

PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
“The Mindset of Christ”

AS WE GATHER

Palm Sunday begins with unbridled joy as we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while being acclaimed by the crowds with loud shouts of “Hosanna” and boisterous waving of palm branches. But then our focus shifts to Jesus’ path to the cross. Receiving our Savior in faith, we know Jesus is always with us—in the joyful celebrations, in the heartbreak and suffering. He alone can transform it all into deeper love for God and neighbor.

THE INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

P: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden’” [Zechariah 9:9]. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C: **“Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

C: **The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN *“Hosanna, Hallelujah”*

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

(please stand)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O God, when we could not come to You because of our lost condition, You came to us in the person of Your only Son, Jesus Christ. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the cross, that we might be welcomed into Your loving embrace. Father in heaven hear us now as we confess our sins to You.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

C: O God, we approach Your throne of mercy because we know we are sinners. We stand accused by Your Law. Our thoughts have been rebellious and impure and have not focused on You. Our words have been unkind and unholy, and have failed to tell of Your love. Our deeds have been selfish and we have not humbly served You and others as we ought. Forgive us for our sinful pride and help us to live as Your people for Jesus' sake.

(The candle on the Lenten cross is extinguished)

P: For your sake, Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to give His life, to pay the price for your sin. Because your King came and died for you, you are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(please be seated)

THE HYMN #441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to become man and to suffer death on the cross. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9 (ESV)

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. The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 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. 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. 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. Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; who will declare Me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE VERSE *(sung)* (Joel 2:13)

**Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 12:20-43 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

C: *(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 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. 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. Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself." He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die. So the crowd answered Him, "We have heard 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?" 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. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, He departed and hid Himself from them. Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in Him, 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?" Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "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." Isaiah said these things because he saw His glory and spoke of Him. 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; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE MEMORY VERSE *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*
from Luther's Small Catechism

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

**5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.**

**6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**

**7 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!**

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THE SERMON “The Mindset of Christ” Text: Philippians 2:5-11

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS #422 “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Holy Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas, help us to welcome Him who comes to us through His Word and Sacrament. Guard us against false teaching and help us to discern truth from error, that none may be led astray or lost from the fellowship of Your Son; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may endure the assaults of the evil one and remain faithful for the sake of those numbered within Your Kingdom and those who have not yet heard the Gospel and been brought to faith; Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O blessed Lord, Your Word continues to go forth and bear good fruit. Bless the missionaries planting churches near and far. We especially pray for missionaries Pastor David and Rachel Baker, Pastor Pedro and PaQuita Lopez, Judy Newhouse, Pastor Eric and Johanna Stinnett, Pastor James and Angela Sharp, the African Radio Ministry, Jim Kaiser and the work of the Lutheran Bible Translators, and Mission Development Counselors Gary Thies and Pastor Steve Schulz. Bless those churches with whom we partner in the worldwide work of the Gospel, as they strive to fulfill what You have called them to do in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that receiving Jesus and trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, we ask You to direct all our national and state leaders and direct all their efforts to preserve the precious gift of liberty and protect the lives of our citizens. Give them special wisdom, and direct them according to Your will. Bless the members of our armed forces, and protect them as they defend us. Guide the leaders of nations to bring an end to war and devastation, and provide Your compassionate care for those who grieve and seek relief. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Prosper the work of farmers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Send rain, according to Your will to accomplish Your purposes, and give seasonable weather for fieldwork and planting. Help us to trust in You to give us just what we need at the right time that we may continue under Your blessing and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, Your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and You have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those disabled, and the peace of all who are distressed. We pray especially for healing, according to Your will for Travis Aldag, Deb Green, Tom Groth, Joan Nahnsen, Lillie Petersen, Ruth Reincke, DeWayne Schultz, Jan Schultz and all whom we name in our hearts [*silent prayer*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, make our ears like the ears of Your Son, Jesus, ever open to hear Your voice and ever eager to do Your will. As His precious Gospel rings in our ears, enliven our tongues to praise and proclaim His wondrous works for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Blessed Lord, You give food to the hungry and provide for all our needs in this mortal life. Grant to us a grateful heart and knowledge to use wisely and well all that You have entrusted to our 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, who has also taught us to pray . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #425 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

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EASTER AT IMMANUEL

April 5, 2026



SUNRISE WORSHIP w/HOLY COMMUNION ~ 6:30 a.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST ~ 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.



*Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage,
Biscuits and Gravy, Cinnamon Rolls,
Fruit, Orange Juice and Coffee*

~Free Will Offering~

Sponsored by Immanuel's Sr. LYF & Families
Take out meals are available
Call the church office: 676-2235

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 8:15 a.m.

EASTER WORSHIP w/HOLY COMMUNION ~ 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is Welcome!