

Sermon: Seminarian John Hoyum

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

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

\*Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed" Page 84

\*The Prayers (bulletin page 3)

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\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version* Page 91

*Invitation & Distribution: Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: "All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son & of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.*

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**Communion Hymn: "My Song Is Love Unknown" LBW #94**

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Passion Narrative: Matthew 26:1-27:66

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.*

**Emmanuel Group Photo:** *On Saturday, April 15 - Easter Eve - we will be taking a group photo of our Emmanuel Church Family. Dress in your Easter best and put on your resurrection smiles. Easter plants/flowers are welcome for worship.*

## **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, 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 & death you have made possible the forgiveness of sins 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, sometimes 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. Forgive us our trespasses. Lead us to confession & repentance. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, we pray for your Church here on earth. Fill it with faithful & humble disciples who will go out into the world & proclaim your message of love and forgiveness. Give us courage & 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**). 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 care. We look forward to that day when we 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.**

**Psalm 118:19-29 (Read Responsively)**

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;  
**C: The righteous shall enter through it.**  
L: I thank you that you have answered me  
**C: 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;  
**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L: Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
**C: 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.  
**C: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**  
L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
**C: 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!**

**HOLY WEEK (EASTER) invitation postcards** are available for distribution to family, friends, neighbors, and those without a church home. See resource table in the Gathering Space.

**Public Reading of the New Testament** We are celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and the gift of God's Word by sharing a public reading of the entire New Testament on Easter Monday, April 17 from 6 am - Midnight. Refreshments will be offered. Stop by for a portion of the day and hear or read God's Word!

**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](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).**



**Worship  
Palms & Passion  
April 8, 2017  
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 pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Processional Gospel: John 12:12-19

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

**LBW #108**

Welcome/Announcements

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm 118:19-29 (Read Responsively)**

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Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Children's Message: "Every Knee & Tongue"

**Pastor Steffenson**

Gift of Music: Kid's Choir

## **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.”

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & Friends*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Assistant: Don Holtan*

*Ushers: Creig Anderson & Bob Harms*

*Acolyte: Elijah Matzke*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Katie Siebenaler*

*Sound/Recording: Don Holtan*

**EMMANUEL GROUP PHOTO:** On Saturday, April 15 - Easter Eve - we will be taking a group photo of our Emmanuel Church Family. Dress in your Easter best and put on your resurrection smiles. Anyone wishing to bring an Easter plant is welcome to do so!

**Giving Opportunity:** An Easter Ad is being posted in the Post Bulletin during Holy Week. Anyone wishing to contribute to the funding of this Ad is welcome to do so. Total cost is \$280.00.

**Electronic Giving:** Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automatic giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th of the month.

## **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.**

## **Philippians 2:5-11 — Every Knee Shall Bow**

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.**

**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.

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday April 8, 2017  
Eve of Palm and  
Passion Sunday - 6 pm**

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

## **PALM FRONDS**

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 palm fronds 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 11, 2018) palms will be returned & burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2018). Wave your flags and shout Hosanna!

**Welcome to** Seminarian John Hoyum.  
Your presence is a gift to Emmanuel!

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

**THANK YOU:** We are offering thanks to God for the gift of Lent and the contribution of soups & food provided for our mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers. Thanks for participating in this fellowship opportunity and in our Lenten Worship Services.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.:** Each week at 5:10pm youth and adults meet for Christian Education. Youth enjoyed “Song Time” tonight with MarJean. They are also providing a gift of music in our Worship Service. Adults enjoyed a conversation with Seminarian John Hoyum. There will be no Saturday School or G.I.F.T. on April 15 (Easter Eve). The youth will be treated to **an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 22.**

**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 346-349 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 101) in preparation for this week’s study (i.e. Joshua 5:13-7:26; Luke 13:31-14:14; & Psalm 44:1-12).

**Women of the Word!** The Afternoon Bible Study Group will begin a new study after Easter (April 20-June 8) on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church. The topic will be a Lutheran Understanding of Marriage and Family. The Evening Bible Study Group continues its study on Revelation monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Session: Wednesday, April 19.

**Maundy Thursday Foot Washing (April 13):** Would you like to be a member of the representative group participating in this year’s Foot Washing? 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.



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, April 8 - Saturday School & G.I.F.T @ 5:10pm; Eve of Palm Sunday Worship (6pm) with Kid’s Choir & guest preacher—John Hoyum, NALC seminarian
- Tues. April 11 - Men’s Bible Study (8am) — Day 101 (pp 346-349); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6pm
- Friday, April 14 - Good Friday Worship (Bidding Prayer) @ 12:00 Noon
- Saturday, April 15 - No Saturday School & G.I.F.T.; Easter Worship @ 6pm
- Mon, April 17 - Public Reading of the New Testament (6 a.m. ff)