

Monona Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Divine Service 3 April 26th in the Year of our Lord 2026

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

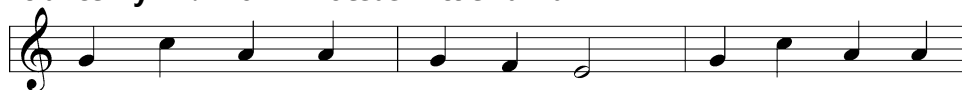
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

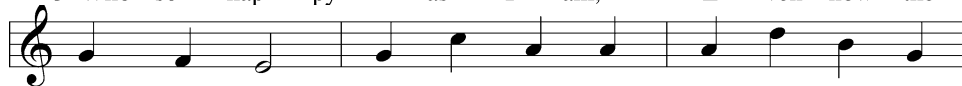
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



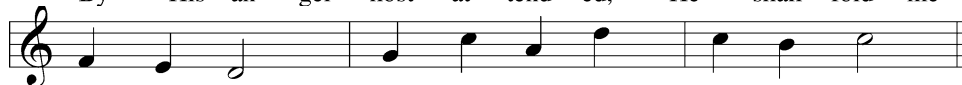
1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
 Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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Gloria Patri

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G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



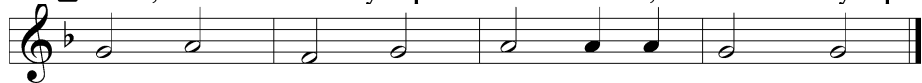
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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



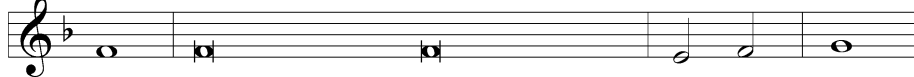
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

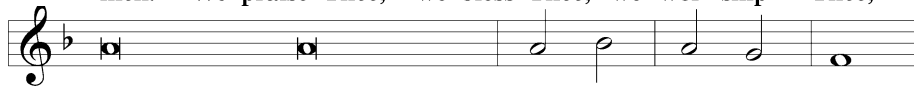
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



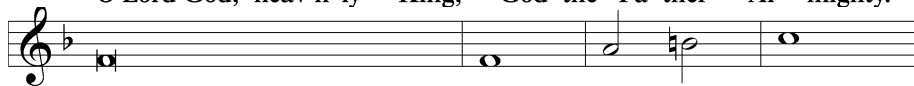
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



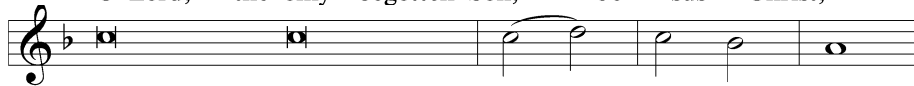
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



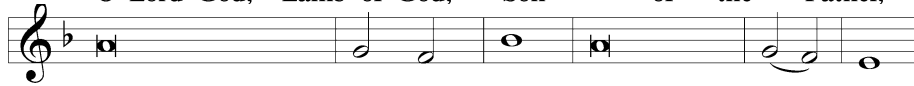
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



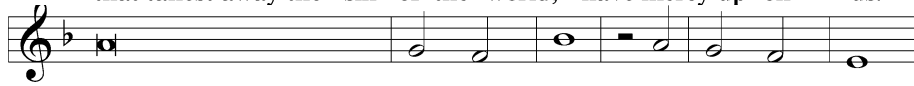
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



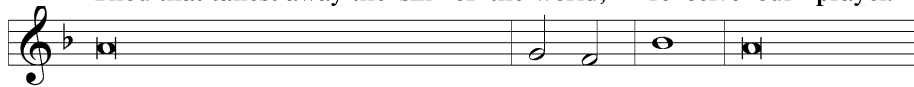
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



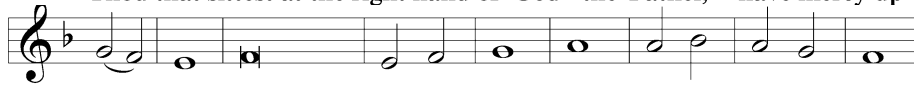
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



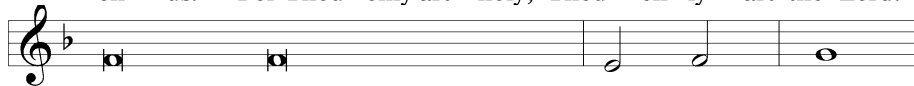
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



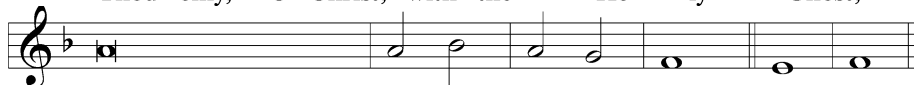
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1

¹The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green | pastures.***

He leads me beside still | waters.

³He re- | stores my soul.*

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

⁴**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.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup | overflows.

⁶**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.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C **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

Hymn of the Day: 392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -
 4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did
 5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Loving Father, Your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His flock to Himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may receive our portion in His abundant life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious God, bestow the gift of Christ's wisdom and tenderness upon all who are called to shepherd the souls of Your people. Teach believers everywhere to receive their pastors as a gift from You and to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, hear our prayers for all Christian homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness; strengthen all parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unashamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Author of life, You gather us together in the fellowship of Christ and His apostolic Word and so lead us to intercede for one another in every need. Hear our prayers for the Church and for the world [*especially for _____*]. Work by Your mercy for their good now and eternally, and add to our number those who are being saved, until You bring us to the day when we will rest eternally in Your safekeeping. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

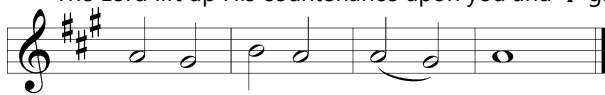
Lord's Prayer

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

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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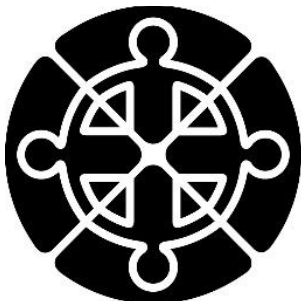
Announcements

Postlude

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CHURCHES in harmony

*****Joint Worship and Roundtable Series, next on May 3 @10:00am at Immanuel*****

The next joint worship, potluck, and roundtable will be May 3 at Immanuel. We hope everyone will attend and take part in the discussion, as we make our plans for the future of our partnership.

Combined Choir for May 3

If you are interested in singing in the combined choir or playing handbells for the joint service on Sunday, May 3 at Immanuel, please contact Mark Bloedow, musicdirectormeb@gmail.com.

Harmony Game Night, next on May 5 @5:30pm at St Paul

The next game night will be hosted by St Paul, starting at 5:30pm with a meal. After the food, we will play a variety of games. We encourage you to bring your own favorite board/card games to share with the group. If you can't make it for the meal, you can still join us for the games. The games usually start around 6:30pm.

Ascension Service, May 14 @7pm at Immanuel

On May 18, 2023 we held our first event together as a partnership, an Ascension service. This year will be our fourth Ascension service, marking three complete years of working together. We hope you will all join us for this important day in our partnership.

Wednesday Evening Worship @6pm and ASL Class @7pm at St Paul

Wednesday evening worship has resumed at St Paul. If for whatever reason you cannot make it to church on Sunday, we encourage you to join us on Wednesdays @6pm at St Paul. After worship @7pm, the ASL Class begins. If you enjoyed learning some sign language over Lent, consider joining us for the class! (These will both be canceled on May 6, due to the joint service.)

Young Adult Bible Study, Sundays @4:00pm at St Paul

You are all invited to our Sunday Evening Bible Study, held at St Paul every week at 4:00pm. This Bible Study is led by the Young Adults of the partnership but is open to everyone who doesn't mind meeting in the evening.

Maestro Concerts

- The Maestro Community Orchestra will present their Spring Orchestra Concert at Immanuel on Saturday, May 16, 3:00pm. Tickets and more details at www.maestroproductions.org.

Coleen Erdman Funeral Service

The funeral service for Coleen Erdman, Pastor Erdman’s mother, will be on Thursday, April 30 at 11:00am with a visitation beforehand, starting at 10:00am. The visitation and funeral will be held at St John Lutheran Church, 164923 Co Rd Z, Wausau, WI 54403.

Monona Announcements

Reminder: Next Sunday, May 3, will be at Immanuel (1021 Spaight St) @10:00am

Monona Voters Meeting: May 17 @10:15am

In Our Prayers

Brian LaMore (Joy Hamburg’s son); Steve Lindert; Sue Fietzer and members of her family including Laura Schaller (her grandson’s mother), Michael Schaller (her grandson’s grandfather) and Alberta (her daughter-in-law); Dr. Krubsack; Paul Felton; Sharon Bottoms; Dan MacLeod (Bess’ father-in-law); Lisa (Ann Rubin’s niece); Marcel Lindert; Ann Muller (Jeanne Nowak’s sister); Durwood Meyer; Dorothy Krause (Edie Eastman’s daughter-in-law); Sue Fietzer's new grandson; Joan Lindert; Kaitlyn DeYoung and Kristi Price (Pastor & Jeanne Nowak's daughters). We also remember our homebound: Sharon Bottoms. If you would like a name added or removed from this list, please e-mail office@churchesinharmony.org

Serving Today and Looking Ahead

Pastor: Pastor Thomas Nowak
Organist: Corey Smies

	Ushers	Communion Assistant	Readers
April 26			
May 3	Gary Steingraber	Joint Service at Immanuel	Gary Steingraber
May 10	Jeff Thur		Gary Steingraber
May 17	Gary Steingraber	Jeff Thur	Judie Krubsack
May 24	Steve Peck		Judy Thompson