five minutes before the service, please refrain from loud conversation. The sanctuary, where the pews are, is a place of worship. While you are encouraged to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ, we ask that you speak softly so as not to interrupt those who are taking this time to focus on God through the music presented.

### Altar Flowers today are given...

In Thanksgiving for the gift of Family by Alan & Amy Taylor

Office Lights this month are given.

In Memory of

Eternal Lights this month are given...

In Memory of

#### From Our LiveStream Team...

Our worship today will be livestreamed for those members and friends that are unable to join us in person. By entering the Sanctuary, you give permission to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School to film or photograph you, and any minor children under the age of 18, and use your likeness on our social media channels and website.

If you would like to limit your time on camera please sit towards the back of the Sanctuary or off to either side. If you have any concerns, please speak with one of the ushers or elders before or after service today.

We are looking for volunteers. Are you interested in learning how to become part of the AV team? Contact the church office to let us know.

**Offerings** are given as a response of all God's gifts given to us.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 states:

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

As a member of Immanuel, we are called to support the mission and ministry of ILCS. If you are a guest or visitor this day, please know that there is no expectation for you to give.

We do invite you to fill out the guest card and place it in the offering plate so that we can share with you all the ministries of Immanuel.

### Preparing for the Lord's Supper

All who receive the Lord's Supper at this church—members and guests alike—are encouraged to use the following questions as a guide to self-examination in preparation for Communion:

- † "Am I a baptized child of the Heavenly Father?" Acts 2:38-39. Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself."
- † "Have I confessed and repented of my sins?"
  Matthew 3:2. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- "Do I trust that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior from sin?"

1 John 1:7. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

"Do I believe that in this Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) I am receiving the actual body and blood of Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of my sins?"

Matthew 26:26-28. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

† "Do I intend, with the Lord's help, to amend my sinful life?"

Galatians 5:22-25. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

If, in good conscience, you are unable to affirm the above questions, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you and the pastor or elder will offer a blessing to you. We are glad you are worshiping with us today!

### We thank those who serve today in worship:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Organist/Minister of Music: Greeter: Oyeniran Oyedeji Kate Dube Pastor Ryan Assisting Minister Cantor: Altar Guild: T. J. Keller Claire Roehl and Bruce Grogan Deb Lahr Communion Assistant: Reader: Jeri Surovy Audio & Visual: Alan Taylor (a) Tyler Pezzo Ushers: Acolvte: (ν) Shane Lindley Simon Bacher Alan & Carol Boyce and

Ed & Tammy Eaton

### We thank those who serve today through the ministry of music:

Vocalists: Meg Bond and T. J. Keller

### Divine Service Setting II LSB 167

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

arr. Albert Beck

### Chiming of the Hour Welcome

Stand

Prelude

**Opening Hymn** 

Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

LSB 473

### 🕂 Confession & Forgiveness 🕂

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed, Alleluia!
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** He is our Good Shepherd.
- **C** He leads us to green pastures and still waters.
- **P** He is our Good Shepherd.
- **C** We listen to His voice.
- **P** He is our Good Shepherd.
- **C** He lays down His life for the sheep.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- In this Easter season, celebration is always near our lips. We are glad to shout Alleluias in worship, but when we leave we do not always recognize our neighbors in need. We may close our hearts to them. We may reject them. We may fail to follow the example of our Good Shepherd. As we draw near to the Lord, let us consider our sins and ask God for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Heavenly Father,
- we have sinned against You and against our neighbors in our thoughts, words, and actions. You know our sins, and they are ever before You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us as a shepherd leads his sheep.
- P God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.

LSB 168

Hymn of Praise

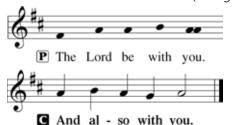




### Salutation and Collect (*Prayer*) of the Day

LSB 172

Acts 4:1–12



- P Let us pray.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### First Reading

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** The Psalmody is chanted responsively and the Gloria Patri in unison



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\* I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\* He leads me beside still | waters.

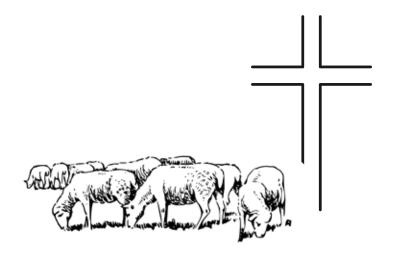
<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\* He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;\* your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\* you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\* and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, \* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



Psalm 23

**Epistle** 1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

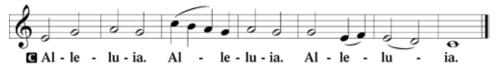
### **Appointed Verse**

Romans 6:9; John 10:14



Cantor Sings

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;\* death no longer has dominion | over him.



Cantor Sings

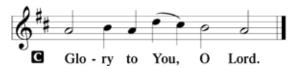
I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my | own know me.



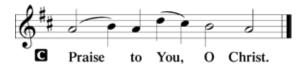
Holy Gospel John 10:11–18

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



<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed LSB 175

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

### Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day**The King of Love My Shepherd Is stz.2 women | stz.3 duet | stz.4 men

Sermon

**Offertory Anthem**"Brother James' Air" sett. by Healey Willan
Meg Bond, Soprano | T. J. Keller, Tenor

Stand

### Prayers of the Church

**A** Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

### Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

### + Service of the Sacrament +

Preface LSB 177



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. By His dying and rising, He has become the door to everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and and singing:



Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

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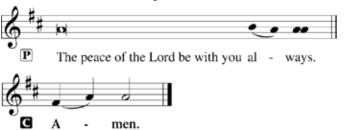
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini** (The Peace of the Lord)

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 180



Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 180



### Communion

Sit

Gluten-free options are available: please indicate to the pastor if you need one of these.

Alcohol free juice options are available in the center of each of the individual cup communion trays.

Stand

#### Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

LSB 182



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### AND FOR ES

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith, that we may always follow You and never stray from Your one flock; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction LSB 183

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

→ give you peace.



### **Closing Hymn**

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

LSB 183

- P Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Postlude

"Postlude in G Major, Op. 134, No. 6"

Gustav Merkel

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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book
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### This week we pray for...

- Immanuel Lutheran School | Ms. Amber's 5th Graders Riley, Ann, Isabella, Blake, Jaelyn, Elijah, Sophia
- Juliet Noel
- Peter
- Grace Nolan
- David Rundle

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



### This Week @Immanuel...



• Sunday April 21st

9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

Tuesday April 23rd
 5:30pm School Board Meeting

• Wednesday April 24th

6:00am Men's Mornings @Elmer's 8:30am School Chapel

- Thursday April 25th
  - 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir
- Friday April 26th 3:00pm Girl Scouts

### Special Congregational Meeting Sunday April 28th.





There will be a special congregational meeting held **NEXT Sunday April 28th**, after Adult Bible Study at 12:00pm.

### <u> Coming Up @Immanuel...</u>

- Immanuel Family Game Night Sat. May 11th
- ILS Track Meets
  Sundays @12:45 at Immaculate Danbury
  May 19th | June 9th
- Vacation Bible School
   Celebrate the Savior
   June 24th June 28th
- Senior Summer Seminar August 6th - August 8th

### **Immanuel Family Game Night**

**Next month there will be one more opportunity on May 11th**. The last game night of the spring for Immanuel Lutheran Church & School Families.

Come out and enjoy fellowship with members of the Immanuel Family while playing a wide range of board games and court games. You could enjoy a rowdy round of dominoes or learn how to play pickle ball.

There is something for ALL ages so... bring the entire family!

## Lights, Camera... **Directory!**

Time for an update Immanuel. Over the next few months we will be working on a new edition of the Immanuel Family Directory.

To aide in the process of acquiring a photo for every family, we will be setting up a photo area on the following dates and locations:

During Immanuel Family Game Night

May 11th Starting at 5:45pm in the Family Life Center

or

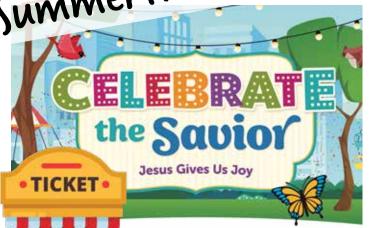
April 28th & May 5th 8-8:45am before Church & 10:15-12pm after Church

We will be setup in Room 103, down the school hallway in the new STEM room.

Please note this will not be a professional photo service.

Thank you for your help Immanuel! Community Ministry Team





Kids

Register

Now!

Volunteers

Volunteer

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024!

June 24th- 28th

For updates head to www.immanueldanbury.org/vbs

Immanuel's VBS is happening on June 24-28<sup>th</sup> this year. We run from 9-noon each day. The cost is \$30 per child (and we have scholarships available if needed).

Please scan the "Register Now!" QR code to register any children (*Pre-K through kids just finishing 5th grade*) who will

be attending VBS this year.

To register volunteers (just finishing 6th grade through adults), please scan the "Volunteer Now!" QR code instead.

Please contact Renate at renate.roehl@immanueldanbury.org with any questions.

We can't wait to see you in June!



### Immanuel's Annual Tag Sale

June 14th & June 15th

Drop Off Items at the Family Life Center on the following dates & times:

- Saturday, June 8th from 9am- 11am
- Wednesday, June 12th from 9am- 2pm
- Thursday, June 13th from 9am-5pm

Tag Sale Friday June 14th & Saturday June 15th 9am- 3pm

Get rid of your quality, gently used, items all for a great cause! Proceeds benefit Immanuel Lutheran School & Women's Service Organization.

Questions? email dinabacher@immanueldanbury.org





Senior Summer Seminar

August 6th 7th & 8th 2024

### **Sunday Fellowship and Refreshments**

Please join us in the **Family Life Center** for fellowship and refreshments **after the morning service**.

Church groups are encouraged to host a Sunday and provide information about your group and what you are currently doing for activities and if you need any assistance for upcoming events.

If you have any questions or if you have an event or celebration you might want to include, please reach out to **Deb Lahr** <u>djl\_mi@yahoo.com</u> for more information.



Thank you to Loretta Fox for refreshments for coffee time today!

Coming up at the LWML- New England District Convention, they will be collecting donations for Birthright of Greater Danbury. We can help by sending our LWML delegates with donations when they leave for convention.

### The items requested are:

- Diapers (newborn, 0-3, 3-6 months)
- Onesies (newborn, 0-3, 3-6 months)
- Receiving Blankets
- Infant towels and wash cloths
- Baby shampoo and baby powder
- Baby bottles
- Gift cards from Walmart



### Save the Date!

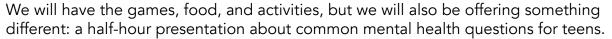
### **April 26 Youth Group Event!**

In addition to our wonderful monthly youth gatherings, we are also gathering quarterly for a larger youth event with Christ the King (Newtown), and Good Shepard (New Fairfield).

This April, the joint gathering will be hosted at Christ the King.

### Friday, April 26, 7-9pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church 85 Mt. Pleasant Road Newtown, CT



For the presentation, we are thankful to have Laura Merrick, a licensed clinical social worker (*LCSW*) to present. Laura is a member at Christ the King-Newtown and a previous member (*before moving to Sandy Hook*) at Immanuel. She specializes in children, teens, and family counseling as well as trauma counseling.

Details about this half-hour conversation will be coming about a week before the event, but for now please save the date for April 26.

Blessings in Christ!

Immanuel/ Christ the King/ Good Shepherd Youth Committee

### A new High School Sunday School class is being offered.

Discussion covers questions that every teen should ask (and answer) about Christianity. If you or your high schooler are interested, contact Michael Roehl at: mhroehl@yahoo.com



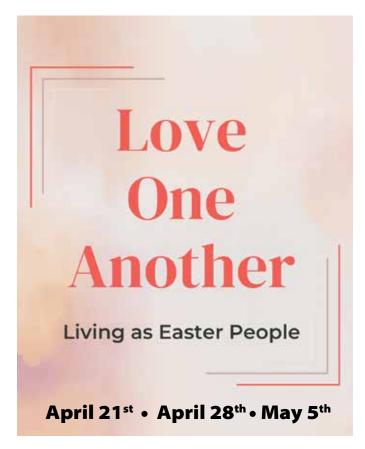
LWML- New England District has announced their Proposed Mission Projects for 2024-2026. One of the proposed projects is for our school, for tuition assistance!

Do you know how they fund these projects...? With Mites!

Help them out by digging for all that loose change just sitting around.

This is the last Sunday we will be collecting the items.

We invite you back next week as Pastor Ryan continues a the sermon series on love... Easter love.



### <u>Join Us Sundays</u>

**Sunday Worship** Sunday mornings at 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings at 10:30am

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