

from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed & hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown" (vs 1 & 3) **LBW #94**

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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

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Worship
Palms & Passion
April 4, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

***Processional Dialogue** (*rise and face back of the 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 give thanks to the Lord.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: Let us pray. We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, & was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path. Let our lives truly bless the Messiah, who comes in the name of the Lord, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King, following our Savior with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Processional Gospel:** John 12:12-19

Insert

***Processional Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud & Honor"

LBW #108

Welcome/Announcements

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Insert

Psalm 118:19-29

See INSERT

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Insert

Children's Message: "Every Knee Shall Bow!"

Sermon: "Ride On! Right On!"

Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" #121**

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

***Confession of Faith: "Nicene Creed" Page 84**

***The Prayers**

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 & to share it with all people. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Father God, forgive us when at times we act like the crowd waving palm branches and saying "Hosanna!" and at other times through our words and deeds crucify our Lord anew. Lead us to confession and repentance. Grant us grace as we walk through the week ahead. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord Jesus, 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 Dan Selbo, & 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 Lord, 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**). Bless with healing all who put their trust and hope in you. 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 everlasting care. 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.

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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Passion Gospel: John 12:20-43

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. 34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard

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

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — Postponed until further notice.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: — Happening online via Email.

Women's Bible Study: New study on I Peter begins on April 23. Perhaps via Email or Zoom. We'll keep you posted.

Easter Egg Hunt: Cancelled this year due to the Coronavirus. Good Lord willing, we may have an Egg Hunt on May 23—Easter VII. We will keep you posted.

EASTER MONDAY: On April 13 a Public Reading of the entire New Testament will take place in our individual homes with a telephone tag-team of sorts. More information will be coming soon. Watch your emails.

Choir Music! Saturday, May 9 (6pm). Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, of Grafton, Iowa, will provide several gifts of music during worship at Emmanuel of Rochester. This event is pending and may need to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, & they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor.

We continue to post the weekly sermons on our Emmanuel website and on Facebook when it is possible.

Read the April Newsletter for information regarding worship opportunities during Holy Week & our Celebration of Easter!

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday April 4, 2020
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). On Transfiguration Sunday (February 13, 2020) palms will be returned & burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17, 2021). Wave your flags and shout Hosanna!

The April Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are both available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current "Our Daily Bread" Devotional.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, April 4 — NO G.I.F.T. & Saturday School; Palm Sunday Virtual Worship at 6pm
- Palm Sunday—April 5
Prayer Time @ 4:31pm
- Maundy Thursday, April 9—Virtual Worship at 6pm
- Good Friday, April 10
Virtual Worship at 12:00 Noon; Happy Anniversary to LeRoy & Margaret Quam!
- Holy Saturday, April 11
No Saturday School & G.I.F.T.; Eve of Easter Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- **Easter Monday: April 13!**
Public Reading of the entire New Testament.

Processional Gospel—John 12:12-19

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 13 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!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just 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 had been written about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Isaiah 50:4-9a — The LORD Vindicates His Servant

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. 9a Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:19-29 (Responsive Reading)

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C: That I may enter through them & give thanks to the Lord.

L: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

L: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

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

C: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: For his steadfast love endures forever!

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the power of the Holy Spirit grant repentant hearts to God’s people during the 40 Days of Lent! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Welcome to Palm Sunday—the Beginning of Holy Week!
Thanks for joining the Body of Christ in raising your palms in praise to God at 4:31pm. Hosanna! LORD Save Us!

Order of Worship: (L = Leader; R = Response)

Processional Dialogue :

L: In the name of the Father, & of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

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

R: Hosanna in the highest.

L: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

R: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray. We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, & was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path. Let our lives truly bless the Messiah, who comes in the name of the Lord, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King, following our Savior with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: Amen.

*Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19 (Read together in unison)

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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 had been written about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud & Honor”

LBW #108

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]

2. The company of angels, Are praising You on high,
Creation and all mortals, In chorus make reply. **[Refrain]**

3. The multitude of pilgrims, With palms before You went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems, Before You we present.

[Refrain]

4. To you before Your passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **[Refrain]**

5. Their praises you accepted, Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. **[Refrain]**

CLOSING PRAYERS

Dismissal Dialogue:

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

R: Holy Week has arrived.

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

R: Hosanna in the highest. (wave those palms)