

***Hymn of the Day: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” LBW #121**

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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: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” LBW #117

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Passion Narrative: Luke 23:1-56

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, 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, 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. 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 are offered**). 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.

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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!

SAVE THE DATE: Public Reading of the New Testament (Monday, March 28 from 6 am - 10 pm). [Sign-up Sheet available!](#)

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer and participate in this ministry.

Thanks for worshipping 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
Palms & Passion
March 19, 2016
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”***

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Welcome/Announcements

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Psalm 118:19-29 (Read Responsively)

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Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Children’s Message: “WWJD?”

Sermon: “Go! Love Like Jesus!”

Rev. David Steffenson

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

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Assistant: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Jim & Addison Siebenaler

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Coffee: Leitha Bothun

Treats: Jean Wanek

Sound/Recording: Lee Pearce

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

Wish List 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.

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 — I AM Has the Upper Hand

36 For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. 37 Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, 38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! 39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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

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). There will be no Saturday School on March 26. Saturday School will resume on April 2.

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 22. Our Bible Readings for Easter are: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 16; I Corinthians 15:19-26; and Luke 24:1-12.

Women's Bible Study: "Women of the Word! Session 6 (In the Days of the Judges) for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) in April. The Afternoon Study Group will reconvene on Wednesday, March 30 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies").

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.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of March we are praying for Gibbs Elementary School. We delivered goodies on Monday, March 14, as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday March 19, 2016
Eve of Palm and
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 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 26, 2017) palms will be returned & burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017). Wave your flags and shout Hosanna!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, March 19
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Palm & Passion
Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, March 20 -
Spring Begins
- Tues. March 22 at 8 am
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Thursday, March 24
Maundy Thursday
Worship @ 6pm
- Friday, March 25
Good Friday Worship @
12:00 Noon
- Saturday, March 26 - No
Saturday School; Easter
Worship @ 6pm
- Monday, March 28
Public Reading: The New
Testament (6am-10pm)