

March 24, 2024



**“BLESSED  
IS HE  
WHO COMES IN THE  
NAME OF THE  
LORD!”**

**JOHN 12:13, NIV**



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# Palm Sunday



**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, yet David's Lord, with the people of Jerusalem we also join in singing to You: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We praise You, dear Redeemer, for Your painful journey to the cross. We are sorry and ashamed that our sins caused Your great suffering, but we truly rejoice that You have redeemed us by Your blood. Keep us steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and make us finally partakers of Your glory. In Your name we ask this, Amen.*

## Today's Order of Service

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Opening Hymn 443 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen!

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** On Palm Sunday, the crowds entering Jerusalem waved their palm branches and worshiped Jesus as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. On Good Friday, the crowds in Jerusalem rejected Jesus as their King and called for His crucifixion. On

Pentecost, the crowds in Jerusalem were cut to the heart to hear from Peter that they had crucified the Lord of Glory. As we worship King Jesus today, let us flee to the Lord for mercy, humbly confessing that is our sin and guilt that caused His death on Good Friday.

**C Hosanna, Son of David, Son of God. Lord, save us. We need Your salvation for we are sinful by nature and have sinned against God. We have dishonored God with our sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful actions. All too quickly our lips go from praise to grumbling, from blessing to cursing. Not our palms, or praises, or anything we lay before You can make up or atone for our sins. Yet you come to us in the Name of the Lord, to be our Merciful Savior. You alone can save, must save, or we perish. Save now, Jesus, Savior, Christ our King.**

**P** Be of good cheer, children of God, for Jesus Christ, the King of kings, humbled Himself and rode into Jerusalem to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might reconcile us unto the Father. Therefore, by the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen!**

**Response:** *(sung to the tune of Hymn 443)*

**C** *Come, wave your palms and branches In honor of your King!  
Bedeck His sacred altars With tributes of the spring,  
And sing of His salvation, His glorious victory,  
His royal exaltation Through all eternity!*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, When shall Thy day appear,  
The day of our redemption From all our sorrows here?  
O guide us to the mansions, The homeland bright and fair,  
And crown our weary waiting With endless glory there!*

## **The Prayer for the Day**

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

## The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 118:19-29*

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

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

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

**C** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**P** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

**P** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**C** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**P** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**C** Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!



## Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and

under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are  
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

### The Apostles' Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Reception of New Members:

**Peter, Rhonda, James, and Gabrielle Voelzke**

*Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:2*

### Hymn 444 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

- 1** *No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"*

**2 And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.  
 With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.  
 Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,  
 Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"**

**3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!  
 No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.  
 The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,  
 As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"**

**4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains  
 And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.  
 Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,  
 And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"**

**The Sermon: John 12:12-15**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

**Theme: KING JESUS COMES TO YOU**

**The Offertory**

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 525 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

**3 Crown Him the Lord of Love, Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But down-ward bends their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown Him the Lord of Life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all.**

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Scashtag is "Scslcmzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse*

*(WS 788:1):* **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.  
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true  
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

## Prayer of the Church – The 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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

**G** Amen!

**Closing Hymn 442:1** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**Refrain:**

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

**1** *You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. [Refrain]*

*Hosanna!*



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If the LORD wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain God's teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

**NEW MEMBERS AT MT. ZION!** We welcome the Voelzke Family into our fellowship in the name of Jesus, and we give praise and glory to our LORD for His gift of these like-minded believers to our congregation!

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** In the early church, the celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter were considered to be one continuous service. Good Friday was a continuation of the Maundy Thursday service and Easter was the culmination of both! We hope you will join us for this three-day service:

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service:** March 28 at 7:00pm

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service:** March 29 at 7:00pm

(Easter Sunday Brunch, March 31 at 10:00am)

**Easter Sunday Worship Service:** March 31 at 11:00am

May the LORD bless our meditation and services throughout these days as we celebrate all that our Savior has done for us through His sufferings, death, and resurrection!

**EASTER BRUNCH INVITATION AND SIGNUP (MEN COOK):** All are invited to attend our annual Easter Sunday Brunch on March 31 at 10:00am – Pancakes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit, bacon, and sausage! Any men willing to help cook are asked and encouraged to do so. See the signup sheet on the hymnal rack.

**EASTER LILIES:** We have the Easter Sunday tradition of decorating the altar/chancel with Easter lilies. If you can share a lily for the service, please bring it Easter morning!

### **MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Thu. 3/28</b>	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
<b>Fri. 3/29</b>	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
<b>Sun. 3/31</b>	10am	Easter Brunch Potluck (Men cook)
	11am	Easter Sunday Service
<b>Sun. 4/7</b>	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
<b>Sun. 4/21</b>	11am	LIFT Meeting

### **SERVING US THIS MONTH:**

Usher: Dave Troyan      Church Cleaning: D'Onofrio

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Last Sunday Attendance = 33 Bible Class/Sunday School = 20

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$26,232.72	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$25,628.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,265.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$2,563.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$115,597.00	

### IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. <> **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Kuwait. <> The **Naumanns** are expecting a baby girl in April. <> We continue to search for a **new building** for our church and future school.

## CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1*

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN, *is considering the call* to be the second pastor of Immanuel Church and School, Mankato, MN. <> Caleb Noeldner (member of Gethsemane, Spokane) *is considering the call* from Messiah. Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal. <> Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC *is still considering the call* to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross in Phoenix, AZ *has received a call* to Berea Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redeemer, Lynnwood, WA, *plans to retire* from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year.

**ILHS VISITORS' DAY:** Students in grades 7-11 are invited to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School Visitors Day in Eau Claire, WI on Friday, April 26, 2024. Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 19. More information can be found at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu), including the invitation letter, a full schedule of events and the registration form. For more information, please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud ([joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu) 715-544-8446).