



Palm Sunday
With Holy Communion
Immanuel Lutheran Church
April 13, 2025

Welcome to this place of praise and prayer.

We gather today in celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, as part of God's family. We would appreciate having you sign our guest book so that we can remember your presence with us. Please note that in the ELW the page numbers are printed at the bottom of the page and hymn numbers are located at the top. The order of worship is outlined on the following pages.

The offering reminds us that all of life is a gift of God. We are stewards of that gift. In response, a portion of our income is given as an act of worship to do God's work in the world. Immanuel is a first-fruits congregation. That means that every Sunday when the offering is taken in, we give first to the mission and the ministry of the ELCA. We don't wait to see if we can pay our bills before we give away for God's mission. It is our hands doing God's work, for the sake of the world our Lord loves.

We serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and at all festivals. We offer an open invitation to all baptized believers to participate. It is our understanding that Christ offers his body and blood with the bread and wine to forgive sin and strengthen faith and life. If you receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CHORAL PRELUDE *Pave the Way with Branches from All Creation Sings*

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation response in bold)

Honor.

Honor and praise.

Honor, praise, and glory.

Honor, praise, and glory are yours Almighty God, now and forever.

In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

We know the pain of what lies ahead.

Today anticipates the rest of the story-

a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, **we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem-singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 118)

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation
In Jesus our sins are forgiven.
In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor

#344

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, **you who triumphed over death, we sing your praise. Your steadfast love endures forever. As we face your death and recall the week of your suffering, may we do so with a joy that anticipates the celebration of your resurrection; may we do so with the confidence to turn to you in both life and death. Amen**

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

WORD FOR KIDS

STUDENT BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

- Kenzie Eglinton**, daughter of Casey and Keri Eglinton
- Liberty Knutson**, daughter of Brent and Erica Knutson
- Emmalin Kruckow**, daughter of Josh and Chelsey Kruckow
- Everett Kruckow**, son of Josh and Chelsey Kruckow
- Brecken Rye**, son of Joe and Natasha Rye
- Gibson Rask**, son of Nathan and Erica Rask
- Bryson Schulte**, son of Jake and Amanda Schulte
- Tanner Schulte**, son of Jake and Amanda Schulte

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9A

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet

himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (with intro)

Lenten Acclamation

#176

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 19. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Entrance into the final days

²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of

the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

(Congregation may be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Steve Meyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

#552

CONFESSION OF FAITH- Philippians 2

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to each prayer will be, “Lord, in your mercy,”
Congregation reply will be, “**hear our prayer.**”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
You are welcome to send a text or email to share peace with others.

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the wooden offering box as you leave the sanctuary)

OFFERING RESPONSE (with Intro) *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

#186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

-Katelyn Kruse, daughter of Dan & Suzanne Kruse

-Matthew Ranzenberger, son of Dawn Schutte-meier & Telly Ranzenberger

GREAT THANKSGIVING (SUNG)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **No Intro**

#190

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead

us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	#616
<i>Chief of Sinners Though I Be</i>	#609
<i>As We Gather at Your Table</i>	#522

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

<i>Ride On, Ride On in Majesty</i> (alternate tune TRURO)	#346
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SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Today's Volunteers!

We would love to have your help during our worship service. Please sign up at the kiosk in the church narthex or on the church website under the sign-up link on the home page. Thank you!

Greeters:

Ushers: Dave Renslo & Dean Schutte

Reader: Chelsey Kruckow

Presentation Clicker:

Life Stream: Nicole Flugge

Acolytes:

Communion Servers: Nicole Flugge, Crystal Flugge

Coffee & Refreshments: Dawn Schuttemeier & Joyce Knutson