

Emanuel Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool
(A Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 21, 2024

Our Mission

Emanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of God the Father, by proclaiming the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, showing love for all people, lending a helping hand to those in need, and equipping God's people for ministry.

Welcome to Emanuel

We warmly welcome all who join us in worship today, especially our visitors. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship each Sunday and encourage you to sign our guest book and the friendship records in the pews. A nursery room is available at the back of the church. We also have activity bags available for all children. Please ask one of the Ushers for directions.

HOLY COMMUNION – Emanuel Lutheran Church follows the biblical and historical practice of the Christian Church known as Closed Communion. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation (or a church body we are in full altar and pulpit fellowship with), and you would like to commune or if you have any questions, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are a visitor and would like to come forward for a blessing this morning, we welcome you. Please cross your arms at the Communion rail. This blessing is for all ages. If you are unable to come to the front for Communion, please sit near the center aisle.

Serving in Worship:

9:00 am

Pastor Chris Davis

Organist: Kris Street

Sound Tech: Dave Schamber

Acolytes: Bryton Blauert; Zachery Kargas

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

Opening Hymn *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"* (LSB 735)

Confession and Absolution (LSB 184)

Introit **Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b**

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.**

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's
sake.**

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.

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

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

I am the good shepherd.

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my
life for the sheep.**

Kyrie (LSB 186)

Gloria In Excelsis (LSB 187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Reading from the Lutheran Confessions

First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Epistle

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴Whoever 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia (LSB 190)

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He 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. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (LSB 191)

Sermon Hymn "*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*" (LSB 709)

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament (LSB 194)

Distribution Hymns (LSB 155, LSB 633, LSB 864, LSB 740, LSB 588)

Post-Communion Canticle-Nunc Dimittis (LSB 199)

Benediction (LSB 201)

Closing Hymn "*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*" (LSB 710)

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