SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (PALM SUNDAY) APRIL 2, 2023 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



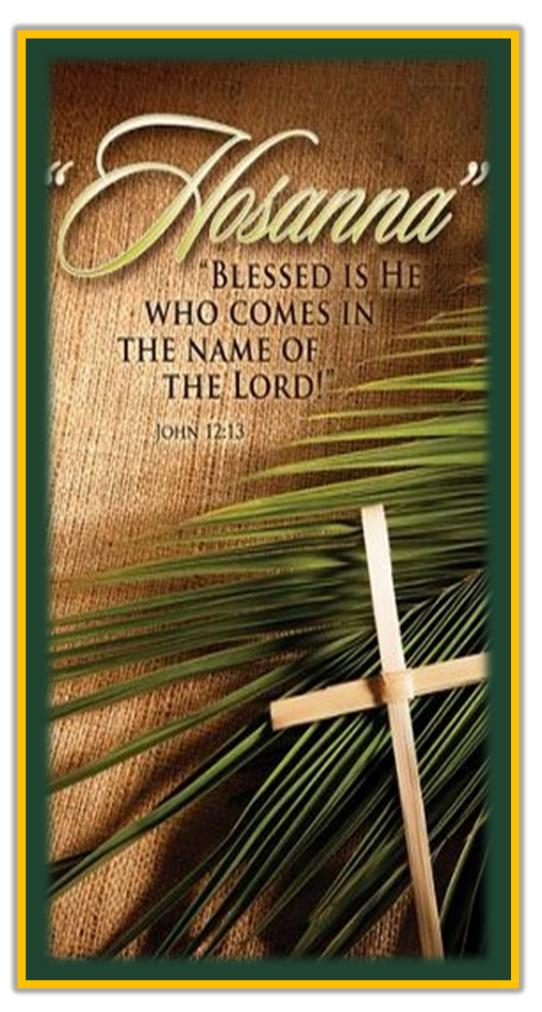
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> *Sunday* 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/ Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

- A Prayer Upon Entering Church Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself my flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. As You open for me the gates of righteousness, enable me to follow my Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection. I pray this in the name of Him who gives me Your righteousness: Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- **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).

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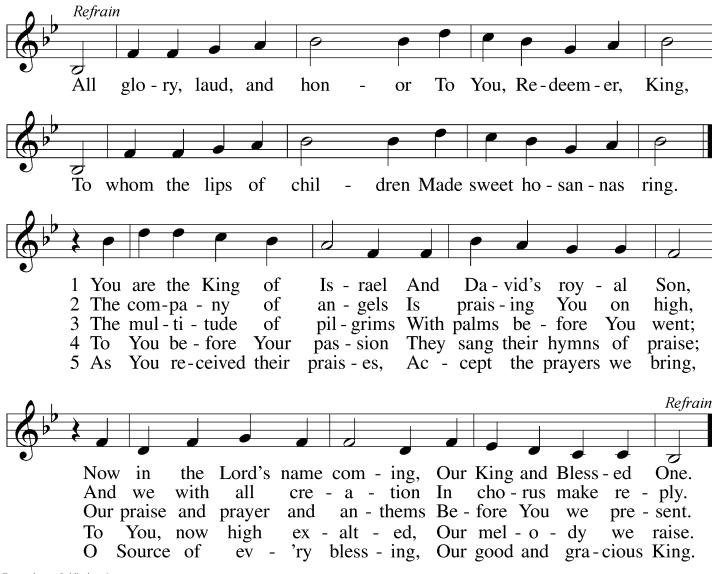
PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- C Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- P Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- C Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- P Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.
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SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Rejoicing in Your mercy to us this day, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection. We pray this in the name of our humble King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4–9a ("The LORD God helps me.")

4 "The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me?

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 118:19–29*

(We bless the LORD who opens the gates of righteousness.)

- 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; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- P Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.
- C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- P God is the Lord, and He has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
- C You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.
- P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it [b]robbery to be equal with God, 7 but [c]made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPELJohn 12:12–19(The triumphal entry)PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

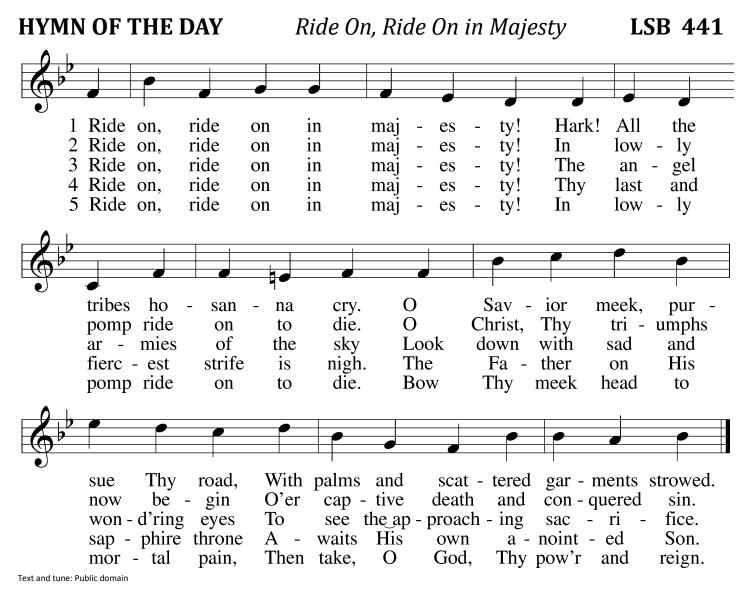
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All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. Please sit



SERMON"Let your mind be like the humble mind of Jesus who
saved you!"(Ephesians 2:1-8)

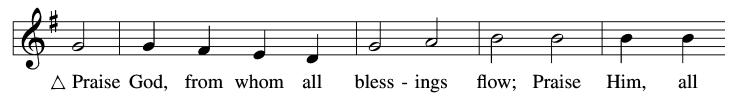
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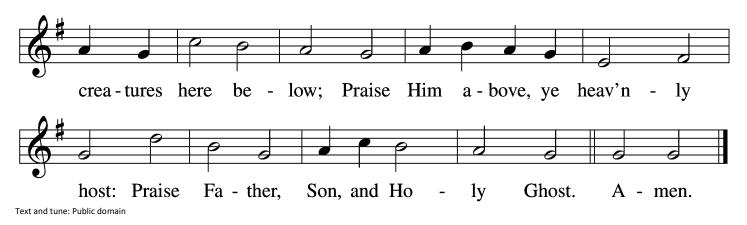
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OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) (Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- 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 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:

C help us to trust in Him.

P 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:

C help us to trust in Him.

P 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:

C help us to trust in Him.

P 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:

C help us to trust in Him.

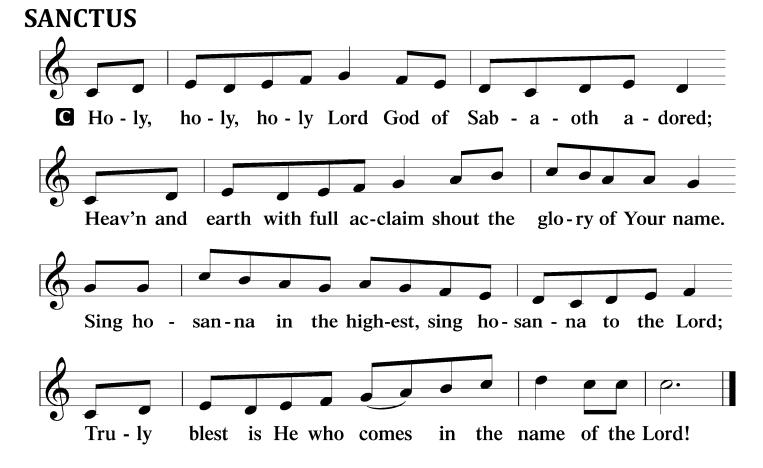
- P Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting medical procedures. This day we name before You [names], that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:
- C help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.
- P 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.
- C Amen.
- 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."

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, ever lasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your onlybegotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You
CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE 13 have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

C 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.

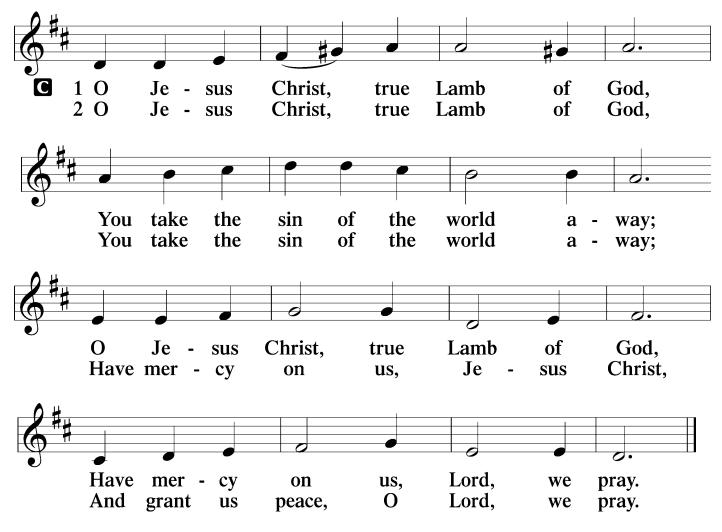
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

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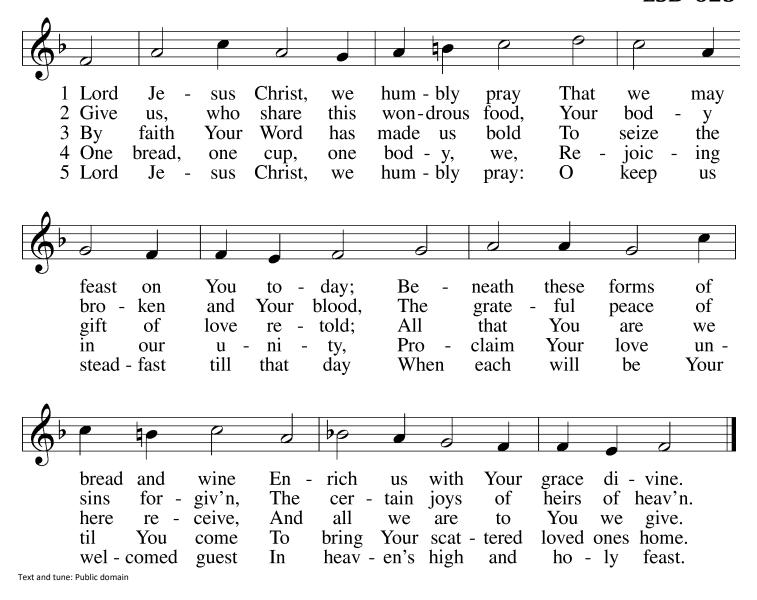


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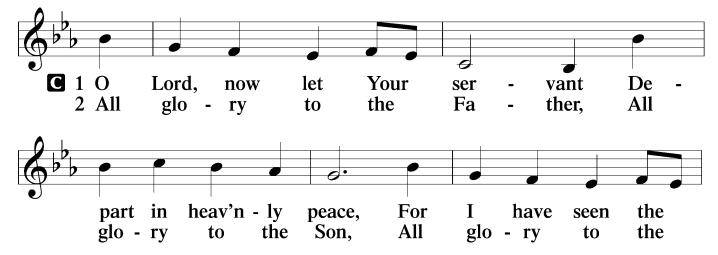
Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. THE DISTRIBUTION

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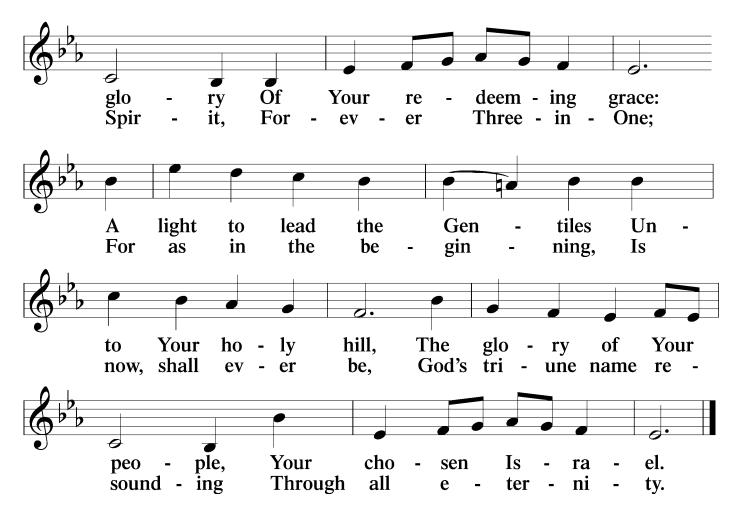


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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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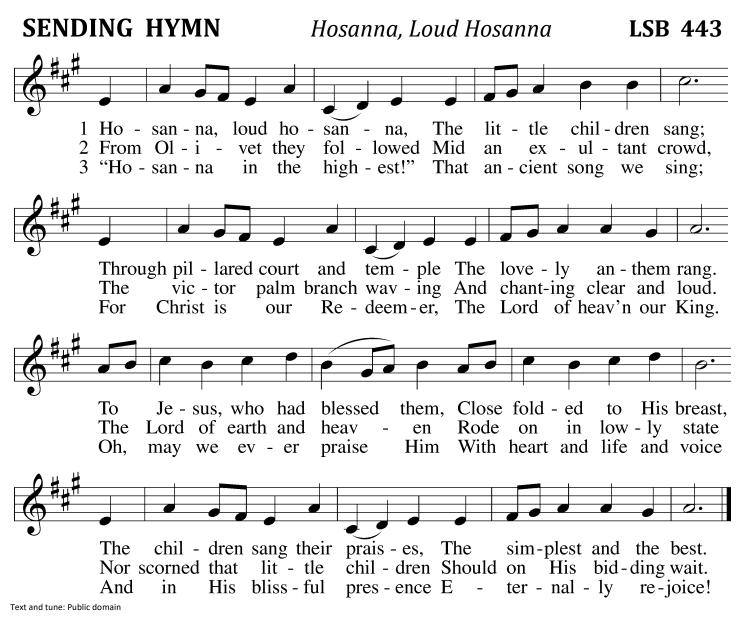
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24–26)

- 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.

Please sit



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Sermon Notes			
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From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Goetz will be leading the class.

April Activities

April 4, 2023 Elders' Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion) 6:00 p.m. His Body and Blood for You - Matthew 26:26-29 (Pastor Goetz)

April 7, 2023 **Good Friday** 6:00 p.m. **Jesus for Barabbas** - John 18:38b-40 (Pastor Weber)

April 9, 2023 – **Easter Sunrise** 7:30 a.m. **Jesus' Tomb for our Tomb** – John 20:1-18 (Pastor Goetz)

April 9, 2023 Easter Day (Holy Communion) 9:00 a.m. Jesus' Tomb for Our Tomb - Matthew 28:1-10 (Pastor Weber)

April 18, 2023 1st Quarter Voters' Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

<u>April 28, 2023</u> **Immanuel Lutheran School Triathlon** 6:00 p.m. at Christ Corner Baseball Field

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: **Ephesians 2:4–5**

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ogive thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 118:29



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Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).

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Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule					
	April Sunday Servants:				
Elder:	Ken Eilers				
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus/Maribel Perez				
Music:	Doris Pickering				
This Week	Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)				
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus				
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am				
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am				
Next Week	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday)				
Usher:	Ken Eilers				
Sunday:	Worship Servic	ce	9:00 am		
24	Sunday School	& Adult Bi	ble Study 10:30 am		