

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

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April 2, 2023

Prelude

Procession of Palms - *The branches of palm to be carried will be distributed before the procession starts.*

P: We gather today as the children of the God who was made incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth, in the Name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

P: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Reading of the Word: John 12:12-19

The Processional *"Amazing Grace"*

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

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Hymn *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

LBW # 108, v. 1, 3, 5

Choir *"Hosanna to the Son of David"*

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign

God, through your Son's passion you brought your reign of righteousness and peace into the human heart. Draw us to you through his cross and keep us faithful to your reign until he comes again; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

First Reading **Isaiah 50:4-9**

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

Second Reading **Philippians 2:5-11**

Gospel **Matthew 21:1-11**

Sermon

Pastor Eric Miletta

Hymn of the Day *"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

LBW # 26

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Prayers of the Church

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Sharing of the Peace

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Offering Hymn	<i>"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"</i>	Tim Ferguson & Congregation
Offertory "Let the Vineyards..."		Pg. 86
Offertory Prayer		Pg. 87
The Great Thanksgiving		Pg. 88
The Words of Institution		Pg. 89
The Lord's Prayer		Pg. 91
"Lamb of God"		Pg. 92
Communion Hymns:		LBW # 104, 212, 197
Post-Communion Blessing		Lent
Post-Communion Canticle		Pg. 93-94
Post-Communion Prayer		Lent
Benediction		Lent
Special Music by the Choir		
Closing Hymn	<i>"Lift High the Cross"</i>	LBW # 377
Sending		

Announcements

Welcome to our worship in Jesus' name! Your presence in worshipping the Lord is our joy. Thanks be to God who grants you faith which brings you here; please come again. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall between services.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Brad & Heather Bales in honor of their anniversary.

Attendance and Prayer Request Card – Please complete any pertinent information. **If you do have a Prayer Request, hand it to the usher during the first hymn.**

Offering and Attendance on 3/26/23 was \$3,552; there were 86 members and 11 visitors who signed in. There were 32 views on Facebook Live.

Holy Communion: All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. Come forward at the direction of the usher. If you are unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament, please let the usher know, and the Sacrament will be brought to you. **Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are also available;** let the pastor or communion assistant know of your need as you are served. Any who have not been instructed in the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Sun	8:00a	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15a	Coffee & Fellowship
		'Back to Basics' Bible Study
		Sunday School / Confirmation
	10:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
Thur	7:00p	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	10:00a	La Vernia Cross Walk at the LV City Park
	7:00p	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun	7:00a	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:30a	Pancake Breakfast
	9:30a	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30a	Easter Resurrection Service

2023 marks our 20th Annual Community Festival Anniversary! We are collecting raffle donors and items through **May 1st**. If you are interested in donating to the raffle, **please see Lillian Kosub**. Let's make this our best year yet as we celebrate this milestone!

Newsletter – Please submit your articles and photos to the office by **the 20th of each month** to have the newsletter ready in time. Share what's happening in your group!

VBS – Plans are underway now for our summer Vacation Bible School, **July 16th to 20th, 2023** from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. This year's theme is Keepers of the Kingdom. **You can pre-order T-shirts until April 30, 2023**; see flyer in the Narthex and Annex. Please contact Shasta Franklin or Chelsey Thayer if you have any questions or would like to help.

Women's Retreat – See more information and sign up for the Women of Faith's Fall Retreat in Fredericksburg on the bulletin board in the Narthex; **the cut-off date is April 30th**.

A Life Quote for Sunday, April 2: "As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what He has to offer because of His humble attitude and His devotion to His mission. When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'"

OUR PRAYER LIST

Those in our congregation: Larry Bailey, *Willie Jean Boeck*, Byron Durbon, Erna Lee Hormuth, Donna Jefferson, Katy Markgraf, Sharon Poarch, Carl Rivers, Phyllis Stensgaard, and Kyle.

Those in our community: (will remain on list for three weeks unless otherwise instructed) Vince & Louise Aguirre, Hector Arredondo, Ivy Baumann, Rodney Bartlett, John Briscoe, Rodney Brown, Susan Bruno, Linda Duelm, Alex Espinosa, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Baby Quinn Freeman, Beverly Hartwick, Kathy Hutchinson, Kim Jameson, Ashley Leyendecker, Chelsey Lyssy, Maria Elena Martinez, Mike McEnery, Michael Miles, Edna Otto, Lawson Ramon, Geary Ransom, Carl (Kip) Richter, Larry Rose, Cohen Schoenert, Tim Smith, Jordyn Starrett, Brandon Strey, Susan Thompson, Alene Wanek, Fallyn Wegner, Chandler White, Billy Willeford, Jackie Wiseman, Marvin Witte, Dennis, *Eddie, Frankie*, Katlyn, and for the safety of the two children who were removed from their mother.

For those grieving: *For the families of Andrea Herrera, of Don Hormuth, of Frank McNulty, of Janet Finch, and of Molly Love*

For peace, understanding, & acceptance for all:

For those affected by war & natural disasters:

For our building project:

For our country and for world peace:

For those serving in military service here and abroad: Brian Alderson, Taylor Clarke, Thomas Elder, Stephen Ferry, Eric Koepp, Joshua Miller, Nathan Pianfetti, Farrah Schluter, Larkin Tremaine, Ashley Trompeter, and Michael Troy, Jr.



Holy Week

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday	April 6	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday	April 7	10:00 AM	La Vernia Cross Walk at LV City Park
		7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service of Darkness
Easter Sunday	April 9	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
		8:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
		10:30 AM	Easter Resurrection Service with Holy Communion

Easter Lilies: Order Easter lilies to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter morning for \$10 until **Thursday, April 6th**. Please make your check payable to the *Immanuel Lutheran Church Women*.

Easter Cross: Bring freshly cut flowers to decorate our cross in front of the church on Easter morning.

This week's NALC devotions: April 2 – April 9

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9–12; 1 Timothy 6:12–16; Matthew 21:12–17; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)

Monday

Jeremiah 11:18–20; 12:1–17; Philippians 3:1–14; John 12:9–19; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)

Tuesday

Jeremiah 15:10–21; Philippians 3:15–21; John 12:20–26; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)

Wednesday

Jeremiah 17:5–10, 14–18; Philippians 4:1–13; John 12:27–36; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)

Maundy Thursday

Jeremiah 20:7–18; 1 Corinthians 10:14–17; 11:27–32; John 17:1–26; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)

Good Friday

Wisdom 1:16–2:1, 12–22; 1 Peter 1:10–20; John 13:36–38; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)

Holy Saturday

Job 19:21–27a; Hebrews 4:1–16; Romans 8:1–11; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: VIGIL OF EASTER Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)