

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world, as a man, in order to make a journey. This journey was a three year trek to a cross. He came onto earth to complete a ministry, His ministry of grace. This culminated in His taking upon Himself our sins and suffering our punishment. Open our hearts Lord to understand more fully His sacrifice and open our lips to share this truth. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Saturday before Palm Sunday
April 9, 2022 --- 5:30 pm --- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// **Opening Hymn:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” 442

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Jesus came riding on a donkey	C: <i>On a colt that had never been ridden.</i>
P: He came as the conquering King	C: <i>He came to free His people.</i>
P: The people laid down their coats.	C: <i>They spread out their palm branches.</i>
P: They shouted, “Blessed is the King,	C: <i>Who comes in the name of the Lord.”</i>
P: Peace in heaven	C: <i>And glory in the highest”.</i>
P: Yet, when Jesus approached the city	C: <i>He wept over Jerusalem.</i>
P: How He longed to care for them	C: <i>As a mother hen cares for her chicks</i>
P: This is the Day the Lord has made	C: <i>We will rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 31: 9-16*

P: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. **C:** *My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.*

P: Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends- those who see me on the street flee from me. **C:** *I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.*

P: For I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" They conspire against me and plot to take my life. **C:** *But I trust in You, Lord; I say, "You are my God."*

P: My times are in Your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. **C:** *Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your unfailing love.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God the Father, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” 441

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39 /// **Epistle Lesson:** *Philippians 2: 5-11*

Holy Gospel: *John 12: 12-19* “The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to Him.

Now the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that He had given this miraculous sign, went out to meet Him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after Him!”

Hymn: “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” 423

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Hamby, Midge; Hawkins, Ron, Julie and Brandon; and Herrmann, Adam, Alysa and Collins.

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

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, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive 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.*

Absolution: 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. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ; that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution** /// **Hymn:** “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” 443

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, “This is my body” and “This cup is the new covenant in my blood” to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, “Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord” and, “let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” There is no doubt from our Lord’s Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord’s Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon all of you.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Palm Saturday Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Palm Sunday Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Children's Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School 9:10 am, Palm Sunday Worship 10:15 am
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am, Maundy Thursday Meal 6:15 pm, Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm
FRIDAY: Good Friday Service 7 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Holy Saturday Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
Next SUNDAY: Sunrise Service w/HC 6:30 am, Breakfast Served 8-9 am, No SS today, Easter Worship w/HC 9:30 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Apr 2: 68 LS: 47; Sun, Apr 3: 8 am: 46 LS: 37; 10:15 am: 88 LS:57; Lent Service:

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Heuring, Jim and Debbie; Hill, Warren, Jackie, Addison and Jude; and Hoffherr, Michael and Stephanie.

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, April 24 following the 10:15 service in the Lounge. All committees please be represented and all members are welcome to attend.



FISH FRY NEWS: WELCOME TO THE NEW CHAIRMAN SARAH JOHNSON.

Fish Fry date is Friday, May 6.

Sign-up Sheets will be on the board in the Lounge.

You can bring in your Chinese Auction donations and put in the Church office.

PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:36–39

- ³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
³⁷ Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:1–56

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him."

¹⁷But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—¹⁸a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ¹⁹Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus,

²⁰but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²¹A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²²But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²³So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁴He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁵And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁶And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁷But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁸For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ²⁹Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³⁰For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³¹Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³²And when they came to the place that is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³³And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁴And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁵The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine. ³⁶And saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁷There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁸One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ³⁹But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴⁰And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴¹And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴²And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴³It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁴while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁵Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁶Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁷And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁸And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁴⁹Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵⁰who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵¹This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵²Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵³It was the Day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁴The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁵Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.