

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers: (Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy”; and the people respond with, “Hear our prayer”.

*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

Passion Gospel: Mark 15:1-47

Hymn: “*My Song Is Love Unknown*” *Song INSERT*

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
March 27, 2021
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, & 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. 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 & also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

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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.”

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

Welcome/Announcements

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12 — Prisoners of Hope

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

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!

Second Lesson: 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.

Hymn: “In Christ Alone”

Song INSERT

Children’s Message: “I AM a Servant” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Barefoot on Holy Ground” Rev. David Steffenson
(Sermon Text: Exodus 3:1-15)

***Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”** **Song INSERT**

(Tune of LBW #230 — “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”)

***Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

BAPTISM—Walking Wet: During the 40 days of Lent, we remember our baptism into the death & resurrection of Jesus. This year during Lent, we are hearing stories of how God reveals Himself as saving grace & real presence in promising places & in unexpected ways and places.

M'm! M'm! Good! Lenten Soup! On Saturdays in Lent, Emmanuel is collecting store-bought soup which will be given to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks for sharing the Real Presence of Jesus in your concern and care for others. 289 cans collected so far.

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on Wednesdays, April 7 & 21 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We'll meet in the Oasis Church, wearing masks & practicing safe, physical distancing.

Children's Ministry Worship Bags: Available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Youth are asked to take the bags home with them. We look forward to the time when we can resume in-person Saturday School with our little ones. Until then, we will provide resources for our children & Pastor Dave will continue to post Children's Messages on our Emmanuel Website and Facebook Page.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have Thrivent Products don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Call #1-800-847-4836, or Go online at www.thrivent.org. Emmanuel has received \$817.00 in 2021 in Choice Dollars. Thank You for your support!

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed! “And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”

Each day at 4:31pm, Members & Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us in daily prayer. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday March 27, 2021
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 27, 2022) palms will be returned & burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022). Wave your flags of victory 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, March 27
Feast of Palms & Passion Worship @ 6pm;
Collecting SOUP! 289 cans thus far!
- Palm Sunday—March 28
Holy Week Begins!
Prayer Time @ 4:31pm
- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1
Worship at 6pm—guest preacher: Dallas Groten
- Good Friday, April 2
Worship at 12:00 Noon
- Holy Saturday, April 3
Eve of Easter Worship at 6pm. **Collecting SOUP!**
- **Easter Monday: April 5!**
Public Reading of the entire New Testament in the homes of those serving as Bible Readers

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud & Honor” — LBW #108

Refrain: ALL SING

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

ALL: 1. You are the King of Israel, And David’s royal Son,
Now in the Lord’s Name coming,. Our King and Blessed One.
[Refrain]

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

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

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

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

Hymn: “In Christ Alone” — ReClaim #215

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” — LBW #121
(Tune of LBW #230 — “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”)

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, Your road pursue,
With palms and scattered garments strewed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, Your pow'r, and reign.

Hymn: “My Song Is Love Unknown” — LBW #94

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take, Frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take, Frail flesh and die?

2. Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day, Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,
And for His death, They thirst and cry.
And for His death, They thirst and cry.

3. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days, Could gladly spend!
I all my days, Could gladly spend!

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.

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Refrain:

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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)*

Prayers for the Eve of Palm/Passion Sunday

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. Remind us that we stand on Holy Ground in your saving presence. Grant us grace to remove our shoes & to walk with Jesus in humility 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 & forgiveness. Be with our NALC Bishop Dan Selbo, & all servants of the Gospel in positions of leadership; pastors and lay people. Give us courage & 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 the 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.

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

Easter Monday (April 5): In-Home Bible Reading!

Each year, on Easter Monday, Emmanuel Lutheran publicly reads the entire New Testament (all 27 Books of the N.T.) in celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Last year was a virtual tag-team, pass-the-baton reading of the N.T. due to COVID-19. We had 38 participants. This year will be our 6th year in a row of reading the New Testament on Easter Monday. Due to COVID-19, we are inviting participants to select a Book of the New Testament and to commit to reading it out loud (**in their home, workplace, etc.**) anytime on Easter Monday. The Jewish Day begins in the evening at 6pm. Participants can read their chosen Book(s) of the N.T. anytime from 6pm on Easter night (April 4) through Midnight on April 5. Contact Pastor Dave Steffenson indicating the N.T. Book you wish to read. There are 260 Chapters in the New Testament. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get 260 total Bible Readers!

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Litany for Sunday, March 28 2021

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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