

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

920 Fillmore Street – Whitewood, SD 57793 – 605-269-2104

Pastor David J. Baer – djbaer@rushmore.com – 605-722-6347

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

March 29, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation gathers in the fellowship hall.

*THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together . . .

C Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have give us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL, Matthew 21:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.” (NRSV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*BLESSING

The members of the congregation raise their palm branches.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

The congregation follows the minister into the church.

***PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29**

We read the psalm responsively during the procession.

M - Men **W** - Women **C** - Congregation

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

M O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

W Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

M Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

W This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

M I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

W The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

M This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

W This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

W Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

M The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

W Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

M You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

W O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

(BCP / LBW)

HYMN, "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

LBW Hymn 108

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
To you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Green Book

1. You are the king of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. *Refrain.*

2. The company of angels
Are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals
In chorus make reply. *Refrain.*

3. The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before you went.
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before you we present. *Refrain.*

4. To you, before your Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain.*

5. Their praises you accepted;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain.*

Theodulph of Orleans (760-821)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

☑ **Hosanna in the highest!**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray together . . .

☑ **Almighty God,**

**you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to take our flesh upon him
and to suffer death on the cross.**

**Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “*Sing Hosanna, Sing!*”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHILDREN’S SONG, “*Jesus Loves Me*”

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong:
They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in.

FIRST READING, Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;

I did not hide my face
from mocking and spitting.

Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me?

Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?

Let him confront me!

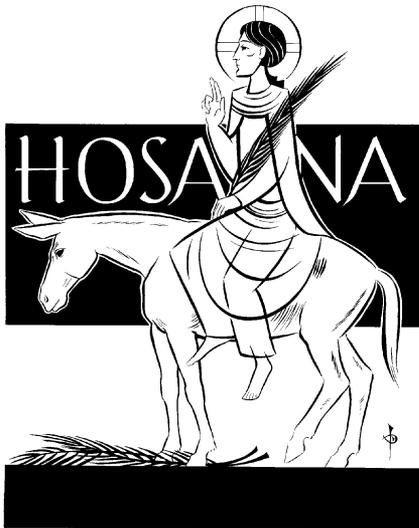
It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.

Who will condemn me?

(NIV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The psalm is sung responsively to Tone 3. The pastor sings the first half of each verse. The congregation sings the second half of each verse.



P Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

C My eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat | and my belly.

P For my life is wasted with grief,
and my | years with sighing;

C My strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones | are consumed.

P I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to
my neighbors, a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;

C When they see me in the street | they avoid me.

P I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;

C I am as useless as a | broken pot.

P For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is | all around;

C They put their heads together against me;
they plot to | take my life.

P But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD. *

C I have said, “You | are my God.

P My times are | in your hand; *

C Rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.

P Make your face to shine up- | on your servant, *

C And in your loving- | kindness save me.”

(BCP / LBW)



SECOND LESSON, *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

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

℣ The Word of the Lord.

(NRSV)

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN, “*My Song is Love Unknown*” (vv. 1, 3) **LBW Hymn 94**

My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love for me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.

Green Book

Oh, who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew his way
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.
And for his death they thirst and cry.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:1-13

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” *(NRSV)*

HYMN, “*My Song is Love Unknown*” (v. 7)

Here might I stay and sing —
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!
I all my days could gladly spend!

LBW Hymn 94

Green Book



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:14-30

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (NRSV)

HYMN, "It Happened on that Night" (vv. 1 & 3)

356

It happened on that fateful night
When pow'rs of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God's delight,
And friends betrayed him to his foes.

Continued on next page

“My body, broken for your sin,
Receive and eat as living food”
He took the cup and blest the wine:
“Share this new testament, my blood.”

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:31-46

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” *(NRSV)*

HYMN, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (v. 1)**LBW Hymn 109**

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

*Green Book***THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:47-56**

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

*(NRSV)***HYMN, “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (v. 2)****LBW Hymn 109**

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.

Green Book

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:57-68

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

(NRSV)

HYMN, “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” (v. 1)

LBW Hymn 123

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Green Book



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

(*NRSV*)

HYMN, “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” (v. 2)

LBW Hymn 123

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 27:1-10

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." (NRSV)

HYMN, "Ah, Holy Jesus" (v. 4)

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion,
For my salvation.

LBW Hymn 123

Green Book



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 27:11-26

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. (NRSV)

HYMN, "O Sacred Head" (v. 1)

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown;

LBW Hymn 117

Green Book

Continued on next page

O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 27:27-44

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. *(NRSV)*

HYMN, “O Sacred Head” (v. 2)**LBW Hymn 117***Green Book*

How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion
Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, Matthew 27:45-56

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God's Son!”

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.



HYMN, “Were You There” (v. 1)**LBW Hymn 92**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Green Book

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE PASSION OF THE LORD, Matthew 27:57-66

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*(NRSV)***HYMN, “Were You There” (v. 3)****LBW Hymn 92**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



HYMN, “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

LBW Hymn 107

Green Book

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And burdens of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love
And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all, the cross.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE PRAYERS

LBW Page 97

Response:

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ Hear our 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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

**☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26

**In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 28:19

☩ Amen.



***HYMN, “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

LBW Hymn 98

Green Book

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

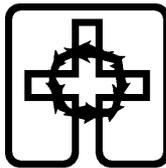
2. Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For his own creatures' sin.

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

5. But tears of grief cannot repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
It's all that I can do.

POSTLUDE



“It Happened on That Fateful Night,” Words © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship* / Augsburg Fortress.
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733558. All rights reserved.

Procession with Palms, Prayer of the Day and Psalm Tone are reprinted from *Lutheran Book of Worship: Ministers Edition*, Copyright © 1978. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress License #84243189.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex and family	Mark Baumann
Lenae Ebel	Kirsten Flagstad
Shelley Iverson	Charles Jackson
Felicity Kramer	Allison Lester
Cleo Miller	Les Nies
Connie Ross	Kathy Rost
Rita Shewmake	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Carletta and Steve Vasknetz	Anne Vossler

David Wanhannen
Cheryl Anderson (sister of Corey Halverson)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire and Maxine Ripley)
Curtis Clark (friend of Patricia Bridgeman)
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)
Doug Karns (friend of Midge and Gail Hemeyer)
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Wayne Fiechtner (brother of Ardith Petersen and Lois Rath)
Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)
Addie Graves (sister-in-law of Brandon and Alyssa Loll)
Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)
Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)
Doug Hewitt (brother-in-law of Diane Kunz)
Grace Iverson Johnson (daughter of Jon and Shelley Iverson)
Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)
Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)
JoAnn Knutson (mother of Todd Knutson)
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Michael & Jan Meyer (brother & sister-in-law of Midge Hemeyer)
Caren Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)
Roy Riley (grandson of Carol Vercoe)
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)
Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)
Traci Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony and Alona Westberg)
Melissa Williams (friend of Mark and Mary Tracy)
Sandra Wittrock (sister of Darrell Pulscher)
Kay Zuhr (sister of Chris Burleson)
Zhuang People (unreached people group in China)

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK from the North American Lutheran Church are available online. You can download the book, request a daily email or text message or read or listen to them online. You also can listen to the devotions on Facebook. To access the devotions or for more information go to *thenalc.org/lent*.

ONLINE WORSHIP: We stream our Sunday worship service on the internet for those who are unable to gather with us for worship. You can join the service live at 9 a.m. on Sunday or watch the recording of the service at a later time. Links to the service are on our website: *immanuellutheranwhitewoodsd.com*.

MEMBERS OF THRIVENT may be able to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to a ministry of their choice. Please consider Immanuel and our mission partners as you direct them. You may direct Thrivent Choice Dollars online at *www.thrivent.com* or by calling 1-800-847-4836. Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2025 must be directed by March 31.

WE WOULD LIKE TO PAINT the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to help paint, talk to Pastor David or a Church Council member or just stop by and do it! We have the paint or can get it.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Pastor Martin Lalthangliana, an NALC global worker in Myanmar (Burma). Myanmar is a country in southeast Asia with a population of 55 million people. A large majority of the population practices Buddhism. An estimated 7 percent of the population is Christian. Pastor Martin is the president of the Lutheran Church of Myanmar which has about 2,000 members in eight congregations, two preaching stations and three education centers. There are seven ordained pastors, three assistant pastors, four missionaries, five lay leaders, and seven evangelists and church workers. Myanmar has a difficult and unstable political situation experiencing a military coup in 2021 and an ongoing civil war. In addition, Myanmar experienced a significant earthquake in 2025 which impacted many members of the Lutheran Church. You can learn more about Pastor Martin's ministry in Myanmar at *www.alwm.org/myanmar*. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. — Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:25 a.m. — Assemble LWR Kits
Monday	7:00 a.m. — Men's Group
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club 6:00 p.m. — Confirmation
Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Worship
Good Friday	6:30 p.m. — Good Friday Worship
Easter Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Easter Festival Worship 10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship

A PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST will be served after worship today. Join us for this time of food and fellowship. We thank those who have volunteered to host the Palm Sunday breakfast.

SPEARFISH LIONS CLUB PANCAKE FEED is being served from 7 a.m. to 12 noon today at the Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish. This a fund-raiser for the Lions Club's projects.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of 1 Peter. All men are welcome.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 4 through Grade 5.

SERVICE TEAM #1 is looking for volunteers to help with serving during April. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the library social room.

AN ORGAN FUND has been started by the Church Council to raise money for a possible new organ. You may designate a gift for the organ fund through the offering.

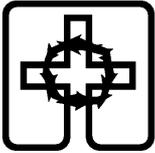
WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.



OUR WORSHIP TODAY begins with the procession with palms as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But just as the events of Holy Week quickly changed from hailing Jesus as king to demanding his death, our worship moves from the joy of Palm Sunday to a focus on Christ's suffering and death.



MAUNDY THURSDAY worship is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Maundy Thursday remembers the night in which Jesus was betrayed, when he instituted Holy Communion.



GOOD FRIDAY worship is at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Good Friday marks the day of Christ's death for us on Golgotha. Our worship will be a service of darkness focusing on Christ's suffering and death.



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD will be celebrated with Easter Festival Worship at 9 a.m. next Sunday. We celebrate our Lord's victory over death and the hope of eternal life it brings us.

WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits after worship today. Please stay and help put together the kits. We thank everyone who brought items for the kits and who will be helping today. The kits will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to refugees and others in need worldwide.

A COMMUNITY EASTER CANTATA will be presented at 7 p.m. today and Tuesday at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. The theme of the cantata is "Upon This Rock" The cantata is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council and features singers from area churches. Some singers from Immanuel are participating in the cantata.