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Palm Sunday

The graphic features the words "Palm Sunday" in a large, elegant, orange-brown cursive font. The word "Palm" is on the top line and "Sunday" is on the bottom line. Two green palm fronds are positioned on either side of the text, framing it. The background is a light purple gradient, and the bottom of the image shows a close-up of green palm fronds.

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!"  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 24 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

## **Palm Sunday Greeting and Prayer:** (Pastor)

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, We begin our Holy Week and our Palm Sunday worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. On this special day we enter into Jesus' presence with palms and hosannas, as the people did on that first Palm Sunday. We will lay our palm branches around this altar and before Christ's cross, remembering that this was the reason He entered Jerusalem triumphantly on that Palm Sunday—to win that victory for us over sin and death by His own death on that cross.

We pray:

**P** Dear Jesus, All of our worship and meditation during this season of Lent has pointed us to this week, which we call Holy Week. As we celebrate how You entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember Your death, which gives us life, and Your resurrection, through which we will dwell with You for all eternity. Bless us in our worship today and fill our hearts with joy and praise as we sing and speak our "Hosannas" to You today, and throughout our lives. In Your name we pray, dear Savior and King.

**C Amen.**

### ***We gather outside for the procession with palms.***

✠ Please pick up a palm branch from our confirmation students in the entryway and gather outside in front of our church building.

## **Procession with Palms**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**P** We pray:

**C O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word, and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them, and grant that we may rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:19-29

**P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, I will go through them,  
and I will praise the LORD.

**C This is the gate of the LORD; through which the righteous shall enter.**

**P** I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

**C The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

**P** This was the LORD'S doing;

**C It is marvelous in our eyes.**

**P** This is the day the LORD has made;

**C we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** Save us, we pray [Hebrew: "Hosanna"], O Lord!

**C O Lord, we pray, give us success!**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C We have blessed You from the house of the LORD.**

**P** God is the LORD, and He has given us light;

**C Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**

**P** You are my God, and I will praise You;

**C You are my God; I will exalt You.**

**P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C for His mercy endures forever!**

**P** This is the Word of our Lord.

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

**P** Let us go forth in peace

**C In the name of the Lord.**

# **Processional Hymn: 444 No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet**

LSB 444

*We sing while re-entering the sanctuary.*

*We place our palms around the edge of the altar area and return to our seats.*

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music, each with four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, with some lines having more than four words. The music is a simple, march-like melody with a steady rhythm.

1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake

With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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# Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Blessed Lord, who always comes among Your people for our good,

**C** **We confess to You that we are sinful by nature,  
and both by nature and choice have turned away from You.  
We have enthroned self-interest and pride as our kings,  
and they have ruled us as tyrants.  
We have failed to acknowledge Your rightful Lordship in our lives.  
Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
turn our hearts this day to worship and follow Jesus,  
the one true King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**P** Jesus, our King, has won your freedom. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the joy and peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

## Hymn 442 v. 1-2 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.

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## First Reading

## Zechariah 9:9-10 (EHV)

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.  
He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem.  
The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

## Second Reading

## Philippians 2:5-11 (EHV)

**P** The second reading is from Philippians 2:5-11.

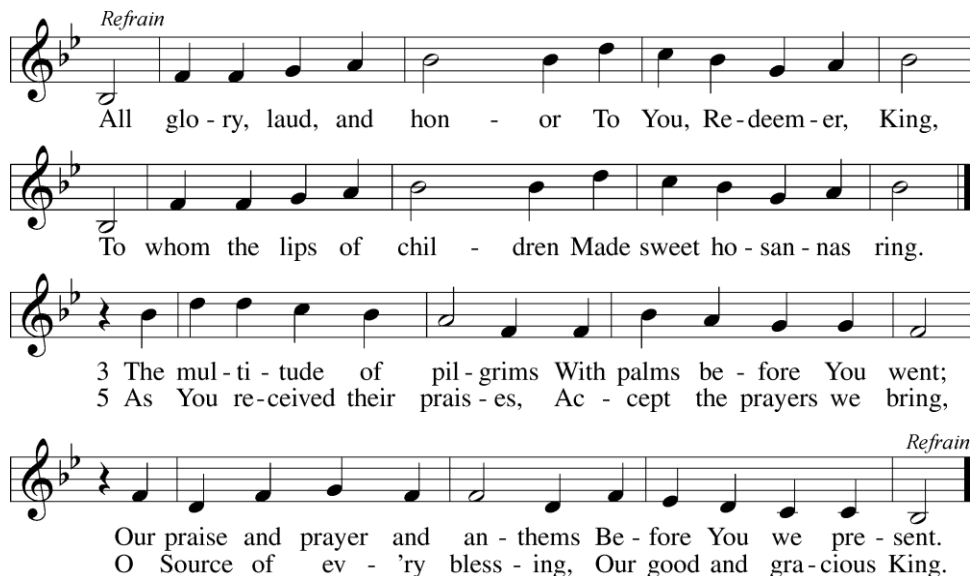
**G Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup> Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup> but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

## Hymn 442 v. 3, 5 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
*Refrain*  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

## **Confession of Faith - Formula of Concord, Epitome: VIII** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☒ Our doctrine, faith, and confession is as follows:**

**The divine and human natures in Christ are personally united.**

**So there are not two Christs, one the Son of God  
and the other the Son of Man.**

**But one and the same person is the Son of God and Son of Man....**

**So we believe, teach, and confess that Mary conceived and bore  
not merely a man and no more, but God's true Son....**

**We also believe, teach, and confess that it was not a mere man who suffered,  
died, and was buried, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into  
heaven, and was raised to God's majesty and almighty power for us.**

**But it was a man whose human nature has such a profound, indescribable  
union and communion with God's Son that it is one person with Him....**

**We believe, teach, and confess that the Son of Man really is exalted.**

**He is (in deed and truth) exalted according to His human nature  
to the right hand of God's almighty majesty and power...**

**Christ is and remains to all eternity God and man in one undivided person.**

**Next to the Holy Trinity, this is the highest mystery,  
upon which our only consolation, life, and salvation depends.**

## **Hymn of the Day: 441 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty***

*LSB 441*

### **Sermon Text: Luke 19:28-40 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' " <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. <sup>33</sup> But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of him." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. <sup>36</sup> And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. <sup>37</sup> Then, as He

was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." <sup>40</sup> But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

## **Sermon Theme: The King on a Colt**

- † How does Zechariah's prophecy from our Old Testament reading help explain what exactly was going on with this unusual scene on Palm Sunday with Jesus riding triumphantly into Jerusalem on a young donkey ("**a colt**").  
(see **Zechariah 9:9**)
  
- † Why was it significant that Jesus accepted the people's praises? (**v. 37-40**)
  
- † Palm Sunday showed Jesus' humility and the true reason for which He had come to Jerusalem: Not to rule, but to \_\_\_\_\_. When Jesus comes again it will not be in humility, but in \_\_\_\_\_! (see our second Scripture reading from **Philippians 2:5-11**)

## **Offertory**

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion;  
and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

"Hosanna!" we, too, cry unto Him. We, too, need our Savior's grace!  
"Hosanna to our Redeemer King who willingly took our place!"  
"Hosanna!" we supplications sing, in faith our palm branches raise  
Till "Hallelujah!" becomes our song, our heav'nly, eternal praise!

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Palm Sunday Prayer** *We bring our prayers to God.*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(minute of silence for personal meditation and prayer)

**P** That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness for us and for all who hear His Word today, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the sufferings of Christ in our place not only strengthen us in faith but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That Jesus' gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our spiritual food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the Lord receive the offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we may have good leaders and that we may be good citizens, until the day we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus, Who also taught us to pray:

### **Lord's Prayer**

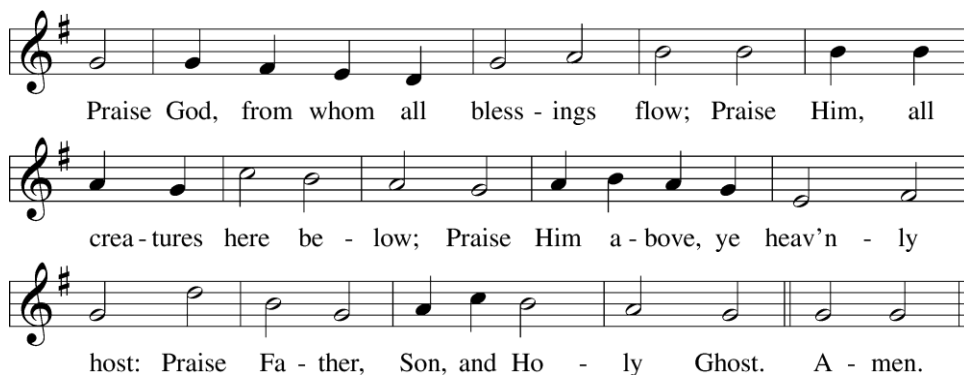
**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For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

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

## The Doxology

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Closing Hymn: "Blessed is He..." (please stand for the last verse)

tune of LSB 664

**1. "Blessed is He who comes to save!"  
"Hosanna in the highest, Lord!"  
With palms and cloaks the people pave  
The road to death, though now adored.**

**2. In servant's form He travels on;  
No trumpets sound for God's own King.  
Forward He goes 'til vict'ry's won.  
"Blessed is He," we join to sing.**

**3. A sinner's cross becomes His throne,  
A wreath of twisted thorns His crown;  
The sins of all become His own.  
"Hosanna!" Let the hymn resound.**

**4. What hidden pow'r! What selfless might!  
The Son of God rides forth to die.  
The pow'rs of hell He puts to flight.  
"Hosanna to our King!" we cry.**

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## Announcements



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
4/13/25



*Palm Sunday*

**Choir – 8am**

**Worship – 9am**

**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

This Week:

*Holy Week*

Tuesday – **Elders Meeting – 6pm**

Wednesday – **Church Council Meeting – 6pm**

Thursday – **Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion – 6:30pm**

Friday – **Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 8pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #3 (4/12-4/18); Team #4 (4/19-4/25)



Next Sunday: *Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day*

4/20/25

**Worship – 9am**

**Easter Brunch – 10:15am**



**Reminder:** Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!

### Easter Brunch Sign-Up Sheets – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> –

Sign-up sheets for food donations and for men to volunteer for cooking and serving are on the cupboard doors in the entryway.  
Easter Sunday is **April 20<sup>th</sup>**.



**Remembrance Lilies for Easter Sunday** - We would like to decorate the altar with lilies on Easter Sunday in celebration of Christ's resurrection and in memory of loved ones who have died in the Lord and who, in light of Christ's resurrection, will surely rise again in glory at His return. If you would like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one, let Pastor know and he will include the names in the Easter bulletin.



### **Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion – Thurs. 4/17 @ 6:30pm –**

Please join us as for worship as we commemorate the night Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. Our Maundy Thursday Worship service with Communion will be held at **6:30pm.**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service – Fri. 4/18 @ 8pm** - On Good Friday we will hold our customary tenebrae service. Tenebrae is a Latin term meaning "shadows, darkness." This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. The tone is very somber as candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary is gradually darkened to remind worshippers of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the earth during Christ's crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Easter. The Good Friday tenebrae begins at **8:00 p.m.**



**Pastoral "Get to Know Each Other" Visits / Pastor Luke's Contact Info** –I am continuing to make "face to face" visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don't hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

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**CLC Call News** - Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

**Alice Naumann's 90th Birthday** – A reception is being planned to celebrate Alice Naumann's 90th birthday on Saturday, May 17. Alice is the wife of the late Pastor Bert Naumann, who was a former pastor here at Messiah, Hales Corners. It will take place from 1-3 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP Ann (Naumann) Radcliffe at (253) 495-0902 or [annradcliffe@yahoo.com](mailto:annradcliffe@yahoo.com). Cards and greetings may be addressed to Paul Naumann, 3732 Claymore Ln, Eau Claire WI 54701.

**Immanuel High School Visitors Day – May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI will host their annual High School Visitors Day on Friday, May 2, 2025 for students grades 7 and up. A schedule of events and online registration can be found at [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu). Please register students and chaperones by Friday, April 25. A theater performance of *The Worst High School Play in the World* will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Friday night's play performance will be livestreamed on Youtube with an unlisted link that will be shared via email. The Immanuel Band will perform before the play on Friday at 7:00 pm, and student talent performances will take place Saturday at 7:00 pm. Performances are free and open to the public. For more information please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud ([joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu) 715-544-8446).

**CLC Youth Camp at Pillager, MN - June 8-14, 2025 -**

Registration opens **Saturday, March 15th at 10am CST.**

CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6th-12th. Camp runs **June 8-14th, 2025**. For more information please visit our website: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp>, or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com).

**Immanuel Financial Aid Applications** - Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2025, for the 2025-26 academic year. If any potential student is showing any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."



Bible Readings:	
4/13	Zech. 9:9-12 Psalm 31 Phil. 2:5-11 John 12:12-19
4/14	Ex. 28:14-43 Psalm 99 Mark 5:1-20
4/15	Ex. 29:1-34 Psalm 100 Mark 5:21-43
4/16	Ex. 29:35-30:10 Psalm 101 Mark 6:1-13
4/17	Ex. 24:3-11 Psalm 116 1 Cor. 10:16-17 Mark 14:12-26
4/18	Isaiah 53 Psalm 22 Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 19:17-30
4/19	Ex. 30:11-38 Psalm 102 Mark 6:14-29



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April Ushers	Cleaning Team 4/19-4/25
Eric Williams	
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Philip Reim	J/B Albrecht
	P. Gurath
<b>April Slideshow</b>	A/M Garvens
Dave Albrecht	J/L Marita
<u>4/17</u> : C. Gerbitz	T/G Quade
<u>4/18</u> : E. Williams	P. Reim

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$8,884.45	\$300,782.76
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$342,851.60
Over (Under) Budget:	\$313.16	(\$42,068.84)
Missions:	\$100.00	\$2,205.00
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,450.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$3,121.96
MSAF:	\$35.00	\$1,000.00

<b>Attendance Last Sun. (4/6): 109</b>
<b>Wednesday Lent #5 (4/2): 61   Wednesday Lent #6 (4/9): 82</b>

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