PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025
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CHURCH
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> > 10:30 A.M.

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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32). Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, my Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself my flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that I may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made a partaker of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

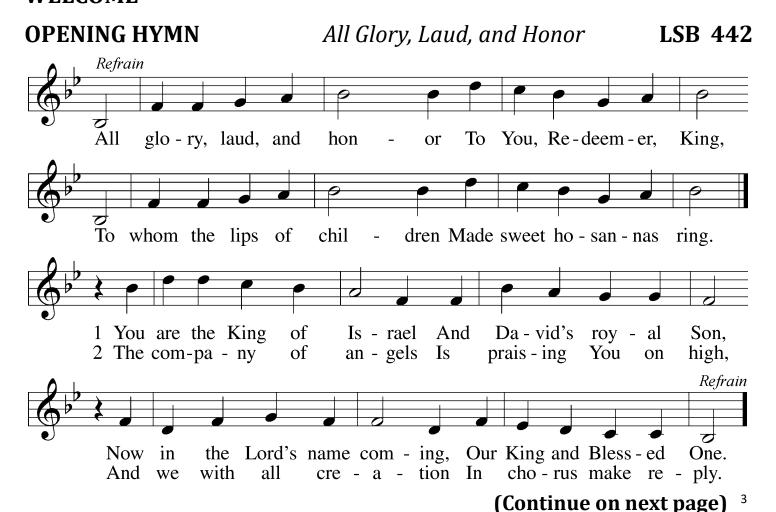
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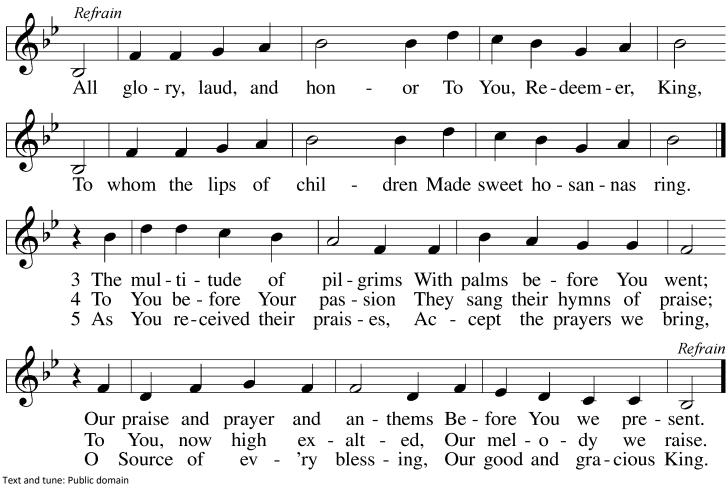
AS WE GATHER - Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE (a quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship) **WELCOME**





Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and P confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, P
- \mathbf{C} who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. \mathbf{C}

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- O almighty God, merciful Father, P
- \mathbf{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.

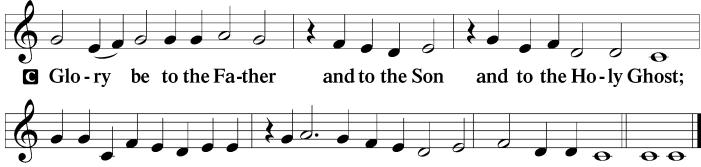
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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

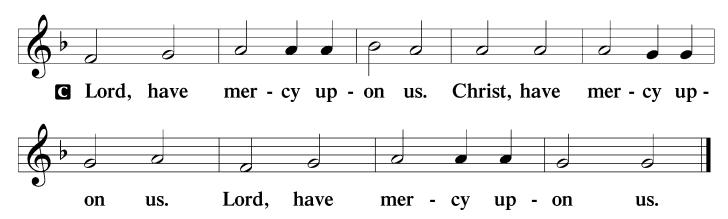
- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.
- C Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.
- P Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.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

GLORIA PATRI



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Almighty and Everlasting God, who has led Your dear Son Jesus Christ through sufferings and death to eternal glory, and has exalted Him at Your right hand to be Lord of Lords and King of Kings, we beseech You, grant us Your good Spirit, that with willing hearts we may receive Him as our King and follow His example of true humility, being made perfect through sufferings, we may enter into eternal glory; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.



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Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 32:36–39

(God will vindicate His people.)

36 "For the Lord will judge His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone, and there is no one remaining, bond or free. 37 He will say:

'Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.

39 'Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.

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

PSALM *Psalm* 118:19–29

- 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*

(Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)

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 robbery to be equal with God, 7 but 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.

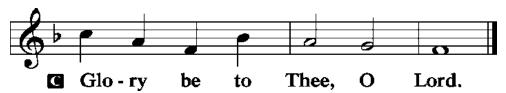
C Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

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



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!

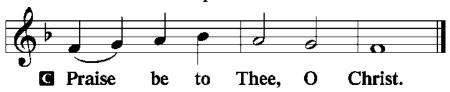
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'

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.



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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors LSB 339



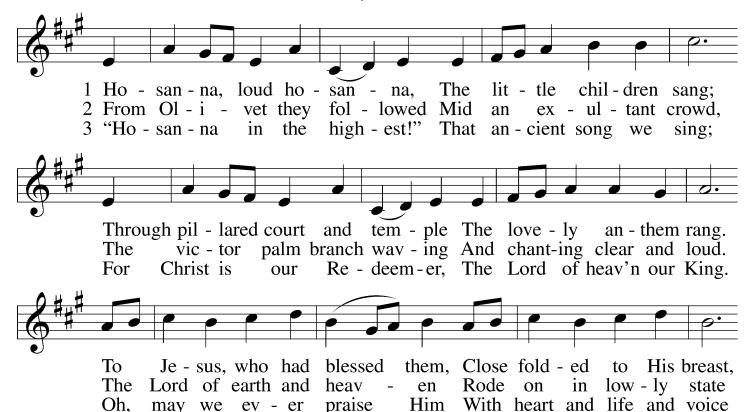
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SERMON "God's gracious plans for us to remember and understand" John 12:14-16

OFFERTORY

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443





The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. Nor scorned that lit - tle ter - nal - ly His bliss - ful pres - ence E And

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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you" [American Sign Language]

CONFIRMATION

Lance Irvin and Victoria Ashley Eschete, and Hailey Jo Burciaga

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

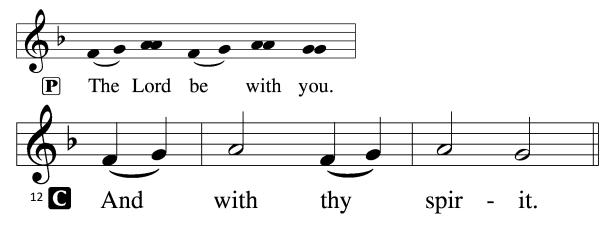
- Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.
 - We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.
- We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

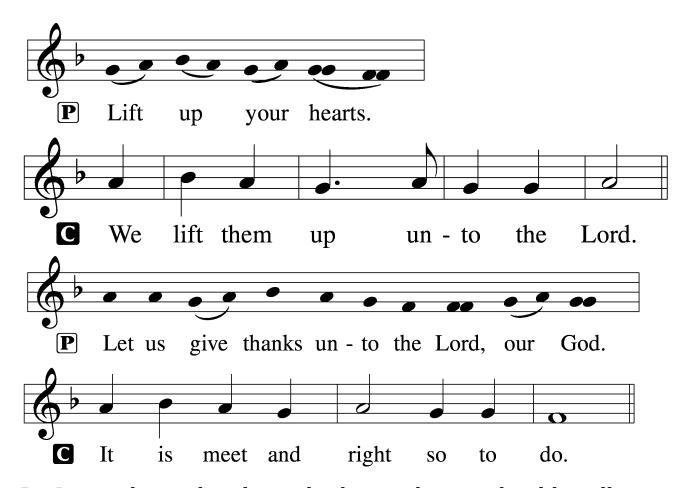
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- C Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.
- P You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.
- P We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [including . . .].
- C Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.
- P You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
- C For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.
- P For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C Lead us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.
- P Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- C We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

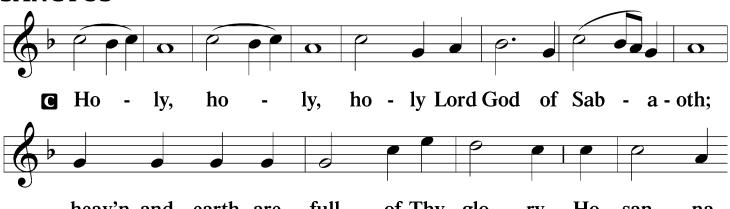
PREFACE





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, everlasting 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:





heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, (Continue on next page) 13



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

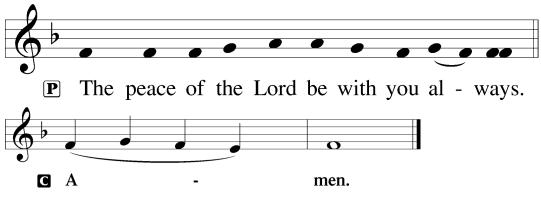


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

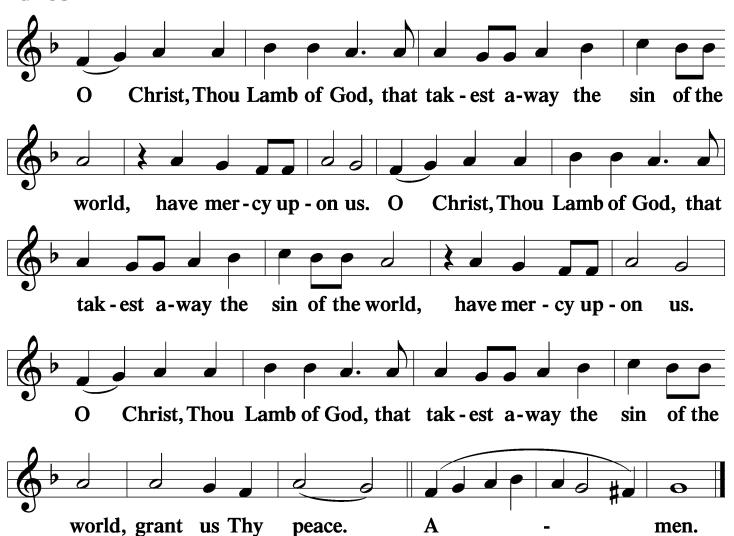
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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





AGNUS DEI



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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

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.



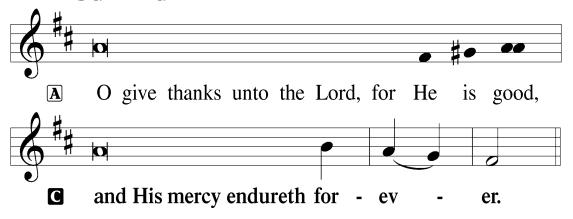


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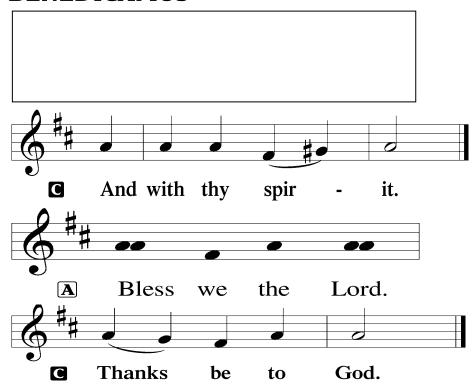
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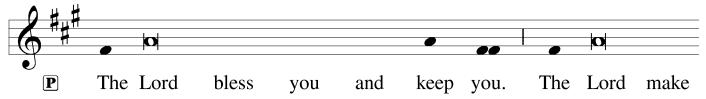
P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

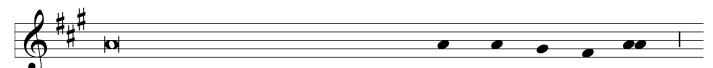


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His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

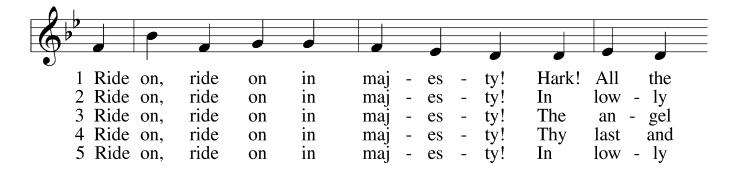


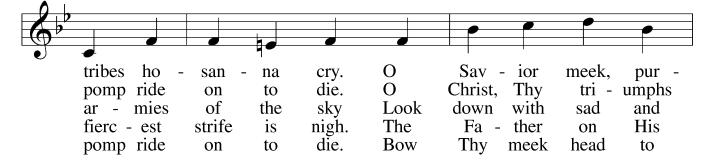
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SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On, In Majesty

LSB 441







With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed. Thy road, sue cap - tive be - gin O'er death and con - quered now To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri won - d'ring eyes fice. a - noint - ed sap - phire throne A - waits His own Son. mor - tal Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign. pain,

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for <u>April to June 2025</u> are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Goetz is leading the class.

April Activities

Choir Practice on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

First Quarterly Voters' Meeting Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week Services:

- > Holy Thursday Service (with Communion) at 6:00 p.m., April 17th
- >Good Friday Service at 6:00 p.m., Friday, April 18th

Easter Sunday, April 20th:

- >Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m., basketball court, followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- > Easter Festival Service at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Goetz will lead the worship service on April 27th while Pastor Weber visits his family in Florida.

178th Anniversary of the LCMS, Saturday, April 26th

Immanuel School:

- > No Classes Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st
- > Earth Day will be recognized, Tuesday, April 22nd



Sermon Notes			

Memory Verse Challenge:

This week's

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Mid-Week 5 Service

4/2/2025			
Worship Service	38		
Plate:		\$ 195	5.00
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Sunday Worship	64	
Plate:	\$	558.00
Envelopes:	\$ 3	3,568.00
Envelopes-Other:		
Donation:		
On Line	\$	750.00
Memorial:		
Installation Service	100	
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Bible Class: 28

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 16 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 Luke 24:1–12

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule				
	April Sunday Servants:				
Elder:	Ken Eilers				
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/C Zink/M Perez				
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral				
This Week	Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday				
Usher:	Ken Eilers				
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:	Don Vogel				
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am			
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am			