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**April 2, 2023** **Palm Sunday**

*Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.*

**Sunday family worship.....8:00 and 10:30 A.M.**  
**Sunday School...9:15 A.M. Bible class...9:30 A.M.**

**Today's Worship**  
*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." (Heb. 12:2).*

### Greeting:

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 mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we commemorate 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. The Lord be with you.

## Announcements

### Baby shower today

A baby shower for Michaela Winters will be held in the activity room following second service. All ladies are invited.

### Holy week services

**Maundy Thursday:** The Maundy Thursday Communion service begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday:** We will hold our customary Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning, "shadows, darkness." This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is somber as candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshippers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the entire earth during Christ's crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. **The Good Friday Tenebrae begins at 8 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday: One service next week at 9:00 a.m.** The Easter brunch served by the men of the congregation follows the service. Check the lists on the cupboard doors for food items needed.

**Remembrance lilies:** We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ's resurrection and also in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord and who, in light of Christ's resurrection, will surely rise again in glory at His return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know and he will include the names in the Easter bulletin.

### Congratulations times two!

Nick Blue and Alexandra Madrigal have announced their engagement. Olivia Albrecht and Ryan Docter have also announced their plans to be united in marriage. We pray for the Lord's blessings and guidance as these couples prepare for their new lives together.

### Membership request

Having completed a course in Christian instruction, Alex Saunders has requested communicant membership in the Messiah family. We welcome him into our fellowship!

### Pastoral installation

Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, invites all to join them at 3 p.m. on April 16 for the installation service of their new pastor, Andrew Schaller. A meal will follow the service. Let Pastor Eichstadt know if you plan to attend, so that we can inform Luther Memorial of how many to expect.

### Financial Aid available

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2023, for the 2023-24 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

## Looking Ahead...

### ♣Tuesday:

**11:00 A.M:** New Perspective service.

**6:00 P.M:** Bd. of Property.  
**6:30 P.M:** Bd. of Education.

### ♣Wednesday:

**10:00 A.M:** Villa of Greenfield service.

**7:30 P.M:** Adult information.

### ♣Thursday:

**7:00 A.M:** Adult information.  
**6:30 P.M:** Maundy Thursday Communion service.

### ♣Friday:

**8:00 P.M:** Good Friday Tenebrae.

### ♣Next Sunday:

**9:00 A.M:** Easter song service with brunch following.

### ♣April 11th:

**6:00 P.M:** Bd. of Elders.

### ♣April 13th:

**6:00 P.M:** Church council.



Bible Readings:	
4/2	Jdg 7-8
4/3	Jdg 9-10
4/4	Jdg 11-12
4/5	Jdg 13-15
4/6	Jdg 16-18
4/7	Jdg 19-20
4/8	Jdg 21; Rut 1-2

April Ushers		Cleaning Teams 4/7-4/14	
1st Service:	C. Gerbitz E. Williams	Church:	Eichstadt Ackerman Reim
2nd Service:	A. Gerbitz J. Gerbitz	School:	B/L Blue D. Blue O. Albrecht
Maundy Thurs/Good Friday Ushers: A./M. Plockelman Easter Sunday: C. Gerbitz/E. Williams			
Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:	
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$9,090.15	\$310,455.98	
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,784.00	\$342,576.00	
Over (Under) Budget:	\$306.15	(\$32,120.02)	
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,700.00	
ILC Building Fund:	\$135.00	\$2,380.00	
MSAF:	\$50.00	\$220.00	
Sunday School:	\$2.10	\$77.30	
*includes March e-giving: \$4,047.00 Attendance Last Sunday: 80, 39			

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even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we pray, Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Jesus' body and blood received in, with, and under the elements of earthly bread and wine. Gather us together with believers from the ends of the earth to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: Amen.

### Words of Institution and Distribution:

Communion hymns 618, 624: *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table;  
The Infant Priest Was Holy Born*

### Thanksgiving

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, for in Him You fulfilled Your covenant of salvation for us. Send us now, we pray, to invite others to sing their "hosannas" and to follow Him, our Savior and Lord.  
C: Amen.

### Benediction

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

Closing hymn 441: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

C: And also with you.

### We gather outside for the procession with palms

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Cong: And with your spirit.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

### Prayer (Unison):

O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word, and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Responsive Reading:

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD.

C: This is the gate of the LORD; through which the righteous shall enter.

P: I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.  
C: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This was the LORD'S doing;  
C: It is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
C: Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

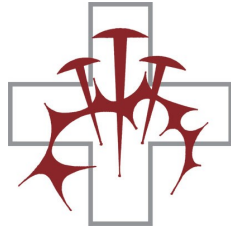
*(Raise palm branches)*

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
C: Hosanna in the highest.



P: All hail to Jesus, the King of kings. Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!

C: **He came from the very throne of God, but humbled Himself to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.**



P: But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!

C: **Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!**

P: In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

P: Let us go forth in peace

C: **In the name of the Lord.**

### **Hymn 444:** *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat—"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"

2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near—The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"

4. Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

P: Lord, all nations will bow down to You on the day of Your glorious return. Until that day of resurrection, we know that You reign over all things in heaven and on earth. Guide the nations of the world to walk in peace. Bless our community, state, and nation. Through the election process, raise up good leaders who will govern for the protection and wellbeing of all. As we confess our Savior and King before the world He died to save:

C: **help us to trust in Him.**

P: Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting medical treatment, that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

C: **help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again that we may receive Your righteousness.**

P: Lord, You graciously provide the gifts of marriage and family to lighten our burdens, lift our spirits, and help us in our faith-lives. We thank You for leading Nicholas Blue and Alexandra Madrigal, and also Ryan Docter and Olivia Albrecht to the confidence that You would have them live under Your blessing as husband and wife. Guide these couples as they plan for a lifetime together. Prepare them for the day when they exchange their vows before You, and grant them many happy years together. We pray:

C: **help them to always trust You.**

P: Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C: **"This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn 545:** *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

### **May God grant us to think like Jesus: Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,



fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

### Rejoice in the Real Jesus!

- I. The Son of God
- II. The humble Servant
- III. The eternal King



### Prayer:

P: Because of the Spirit's intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

C: "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

P: Lord Jesus, we rejoice this day as we come into Your merciful presence to receive You as You humble Yourself for us, serving us by Your Word and Sacrament. May Your name be glorified by our trust in You, our reception of Your body and blood in Holy Communion, and our desire to live as Your witnesses in the world. We ask You:

C: help us to trust in You.

### Confession and Absolution:

P: Blessed Lord, who always comes among Your people for good,

C: we confess to You that we are conceived and born sinful and both by nature and choice have turned away from You. We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings, and they have ruled us as tyrants. We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful lordship in our lives. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus, the one true King of kings and Lord of lords.

P: The King has won your freedom. 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 promise and preview of the King's arrival: Zechariah 9:9-10

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.”

### Choir: *Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So*

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
Lift up your voice! Break forth with jubilation!  
Make joyful noise, proclaim His glory, tell His story among the nations.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
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Tell of God's faithfulness.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
Tell of His mercy.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
God is our fortress, a mighty tower.  
He is the Rock on which we stand.  
God is worthy of our praise!  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, the redeemed of the Lord say so.  
Lift up your voice! Break forth with jubilation!  
Make joyful noise, proclaim His glory, tell His story among the nations.  
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## Our confession of faith:

Pastor: Like the planting of a seed, Christ gave Himself to death and burial that He might be raised and bring new life to all mankind. Living in this trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C: Our doctrine, faith, and confession is as follows:

The divine and human natures in Christ are personally united. So there are not two Christs, one the Son of God and the other the Son of Man. But one and the same person is the Son of God and Son of Man....

So we believe, teach, and confess that Mary conceived and bore not merely a man and no more, but God's true Son....

We also believe, teach, and confess that it was not a mere man who suffered, died, and was buried, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and was raised to God's majesty and almighty power for us. But it was a man whose human nature has such a profound, indescribable union and communion with God's Son that it is one person with Him....

We believe, teach, and confess that the Son of Man really is exalted. He is (in deed and truth) exalted according to His human nature to the right hand of God's almighty majesty and power....

Christ is and remains to all eternity God and man in one undivided person. Next to the Holy Trinity, this is the highest mystery, upon which our only consolation, life, and salvation depends. (Formula of Concord, Epitome: VIII).

## Hymn 442:1-3: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### Sermon: Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”

And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the