



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.



John 10:27, ESV

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As We Gather

The world is full of talkers. There are plenty of people who say they care about you. But we are aware of what many of those people will do when it comes time to put those words into action. Jesus tells you in his Word that he cares for you dearly... that he would do anything for you. How do you know you can trust him? Jesus followed up his words with works. Jesus said he would suffer and die for you, so that you might enter Paradise. He fulfilled that promise. Jesus words are followed by works. He once illustrated that point in a striking metaphor, that of the Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by his works, including his willingness to lay down his life. Every word our Good Shepherd speaks to us is trustworthy!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

338 – Thine Forever, God of Love

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

C Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity.

P Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus.

P God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 33:5b-6a, 1, 18-20

- P** The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- C** **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made.**
- P** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
- C** **For praise from the upright is beautiful.**
- P** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
- C** **On those who hope in His mercy,**
- P** To deliver their soul from death,
- C** **And to keep them alive in famine.**
- P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
- C** **He is our help and our shield.**

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

1 Glory be to God in heav - en, Peace to those He
2 On-ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
loves so well. On the earth let all His peo - ple
sin a-way, Now with Him in tri-umph seat - ed
Speak His grace, His won - ders tell:
For Your mer - cy, Lord, we pray:
Lord, we praise You for Your glo - ry,
Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,
Might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; Hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior You are God a - lone In the glo - ry
ad - o - ra - tion And ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 7:14-20

¹⁴ Shepherd Your people with Your staff, The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell solitarily in a woodland, In the midst of Carmel; Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, As in days of old. ¹⁵ “As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders.” ¹⁶ The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put their hand over their mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷ They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, And shall fear because of You. ¹⁸ Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- C** **I shall not want.**
- P** He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
- C** **He leads me beside the still waters.**
- P** He restores my soul;
- C** **He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.**
- P** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
- C** **For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;
- C** **And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:1-13

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His

works”;⁵ and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.”⁶ Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn

263 – O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Sermon Text

John 10:22-30

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one."



Sermon

Listen to the Shepherd's Voice

I. He Sometimes Speaks Words the Feel Icy Cold.

II. He Also Speaks Words that are Warm and Comforting.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

784 - Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
2 To Thee, from whom we all de - rive Our
Thee all praise and glo - ry be. How
life, our gifts, our pow'r to give. Oh,
shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv - est all?
may we ev - er with Thee live, Who giv - est all!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

436 – The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

April 14	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
April 21	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
April 28	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service

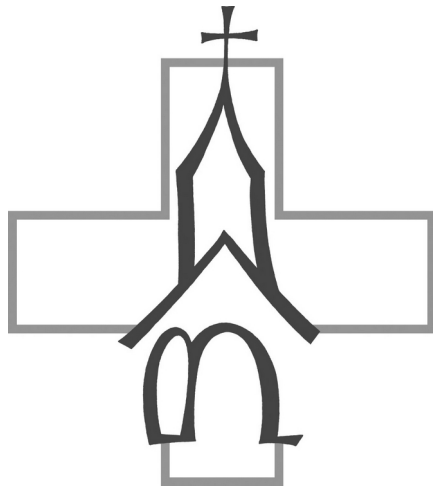
Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **May 5** – Board of Education/Board of Elders
- **June 2** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **July 7** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website here: <http://www.manup.clclutheranorg> and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

CLC News: Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, is still considering the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Ms. Ann Sprengeler is still considering the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE to teach the lower grades from August through December 2024. <> Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. <> Blair Sydow has received a one year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC. Blair is a member of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran. <> The CLC Call Committee on Graduates met on Wednesday evening, and issued these calls: Seminary graduate Paul Agenten to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

Fruits of Faith		April 7, 2024	Attendance: WH – 30	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$2,526.50	General Budget	\$350.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
+\$1,103.50	-Under / +Over	+\$292.31	-Under / +Over	
\$25,067.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$735.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$19,922.00	Year to Date Need	\$807.66	Year to Date Need	
+\$5,145.00	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$72.66	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund	\$50.00	ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$50.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
\$100.00	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Sign Fund		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund			



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

April 15-20

Monday: John 21:1-6 – The third time that the risen Christ showed himself to the disciples was in Galilee by the Sea. When He filled their nets with 153 large fish, it must have reminded them of how the Lord had once called some of them in connection with a catch of fish (Lk 5:1-11).

Tuesday: John 21:7-14 – The Lord gathers His little flock around Him and feeds them. They bring in the large catch of fish, but He already has bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it and is ready to cook more for their breakfast.

Wednesday: Revelation 2:1-5 – Jesus speaks to His church in Ephesus. He praises them for their faith which has endured hardships, but reminds them that faith works by love.

Thursday: Ezekiel 34:11-16 – The Lord promises to be the Shepherd that His people need, gathering His flock from the countries and leading them to rich pasture, seeking the lost and binding up the injured.

Friday: Ezekiel 34:23-25 – As the shepherd-king David pointed to the Messiah, so the Messiah, the Seed of David, is sometimes referred to as “David.” Here it is promised that He will establish a covenant of peace with the flock.

Saturday: Ezekiel 34:26-31 – The Lord will make His flock a blessing, as He promised to Abraham, and Isaac, and Israel. He will protect them, feed them, and make them dwell in safety, whether in open spaces or forests.



