

#### Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

#### If Immanuel Is New to You:

**Relax.** At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshiping family – there is no better way for them to learn how to listen and pray then by bringing them to church! So, if your children are acting up, please know it's <u>never a bother</u> to our worship service. However, if you're concerned your fellow worshipers are being distracted and you'd like a place to calm a restless little one, <u>our lobby area</u> with screens and audio might allow you to continue your worship with us.

**Restrooms** are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

**Make yourself at home.** You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

**Don't feel obligated.** Our members give financial <u>offerings</u> to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

**Cell phones.** To remove as many distractions as possible from worshiping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

**Questions?** If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, feel free to contact our pastors or principal at any time (contact info included on the announcement insert). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



# We Worship Our Good Shepherd

## My Personal Prayer (before worship)

Dear Jesus, our Great and Loving Shepherd. Guide us through your Word today, that we may graze in your sweet promises, until our hearts are content and our faiths are full. Protect us from wandering minds and give us listening ears so that we may walk in the paths of your righteousness. Amen.

# God's Grace Keeps on Giving - (Week 3) Heavenly Rewards

## The Righteousness from God

**Romans 3:22-24**—This righteousness from God comes through **faith** in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

#### The Riches from God

**Revelation 20:6**—Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will **reign with him** for a thousand years.

Matthew 25:21,23—""His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

**1 Corinthians 6:3**—Do you not know that we will **judge angels**? How much more the things of this life!

#### Grace Is An UNEARNED Reward

**Matthew 10:42**—If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones he is my disciple. I tell you the truth, he will certainly **not lose** his reward.

**Malachi 3:16**—A scroll of **remembrance** was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

**Luke 16:11-12**—If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you **with true riches**? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of **your own**?

**Philippians 4:17**—Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be **credited** to your account.

## **God Wants My Heart**

Matthew 22:37—Jesus replied: ""Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**Matthew 16:25**—For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me **will find it**.

## And My Heart in the Right Place

Matthew 6:21—Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### **GRACE TRUTH #3**

	always goes
where I put	



### Reasons to Trust Our Shepherd (Psalm 23)

PASTOR: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in

green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

#### CONG: He restores my soul.

He guides 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 love will follow me all the days of my life,



And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## We Praise Our Shepherd – "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (CW 552:1,4,5)

# **We Confess Our Straying**

Loving Shepherd, I began this life lost and alone – like a sheep without a shepherd. Even now, like a silly, little, lamb, I wander from your paths which are holy - straying from your voice in your Word. You have so many reasons to abandon me because of my sin and to leave me to my own temporary pleasures and desires. But Jesus, I confess my sin to you, because I trust in your sacrifice for me and in the promise of your love.

Forgive me, O Lord. I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I deserve to be abandoned by you for eternity - locked outside the safety of your love and protection.

### We Trust His Forgiveness

My Friends, in his loving kindness, Jesus makes this promise about himself and you, "I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep. I give them eternal life,

and they shall never perish, no one can snatch them out of my hand!" (John 10). Your Shepherd also became the Lamb who sacrificed himself to pay for all of your sins. He has led you to the green pastures of his mercy and the quiet waters of his forgiveness. Rejoice! You have a GOOD Shepherd!

We Thank Our Shepherd – "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (CW 552:3,2,6)

## Message from God's Word – John 10:11-18

 $^{11}$  "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  $^{12}$  The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf



coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to 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 authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Things I'd like to remember this week...

Jesus is the GOOD Shepherd



## **Offerings of Thanks**

If you are visiting today, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. Our church family joyfully gives these gifts as one of the many ways we can say "thank you" to Jesus. You are here as our guest



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10:30 AM Offering Song – "The Lord's My Shepherd" By John Eggert (Junior Choir)

## Our Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Following Our Prayer we join to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Supper

God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual danger of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied or spoken with our pastors first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

PASTOR: We give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, for your endless grace to us and for giving us Jesus. He lived among us as a human revealing his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. For this gift and so many others, you deserve all the praise we can give! Therefore, with all believers living on earth and with saints and angels with you in heaven, we praise and glorify your holy name:

CONG: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory!

# Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

Words of Institution: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." — Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

**The Distribution** – as communion is shared, the congregation is invited to sing:

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (CW 804)

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (CW 555)

## **God's Blessing**

Closing Song – "Jesus, Tender Shepherd" (CW 793 –voc vs1, cong 2<sup>nd</sup> ref – vs 3)

**Silent Prayer** – feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks

Good Shepherd, we give you thanks that you still work in our hearts through your Word. Keep all of your flock here safe, shield us from Satan's schemes, that we may remain faithful to you. Hold us tight in your protecting arms. Guide us to serve you with our whole lives. In your name, Jesus, we confidently pray. Amen!



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Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Zimpelmann