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Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018



“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”
Psalm 118:26

PRELUDE *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (tune St. Theodulh) arr. By Lau*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

AS WE GATHER

Palms and passion hardly seem to fit together but in Jesus they do. The palms welcomed Jesus to the triumph of suffering that paid the full price of our sin, and the hosannas cried out to Him who exchanged His life for death that we might live. There are no palms and hosannas that do not end in the cross, and there is no passion that does not lead us to faith and to rejoice in what His suffering accomplished. Our Lord came to the cross not as an unwilling victim but as the One who alone surrendered His life into death. We do not come to the Lord under coercion or as people compelled but at the bidding of the Gospel and by the power of the Holy Spirit! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS: Norma Bredemeier, March 26th; Stella Kimber, March 29th;
Schuyler Hughes, March 31st

**♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

Please Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for this week, for the events of our Lord's death and resurrection. The great and wondrous paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with our hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we remember how our Lord entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember His death, which gives us life, and His resurrection, through which we dwell with Him for all eternity.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #442

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 111:1, 4-10*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: 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 neighbor 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen

HYMN: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #443

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, You sent Your Son not for the accolades of the crowd but for the suffering of the cross. Give us faith so that we may recognize what He came to accomplish, rejoice in what His obedient love has done for our salvation, and acclaim Him Lord with hosannas without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

(The prophet foretells of the humble King.)

(The Word is read)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

(Humbled to death on a cross that we might be exulted with Him.)

(The Word is read)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel

READING OF THE PASSION

Pastor: The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

READING PART 1 *Mark 14:1–25*

HYMN “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” #634 v1-2

READING PART 2 *Mark 14:26–42*

HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #436 v1-2

READING PART 3 *Mark 14:43–72*

HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” #440 v1 and 4

READING PART 4 *Mark 15:1–39*

HYMN “O Perfect Life of Love” #452 v1 and 5

READING PART 5 *Mark 15:40–47*

Please be Seated

HYMN “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” #438

SERMON “The Mind of Christ” Philippians 2:5-11
Pastor Ron Flentgen

Please Stand

APOSTLES CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be Seated

OFFERING AND OFFERATORY *“Prayer in Gethsemane” by Dennisen
Beth Behrens, flautist*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray the Lord that He may hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need.

Pastor: That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all who hear His Passion today, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the sufferings of Christ in our place not only strengthen us in faith but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, Liz, Myron, Paul and Mike, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That His gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our true and everlasting food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the Lord receive the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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 *Isaiah 60:1*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" #444

POSTLUDE "Ride On, O King, Ride On" by Smith

THE MESSENGER

March 25, 2018

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and "Like" us on Facebook. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl and Mike Albano.

OFFERING MARCH 18: \$1,609.69

SPECIAL THANKS TO: flautist Beth Behrens and drummer Mike Thompson

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (7:00 pm) – Pastor Larry Rockemann

EASTER SUNDAY: Easter breakfast will be at 9:45 a.m. and we will not have Bible Class or Sunday School. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a breakfast dish, pastry or fruit to share. Easter service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Larry Rockemann will be serving us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

APRIL PASTORS: 4/8: Pr. Bill Geis, Missouri District Mission Office; 4/15: Pr. Ed Trost; 4/22: Pr. Keith Loesch and 4/29: Pr. Fran Lieb

WE ARE THANKFUL AND BLESSED: Last Thursday the Pastors of the South Circuit met at Immanuel. They brought a van and car trunks FULL of food from their congregations and carried it into our storage area. It was well over 1,000 lbs. of groceries. It is an overwhelming and generous gift to the pantry.

VOTER'S MEETING: Immanuel's 2nd quarter voter's meeting will be Sunday, April 8th. Lunch will be served followed by the meeting. Pastor Bill Geis will speak to us about our situation and how the District office may be of help.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Sunday April 1: "**They Were Afraid, You Know?**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life! (Mark 16:1-8) Hear *The Lutheran Hour* on stations KCMO (AM 710) at 8:00am, KCCV (FM 92.3) at 8:00am, KCCV (AM 760) at 8:30am, and KCCV (FM 101.5) at 8:30am.