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Passion Narrative: Mark 15:1-47

Dismissal Dialogue:

P: The Week of the Passion of our Lord has begun.

C: Holy Week has arrived.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

No Benediction. We are in one continuous Service of Worship until we receive the Benediction on Easter.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

A: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we praise you this day for your Son Jesus. In Him you have fulfilled all righteousness. Through His suffering and death you have shown us that he is the promised Messiah, the One foretold in Scripture who would come to save your people. By His suffering and death you have made possible the forgiveness of sin for all people. Help us to rejoice in this good news and to share it with all people. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Father God, forgive us your children when at times we act like the crowd waving palm branches and saying “Hosanna!” and at other times through our words and deeds we crucify our Lord anew. Lead us to confession and repentance. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church here on earth. Fill her with faithful & humble disciples who will go out into the world & proclaim your message of love and forgiveness. Be with our bishop John Bradosky, and all servants of the Gospel in positions of leadership, pastors & lay people. Give us courage and power to fulfill the Great Commission. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious Father, we lift up to you all in need of your healing touch. Grant healing of body for the sick, comfort of the soul for the grieving, and bring peace to those whose minds race with worry or confusion (NAMES are offered). Bless with healing all who put their trust and hope in you. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy Father, we thank you that you are always watching over us & taking care of us. Provide for those who are poor & hungry, the unemployed, the refugees, the aliens, the victims of violence and abuse, those whose land is torn by war or natural disaster. Use us, O Lord, as your means of grace to do good for all. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy Spirit, be with all who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Give them faith to entrust their dearly departed loved ones into your care, & to look forward to that day when they shall join them and all the saints around your throne of glory. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

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Processional Gospel—Mark 11:1-10

1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Communion Assistant: Don Holtan

Ushers: Lee Pearce & Creig Anderson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Deb Vomhof

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan



**Worship
Palms & Passion
March 28, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

**Processional Dialogue (rise and face back of church)*

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

C: Amen.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, 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 everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

*Processional Hymn: “All Glory, Laud & Honor”

LBW #108

Welcome/Announcements

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gift of Music: “Go Make Disciples”

Kids Choir

Children’s Message: “The Unfolding Story”

Sermon: “The Mind of Christ”

Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LBW #121

—*tune of LBW #230...Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously.

CASE FOR CHRIST: Come, watch, and discuss The Case For Christ DVD. Legal editor Lee Strobel, encouraged by his wife, Leslie, follows the evidence for the reliability of New Testament eyewitnesses, Jesus's miracles performed, prophecies fulfilled by Jesus, and His resurrection transforming His disciples. Two showings are being offered: Basement of Immanuel of Potsdam, Wednesday, April 8, @ 7:30pm; and the Narthex of Oasis Church of Rochester, Wednesday, April 15 @ 6pm. Discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Fred Morck.

Tactical Self-Defense Seminar: Holy Saturday, April 4, at Oasis Church (fellowship hall) from 1:30-3:30pm. Instructor Paula Meyers, www.dravmagachaska.com, will be using Krav Maga to teach all ages. \$10 per person is requested, and the funds will be donated to the Women's Shelter or Mission 21 in recognition of April being National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Karaoke is happening TONIGHT (Saturday, March 28) at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) from 8pm-Midnight. Charlie's is located across the street from St. Mary's Hospital. Join us!

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing: Would you like to be a member of the representative group participating in our Lord's foot washing liturgy? Each year 4-8 people have their feet washed as a reminder of the NEW COMMANDMENT that our Lord gave to His Disciples on the night He was betrayed. Jesus shared a meal with His disciples and washed their feet. "By this," Jesus declared, "All people will know you are my disciples". Jesus gives us an example to follow; that we should practice His servant love for others. Call Pastor Dave if you would like to participate in this year's Foot Washing.

Team (Together Evangelize And Minister) Rochester: Each year, on the fifth Sunday months, churches of the Rochester community unite for group prayer. The next Prayer and Praise night is Sunday, March 29 at 7pm at the Wind and Fire Church (3310 E River Rd Ne). See, www.teamrochester.org.

Isaiah 50:4-9a — The Servant is Listening

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7 But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:5-11 — The Mind of Christ

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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THANK YOU: We are offering thanks to God for the gift of Lent and the participation of Rev. Jack Miller & Rev. Fred Morck in our sermon series on Holy Baptism (Water Stories). Thanks is also offered to our soup supper hostesses.

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048. There will be no Saturday School on April 4 & 11. Saturday School will resume on April 18.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 31. Our Bible Readings for Easter are: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:1-11; and Mark 16:1-8

Women's Bible Study: "Practicing Resurrection!" During the 50 days of Easter, women of Emmanuel and their friends will study Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus and practice the gift of resurrection in daily life. Participants will meet twice each month (April 8, 22; May 13, 27; & June 10, 24) on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join us as we keep company with Jesus & walk wet with the sign of salvation upon us.

Mother-Daughter Brunch: Emmanuel will host its first Mother-Daughter Brunch on Saturday, May 2, 2015 (10:30am - 12:30pm). Speaker will be Lee Ann Knutson: "Faith Like a Teapot Ministry". The Teapot Singers will share gifts of music. Judy Pearce & friends are organizing this event. Save the Date & bring that special mother, daughter, woman or girl in your life to this special event! Limited Seating. Invites are now available.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 18 (6pm). Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, Grafton, Iowa will perform an Easter Cantata during worship at Emmanuel. Invite a friend!

Celebrate Holy Week at Emmanuel Lutheran!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday March 28, 2015
Eve of Palm/Passion
Sunday - 6 pm

***"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!"***

PALMS: When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, which were common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches continue to use palms in remembrance of that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was ultimately His triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before the Throne of God. Keep your palms in a special place (behind a picture of Jesus or a cross). Next year on Transfiguration Sunday (February 6) palms will be returned & burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday. Wave your flags and shout Hosanna! This year's Palms are given in honor of the grandchildren of Pastor Dave and Julie Steffenson.

**The April Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print!**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 28
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Palm & Passion Worship @ 6pm
- Maundy Thursday
Worship @ 6pm—Holy Communion & Foot Washing (volunteers?)
- Good Friday Worship @ 12:00 Noon—Bidding Prayer
- Saturday, April 4 @ 6pm
Easter Worship
- Mon-Tues, April 6-7
Iowa Mission District Pastors' Retreat
- Tuesday, April 7—Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am)
- Wed, April 8 @ 1pm
Women's Bible Study begins (Ephesians)