

Palm Sunday

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*In response to the call of Jesus Christ,
we the people of
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
are committed to:*

Celebrating *the excitement of God's influence in life by being visible witnesses of Christ and*

Ministering *to the spiritual and physical needs of our community and the world, through our God given talents.*

Welcome to Immanuel! Thank you for worshiping with us today. Please sign the worship welcome pad (red binder) during the offering. Thank you!

**Worship with Holy Communion
8:15 AM and 11:00 AM.**

**Sunday Church School
For all ages 9:30 AM**

Grace @ 5 5:00 PM

The nursery is available for children in kindergarten and younger following the Children's Message.

Office Hours 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday to Friday

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off **cellular phones, pagers** or **watch alarms** that may sound during the worship service.

Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all baptized Christians who have been admitted to the Lord's Table in their own church and acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to offer white grape juice to those not desiring red wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are next to the communion assistants. Please indicate your desire for grape juice to the communion assistant. Empty communion glasses are deposited on the end of the front pews. All who commune are asked to check the "will commune" box in the red worship welcome pad.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**This week's Memory Verse is
Isaiah 6:8.**

**The April Memory Verse is
Colossians 3:14-17.**

FM hearing loops and **large print hymnals** are available at the back of the church. Please see an usher to assist you. The church is equipped for hearing aids with TDD (telephone) switches.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW #344

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray:

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen *(Please be seated.)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

At this time the children are invited forward for a message. Nursery is available after the message for children 5 and younger.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:469a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens ô
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16 *(The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.)*

¹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your lovingkindness save me."**

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

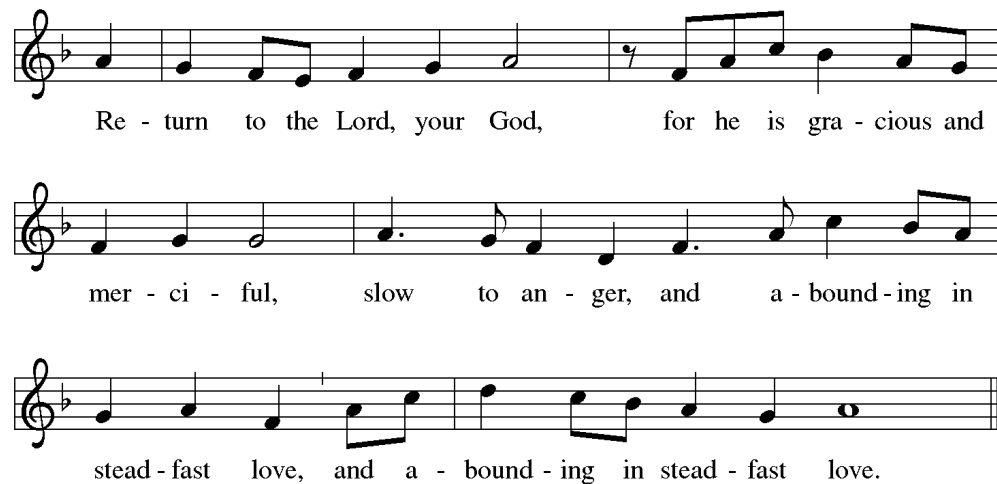
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death ô

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 (See insert.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th and 27th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW #339

***NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After ðGod of mercyö please respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

OFFERING (8:15) *Meditation for Lent* - arr. Michael Bedford

Gathering Choir

(11:00) *Ah, Holy Jesus* ó John Ferguson

Senior Choir

(Please sign the red worship welcome pad.)

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* (vs. 1 and 4) **ELW# 319**

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,

C: you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And, so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *(Spoken)*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to

bles us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C: Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION Ushers will invite the congregation to come to the altar and receive communion.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*Go to Dark Gethsemane
There in God's Garden*

ELW #347

ELW #342

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Sending

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW #335

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

There is no postlude during Lent.

Thank you to those who shared their time and talent with us this morning reading *The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew*.

Lenten offering boxes may be brought in to church anytime during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday and placed either in the offering plate or put in the church office. If you wish to receive credit for your gift, be sure your envelope number or name is on the box. Social Ministry members will count the gifts the Monday after Easter. If you do not get your box in by then, bring it whenever you can and put it in the offering plate.

Come join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am. Children in 5th grade or younger are invited to hunt for Easter goodies and color Easter Eggs.

The congregation is invited to the Easter Brunch held between services in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 24th. Sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, a wide variety of goodies will be offered, along with an opportunity to create a memory of Easter. Celebrate the Resurrection!!!



PALM SUNDAY, April 17

8:15 & 11:00 Festival Services with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday Church School for all ages

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 20

7:00 PM Service of Healing

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21

Holy Communion is celebrated at 7:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22

The people of God gather at 7:00 PM to hear the proclamation of the passion, to pray for the life of the world and to meditate on the life-giving cross.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24th

6:30 AM Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
7:30 AM Easter Brunch between services
8:15 & 11:00 Festival Services with Holy Communion
9:30 AM Easter Brunch and Activity Hour

IMMANUEL PRAYS: Jim White, Dan Klauck, Bill Oad, Helen Tice, David & Kressa Sweezy, Naomi Gregory, George Freese, Pastor John Kroschel, Nancy King, Sandy Badura, Esther Huehn, Monique Rendon, Rev. Garth E. Brokaw, Dale Raymond, Faith Venetti, Lisa Fox, Lyn Krauss, Sandi Melos, Elfrida Dey, Barb Shortz, Nina Painton, Stacy Tripp, Vanmany Banks, Mark Butterfield, Martin Horeth, Carol Fink and the grieving family and friends of Wilma Klem, Lynda Lydic and Earl Baldwin.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (immanev@frontiernet.net or 872-5180). We will pray for those requests for two or three weeks.

Serving God and God's Church

April 17, 2011		Next Sunday, April 24, 2011		
8:15		11:00	8:15	11:00
Assisting Ministers	Deacon Karen Sue Ross	Leslie Schwartz	Tom Lombardo	Heidi Smith
Reader	Sue Herrman	Ken Schwartz	Toni Baller	Wendy Pryor
Communion Assistant	Mike Herrman	Karen Holroyd	Kevin Cawley	Gary Cannon
Acolyte	Jacob Kachmaryk	Sarah Geckle	Alyssa Wicks	Claire Foster
Crucifer	Jacob Baller	Matthew Geckle	Michael Cawley	Aideen Foster
Greeters	Marge Cario, Carol Dittberner	Janice Durand, Jeanne Ludwig	Jan & Judy Brederson	Lisa & Meghann Foster
Ushers	Gary Ross, Maureen Hubbard, Ron Nohe, Fran Mooney	Mark & Joshua Geckle, Heather & Gary Immesoete	Jeff & Bonnie Slack, Ed & Nancy Behrens	Jeff & Katherine Foster, Catherine Kuhn, Helmut Gunkel
Nursery	Dena Fedkew	Lisa Riggi	Sandy Colbert	
Altar Guild	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams
Counters				

Members of Immanuel	Ministers
Paul E. Shoop (Residence ó 585/216-2167)	Pastor
John F. Beeg	Pastor Emeritus
Dave Ekimoff	
	Assoc. for Congregational Ministries
Barb Rafferty	Administrative Associate
Thatcher Lyman	Director of Music
Marguerite Manning	Handbell Director
Ron Corey, Jr.	Sexton
Tom Lombardo	Congregational President

Don't forget to have your blood pressure checked the first and third Sunday of each month between services in the library.

Parish Nurse Leslie Schwartz (265-9229) is available for medical questions or concerns.

**Judy Brederson is the
April shepherd.**
Please contact her (872-3806) if you know
of a member