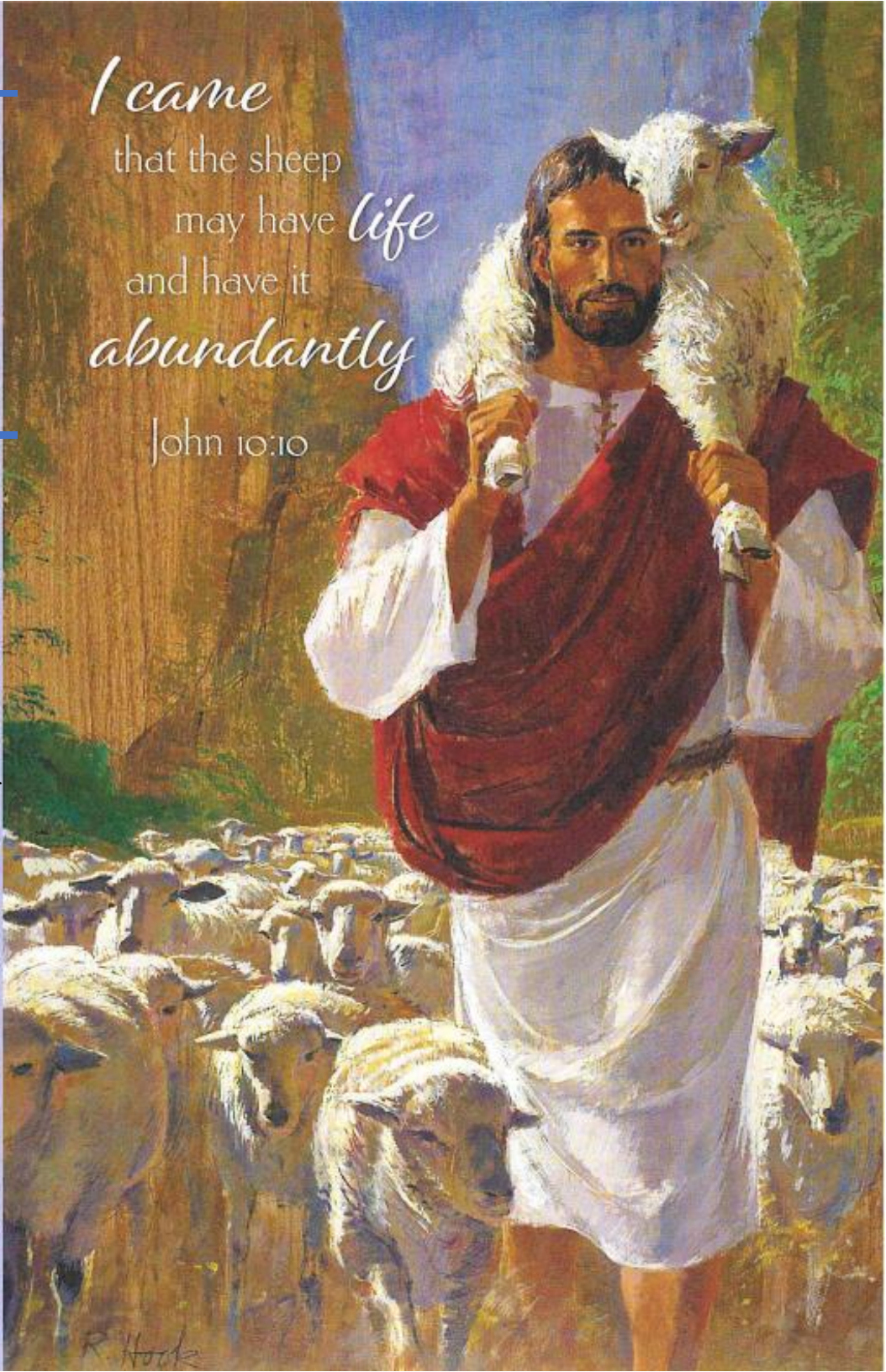

FULL VERSION
April 26, 2026
10:30AM
In Person
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On 1360 Radio

I came
that the sheep
may have *life*
and have it
abundantly

John 10:10

About the Cover:
Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads His sheep to eternal life. The Good Shepherd is intent on giving life as He searches for the lost, gives guidance for the wandering, provides protection for the helpless, and delivers food for the hungry. He gave us this abundant life by laying down His own for His sheep and taking it up again. Since Christ gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, we can have confidence that the life He promises us is in His hand forever (see John 10:28).



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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April 26, 2026
10:30 a.m. In Person
& Face Book Live

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

Theme for worship: This morning as we continue through the Easter season, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday.” We’ll hear Jesus poignant words about being the “gate” for the sheep and that they must pass through Him to have life. We’ll also contrast that with our reading from Acts in the first lesson where for a very short time, everything in the Christian world is good, or so it appears. We’ll think through what it means to “earn” our happily ever after.

♪ Pre-Service Music

Spiritwind

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: “I Love Your Grace”

1. I love Your grace, I love Your mercy;
I love the way You help me when I call.
I love the truth, I love the power of Your name;
But You know I love Your presence most of all.
2. My soul takes refuge in the shadow of Your wings;
Close to You is where I want to be.
You are my strength, You are my God, You are my King;
And all I want is what you want for me.
3. I love Your grace, I love Your mercy;
I love the way You help me when I call.
I love the truth, I love the power of Your name;
But You know I love Your presence most of all.

The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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.

Introit

Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P I am the good shepherd.

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

P He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C and guided them with his skillful hand.

P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

P & **C** 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.

P I am the good shepherd.

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

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & **C** **C** 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.

Service of the Word

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Pastor Marty

The Holy Gospel Lesson

John 10:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “Spirit Song”

- 1. O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Chorus: **Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

- 2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. *Chorus***

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Sermon: “Earning the Happily Ever After”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Offering- *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our 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

♪The Closing Song: "It is Well With My Soul"

1. When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus: It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

2. And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul

The Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS April 26, 2026		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>Organist</i> ; C-J Motisi, <i>Pianist & Soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	Pastor Marty	Pastor Marty
Acolyte	Colleen Goff	Virgil Walker
Lay Reader	Yvette Lubbers	Darlene Hillman
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
Slides	Kevin Harms	Doug Nelson
Ushers	Taylor McWilliams, Jackson Harms, & Tom Sawyer	Dan Lohmeier, Jen Allen & Will Michels

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