

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9



Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
10:30 a.m.



AS WE GATHER

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).



As You Worship with Us.

- **Assisted Listening Devices** are also available from an Elder or Usher.
- **If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion but would like a blessing, simply come forward during the distribution, cross your arms when you approach the Pastor and he will speak a blessing.**
- **Holy Communion** is offered to those who have been instructed in what the Scriptures teach about Communion. We believe the Bible teaches:
 - 1) *Jesus Christ is our only Lord and Savior from all sin, death, and the power of evil;*
 - 2) *The Risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine we receive His Body and Blood; and*
 - 3) *We resolve to dedicate our lives to the service of our Lord in His Body, the Church, through worship, sacrificial giving, and thankful living.*
- **Non-alcoholic wine is available for those who prefer this substitute. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please inform the pastor of your preference when you approach.**



✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

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

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

“King of Glory”

(Younker, Bentley, Ingram, Stanfill, Maher)

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

(The triumphal entry)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read from the center aisle.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord.

When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

CHOIR and CHILDREN

“He Comes”

(Michael Bedford)

✠ GATHERING ✠

SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 118:23

Pastor: Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray together.

People: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

Pastor: You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

People: We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.

Pastor: It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—

People: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

Pastor: With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,

People: confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a
(“The LORD God helps me.”)

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11
(Jesus humbled Himself to the point of death.)

SONG

“Hosanna”

(Ligertwood)

MESSAGE

“Triumphant and Humble”

Pastor Donald

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed

TALKING WITH GOD

Psalms 118:23

Pastor: Because of the Spirit’s intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: “This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”

Pastor: Confident in our Father’s mercy, let us come before Him in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting that our prayers will be answered according to His good and gracious will.

Gracious Father, we join with the masses of people, past and present, who enter Your gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise as we begin Holy Week. With humility and faith, we walk with our Savior as He journeys to the cross for our salvation. And so we pray:

People: help us to trust in Him.

Pastor: Giver of every blessing, You alone are the One who exchanges the rags of our sin for the robe of Your righteousness. Because of the innocent blood of Christ, offered for us on Calvary’s tree, we are granted Your cleansing and pardon. By Your grace alone, we, through faith, receive the benefits of Jesus’ death and resurrection. As we look to our Savior during this week of His passion:

People: help us to trust in Him.

Pastor: Your Son is the reason 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 Spirit. With hearts ready to receive and mouths ready to share with others the confession of Your saving name, grant that Jesus be glorified throughout His Church on earth, here among us in this congregation and wherever His Gospel is proclaimed. We ask You, Father:

People: help us to trust in Him.

Pastor: Sovereign 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 and to know the benefits that come from Your hand alone. Bless our local community, our state, and our nation, raising up godly leaders among us and guiding those who lay down their lives for the benefit of their neighbors. As we confess our Savior and King before the world He died to save:

People: help us to trust in Him.

Pastor: 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 procedures. This day we name before You [*names*], that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

People: help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.

(Additional petitions...)

Pastor: We ask for this grace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, O Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

People: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

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✠ RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

LORD'S PRAYER

(forgive us our sins...)

COMMUNION SONGS

“Speak, O Lord”

(Getty, Townend)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

Numbers 6:24–26; Psalm 118:23

Pastor: Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People: “This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”

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.

SENDING SONG

“God So Loved”

(Crocker, Sampson)

PASSION READING

Bob Rising, Praise Team Director

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Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 p.m

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 7 @ *7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration

April 9 Sunrise Celebration @ 6:00 a.m.

Worship @ 8:00 a.m. and *10:30 a.m.

Online worship is available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.

*Sign language interpreter present

