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Sunday, April 30, 9:30 am/Monday, May 1, 6:00 pm, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate when it is passed. Thank you!

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

#789

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

pp. 140-141

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has² enough.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day 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, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day

the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**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.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING 1 PETER 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When 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. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

...The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The LORD
is my
shepherd;
I shall not
be in want.
(Ps. 23:1)*

*Doing the
right things
does not
guarantee
that one will
not experi-
ence difficul-
ties, hard-
ships, rejec-
tion, or even
suffering.
Here Christ is
presented as
the model
for our path
of endurance
and loyalty
to God,
particularly
amid
adversity.*

*Jesus uses an
image
familiar to
the people of
his day to
make a point
about spir-
itual leader-
ship. Those
who listen to
Jesus are led
to abundant
life.*

SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY
NICENE CREED

Beautiful Savior

Pastor Tom Skrenes
#838

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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

*Renew our lives
that we may
welcome and
care for one
another and
that we may
live and serve
within the
greater com-
munity of
Negaunee and
the world,
witnessing to
others your
abundant love,
grace, and
welcome.*

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

#184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child (ren) if you wish them communed.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 144

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit ... let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers ... almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



COMMUNION HYMNS

The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502

Have No Fear, Little Flock #764

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 30,- May 7, 2023

***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for May will be THE STAFF. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for Coffee hour. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact The Church Office (906) 475-9161 with your date & any item you wish to bring.



***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Register now. Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern for scholarship details! Call or text: (906) 361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com. *Hurry. Get registered!*



IMMANUEL IS HAVING A DAY VISIT TO FORTUNE LAKE FOR ALL AGES! Everyone is invited to enjoy an intergenerational day at camp complete with Bible study, waterfront time, games, a picnic lunch, a visit to the canteen, camp songs, and loads of fun!

When: Tuesday June 27th from 10a - 2p CT. (9a - 1p ET)

Cost: will be covered with Immanuel's Fortune Lake scholarship fund.

RSVP: ASAP, with a June 7th deadline to Stacy McEachern

Call/text or email: (906)361-9123 or stacymc6@gmail.com

***ANNUAL FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP MEETING** This is scheduled for **TODAY, Sunday, April 30th, 2 pm CT, 3 pm ET.** You may have up to 3 voting members, including no more than 2 lay people. RSVP by April 24th via email to officemanager@fortunelake.org. Persons planning to go are Stacy McEachern, Kay Korpi, and Kathryn Sundine.





***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group is meeting for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today, April 30th, your leader is *Pastor Tom Skrenes*. On May 7th & 14th, the leader is *Pastor Terry Cathcart*. On May 21st, *Walter Scanlon* is the leader. On May 28th, *Martha Hayward* is the leader. We will continue meeting after that with leaders assigned at that time.



***INVITATION FROM BETHANY IN REPUBLIC** All parishioners are invited to join Bethany for a Nature Prayer Service/Family Hike for their Conference on **Saturday, May 13th, @ 3 pm, starting at the Al Quaal Lodge in Ishpeming.** This is a collaboration between the UP Wild Church & the NGLS Youth Ministry. Every Conference will be doing a hike on the same day in different locations. *"Outside of Sunday Services, one of the places to feel most connected to God is in the wilderness. Join us for a Nature Prayer Service & Family Hike. There will be a short hike out on the Little Lake / Baby Lake Trail, have a prayer service, then a hike back. It's an easy & short trail, so inexperienced hikers need not fear. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!"* -Pastor Alex Ross, Bethany Lutheran Church, Republic, MI.



***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be **June 12th, 2023.** Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776 or Diana Hetrick @ (906) 235-7110 or dianahetr@gmail.com. **NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A "GO!". OTHERWISE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! EITHER CALL PAULETTE OR DIANA. THEY WANT YOUR CALL! WE ALSO NEED KIDS, KIDS, KIDS!!! REGISTER NOW!!!**



***BAR CHURCH, 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', by John Mark Comer** This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. The dates scheduled are: May 11, & 25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/> or scan the QR code. *"There is no need to prepare or bring anything with you. Come as you are, even if it's late. The book is not required to join us! We base all discussion on not having read anything, and you can access all scripture and guides on your phone. Drop-ins are welcome, and we love new faces! Bring a buddy, even if they aren't a member at Immanuel."* (says Kaitrin). If you have any further questions, please call or text Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.



***STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE** This Committee is looking for volunteers. It serves as a "people-building" group charged with making sure that the ministry goals of the congregation are carried out mutually by the Staff leadership and Members. The Committee has no decision-making authority but serves as an advocate for the Staff before the Church Council. If you are interested in being a part of this Committee or need more information, please contact Christine Koski at 214-546-8179.



***COUNTERS** We could use a couple more counters (regular and those that would be captains) to help with our Tuesday morning counting. We usually have 2 persons at a time along with 1 captain. The counting occurs at 9 am on Tuesday mornings and takes about 1 - 2 hours, depending on the number of contributions envelopes that are accumulated each week. If you are interested, please call the office at 906-475-9161. Your help would be appreciated. Thank you.



***INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY** To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Use your email address that you included in your directory submission and confirm it following the instructions. If you did not submit an email for directory use, you won't be able to access the directory online. There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download. The same login protocol as above applies to the app. Need help/have questions? Please contact the church office: (906) 475-9161.



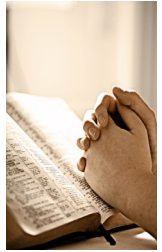
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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Debbie Thornberg, all COVID patients.

Our Shut-ins: Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.

Members in the Armed Service: Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.



VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Pastor Tom Skrenes

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: Connie Scanlon

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- Deb Moyer - Alice Mutkala
6:00 pm	- Diana Hetrick - Jim Hetrick
9:30 am LECTOR	- Alice Mutkala
6:00 pm	- Kay Korpi
9:30 am COMM. ASST'S	- Sara Garceau - Terry Garceau - Donna Hayrynen
6:00 pm	- Kay Korpi
9:30 am Tech Team	- Luanne Skrenes



(Communion Set-up for April is Terry & Sue Cathcart.)

APRIL'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN APRIL, our **ELCA World Hunger** will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*



**Thank you for giving \$ 730.00 in March to
Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30, 2023 - May 7, 2023



YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

- Sunday** ***4th Sunday of Easter***
- 9:30 am - Worship Services
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
 (Today's leader is *Pastor Tom Skrenes.*)
- 3:00 pm ET/2:00 pm CT - Fortune Lake Annual Meeting
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Wednesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
 - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
 - 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- Saturday** - 8:00-10:00 am - Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
- Sunday** ***5th Sunday of Easter***
- 9:30 am - Worship Services
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
 (Today's leader is *Pastor Terry Cathcart*)
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

**THE ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2023
CAN NOW BE PICKED UP
FROM THE OFFICE.**

