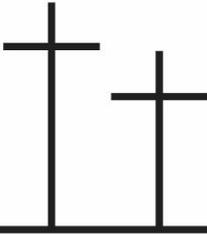


PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Behold, your King
is coming to you;
He is just and
having salvation.

Zechariah 9:9



welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining our church family for worship this morning. Immanuel is a Bible based Christian congregation and so our worship reflects deep devotion to God and to His Holy Word. We especially welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway of the church and invite you to join us again.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is printed in this bulletin and will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary.

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf and stained glass window in the corner of the entryway and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway. Kid's bulletins and quiet bags can also be found in the entryway.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty or any of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Scan this QR code to learn more about what we believe at ImmanuelMankato.org



Palm Sunday

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

Congregation (C): *(spoken)* Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 161 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Procession of Palms by the Children

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity. *Psalm 32:1-2*

P: Let us confess our sins to the LORD.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended You and sinned against Your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, LORD! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to Your promises in Christ Jesus. *Isaiah 53:6*

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by His death on the cross and freed us from death by His resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God, now and forever.

Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 5:1

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis † *Glory in the Highest*

Because Lent is a time of repentance over sin in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, this hymn of praise is often removed from our worship services during the season of Lent. The joyful hymn will reappear on Easter and, Lord willing, help us gain a greater appreciation of it after its absence from our worship.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the light of Your truth You would persuade the erring to return to Your righteous ways. Give to all who are admitted into our fellowship in Christ the wisdom and strength to avoid what contradicts Your Word, and follow what agrees with Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:1-6

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. **4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. **5** And you have forgotten the exhortation which

speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; **6** For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

P: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8

P: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

P: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

C: Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

C: What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

P: For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

C: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

P: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

C: You have put all things under his feet,

P: All sheep and oxen—Even the beasts of the field,

C: The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had

raised from the dead. **2** There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. **3** Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. **4** Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, **5** "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" **6** This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. **7** But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. **8** "For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Arts Camp Choir

He Calls Me Friend

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 340 v.1-4,7,8 "Awake, My Soul"

Sermon

Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. **20** This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. **21** I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. **22** The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. **23** This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. **24** This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. **25** Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. **26** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. **27** God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. **28** You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. **29** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

The LORD's Doing Is Always Marvelous!

Preaching today: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

Offertory

TLH 50:2

**C: ♪ Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found!**

Colossians 1:3-6

1. Exult today, Jerusalem! God comes to set you free!
This royal son of Bethlehem
Fulfills all prophecy.
This greater Jonah of renown
God's love and pow'r displays;
He comes to tear God's temple down
And raise it in three days!
2. With joy, the city resonates! O Zion's daughter, sing!
Lift up your heads, you mighty gates,
And greet your coming King!
He rides no horse with prancing strides,
As kings before Him came,
But on a donkey humbly rides,
His office to proclaim:
3. The Christ! A Prophet greater than that giver of the Law;
A Priest, not born from Levi's clan,
But born without sin's flaw;
A King, one like that priestly king, Melchizedek of old,
For Christ, as thorn-crowned King will bring
God's righteousness foretold.
4. Christ's glory is not seen by those offended by the cross,
For worldly wisdom never knows
How gain could come from loss;
Yet, this the glory of the Christ:
To claim our cross as throne--
His perfect life He sacrificed
That we might be His own!
5. So wave your palms and fill the air with shouts of joy this day,
The King of glory comes to bear
Your sin and death away!
Hosanna, Lord! Your people save!
O come, Emmanuel,
And by Your cross and shattered grave,
Tear down the gates of hell!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

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**C: ♪ By His mercy, by His bounty,
By the gift of Christ, His Son,
What great goodness He has shown us,
What high marvels He has done!
Let us to Him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that His love protects us,
That His wisdom all controls.**

Romans 12:1,11

The General Prayer

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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

**The LORD make His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you.**

**The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26

C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

TLH 162 "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

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LAST WEEK

<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (MAR 21-22) REPORTED) Budgetary <u>\$30,293.44</u> Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$1,004</u> Major Improvement <u>\$1,100</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$280</u> Land Purchase <u>\$500</u> ILS Foundation <u>\$561</u> Benevolent <u>\$15</u> Kindergarten <u>\$1,750</u> Lenten Offerings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</p> <p><u>\$589</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$204</u> CLC Kinship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scan this QR code to contribute via CashApp</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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Saturday Worship 3/21: **68**
 Saturday Bible Class: **14**
 Midweek Service 2pm: **147**
 Midweek Service 6pm: **48**

Sunday Worship 3/22: **194**
 Sunday Bible Class: **54**
 Sunday School: **21**

Location	Active	Time	Day of the week	Type	# Souls
Cottagewood Senior	Yes	6:00 PM	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	Worship	7
Old Main/ AZ Pioneer Home	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Monday	Worship	11
Latitude Bible Study	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	18
Oak Terrace	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Tuesday	Study	5
Laurel's Edge	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Wednesday	Study	8
Oak Terrace	Yes	9:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	10
Walnut Towers	Yes	10:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	9
Water's Edge	Yes	11:00 AM	Every Thursday	Study	13
Old Main	Yes	1:30 PM	Every Thursday	Study	8
Men's Breakfast	Yes	6:30 AM	Every Friday	Study	32
Ladies Bible Study	Yes	7:00 PM	Every Friday	Study	5
Pathstone	Yes	10:00 AM	1 st , 3 rd Friday	Worship	4
Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week:					130
Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!					

THIS WEEK

Sat March 28	6:00p	Divine Worship Service
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class
Sun March 29	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service Live Stream – CLICK HERE
	11:00a	Sunday Night Basketball
Mon March 30		Blessings on your week!
Wed April 1		
Thur April 2	2:00p	Maundy Thursday Service
	6:00p	Maundy Thursday Service
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice? ?
Fri April 3	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
	2:00p	Good Friday Service
	6:00p	Good Friday Service
	7:00	Ladies Bible Study-Finding Christ in the Old Testament
Sat April 4	10:00a	Easter Egg Hunt
	6:00p	Divine Worship Service with Communion
Sun April 5	7:00a	Sunrise Service
	7:45a	Easter Breakfast
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service with Communion
	6:00a	Sunday Night Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt- April 4th 10am

Easter Breakfast- April 5th

Preparing Phoebe & Teaching Timothy's- April 8th

ILS Spring Concert – April 12th @ 4pm

Youth Group Sunrise Viewing & Creation Study- April 15th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST Easter Pancake Breakfast, prepared by the men will be Easter Morning (April 5 7:45-9:30am). All men wishing to assist are welcome. For more information contact Larry Hartman. 507-345-6139. We need: 6:00am set up/cooking crew, 7:15am serving crew, 9:30am clean up crew.

ILS SPRING CONCERT is on Sunday, April 12th @ 4pm in the gymnasium! Come support our young musicians in JV & Varsity Band, 7th & 8th grade ukuleles, 5th & 6th grade recorders and HS choir!

ERC LAND PURCHASE UPDATE: The closing date on the Johnson property is April 20th. The ERC has worked through all the contingencies that were set by the voters before the purchase can be finalized. They have had evaluations of the soil for building and wetlands, environment, public access, utilities, setbacks, drainage, and more. All of these evaluations have been positive for using the land for a church and school as we would like. The main and final contingency is to have our financing in place for purchase. The property cost is \$824,560. A loan application has been submitted to borrow \$400,000 from the CLC's Church Extension Fund, but we need to secure the balance of the amount needed in cash by the end of March. As of 3/26, we are currently sitting at an incredible \$351,000 in the Land Purchase Fund. (Up \$130,000+ in less than six months!) Our goal is \$490,000, leaving a current need of \$139,000. This gives us a buffer to cover closing costs, assessments, and environmental studies that are currently underway. Here's what the tentative timeline looks like:

- ERC hopes that all commitments will be given by March 29, 2026. This gives a week to “catch up” on counting, data entry, and potential adjustments.
- ERC will be meeting Monday 4/6/26 to finalize Purchase Agreement contingencies.
- The CLC Board of Trustees will be meeting Monday 4/13/26 and will decide if to approve our CEF Loan
- Once the loan is approved, and with the Land Purchase Fund above \$490,000, the CLC CEF will transfer the funds by 4/17/26.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Land Purchase Fund and continue to pray for God's guidance for this large financial decision. Thank you!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Status of the Land Purchase Funding:

Land Purchase **Current:** \$350,838

Target: \$500,000

Still **Needed:** \$149,162



As discussed after the Church services on March 22, 2026, to remain solvent after the land purchase, there is a need for plate offerings to address the deficit accrued since July 1, 2025. To give some perspective, our monthly expenditures since July 1st have averaged \$95,000. During the same time monthly plate offerings have averaged only \$62,000, which is the greatest contributing factor to the current deficit. Please scan the QR code to view the full March 22, 2026 presentation.

Plate offerings **as of March 22, 2026:** \$30,293

Plate Offerings **Required:** \$200,000.00

Still **Needed by April 12, 2026:** \$169,707

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING The Finance Committee is requesting a special meeting on April 12th regarding Immanuel's Financial Standing before closing on the Johnson Property. More information will be available shortly.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE "Palm Sunday" marks the beginning of what is called "Holy Week" – the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry. Over one fourth of the Gospels focus on the events of this one week in the life of Jesus! Our service this morning is just the beginning of several special services which will focus our attention on the events and meaning of that climactic week for Jesus and for us. Join us as we consider the immense cost of His victory for us.

"Go to dark Gethsemane..." (TLH 159:1)

- On **Thursday** we will reflect on the events of Maundy Thursday in the Upper Room and consider the Amazing Grace which God showed to Peter with services at 2pm and 6pm. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper during our service. *(Communicants, please indicate your desire to celebrate the Lord's Supper by signing the communion register in the church entry.)*

"Calvary's mournful mountain climb..." (TLH 159:3)

- On **Friday** (at 2pm and 6pm) we will hold a special tenebrae service to reflect on the somber reality and importance of Jesus' death and crucifixion, with a focus on His final words from the cross as He gave up His life for sinners. The Tenebrae service is a unique and special service of increasing darkness which draws our attention to the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for us.

"Early hasten to the tomb..." (TLH 159:4)

- Holy Week will come to a joyful conclusion next weekend as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant victory over death and sin with special Resurrection celebrations Saturday night at 6pm and Sunday morning at 10am. There will also be a special Sunrise service on Sunday at 7am. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class next weekend, but join us for breakfast at 8am!

May our Savior, who was crucified for us, bless our meditation on His work for us during this Holy Week.

PILGRIMS REST CLEAN UP Pilgrims Rest Cemetery cleanup day is scheduled for April 11 this year. If the weather is uncooperative we will move to April 25th. Volunteers are needed to assist the cemetery board with raking leaves, picking up fallen sticks/branches, picking up trash, leveling flat stones, edging flat stones, and other tasks. Starting time will be 9:30 am with lunch being provided around 11:00 am and wrapping up the day around 1-2 PM. Please bring gloves and a rake, if you have them. Please label them with your name. If you have any questions please reach out to Tony Harris (anthony.j.harris.222@gmail.com) or Scott Kruse (skruse97@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

VIDEO PROJECT Immanuel member Byron Rode is working on a video project intended to highlight the many ways that Immanuel members use their time and talents to help support the work and ministry of Immanuel. Byron is looking for help in both identifying the many ways that people help at Immanuel and in taking pictures of the individuals performing these tasks. Some ideas include the volunteers in the A/V booth, the money counters, the cemetery cleaners, those who set up flowers, etc. The best pictures will be those in which the subject is recognizable, is performing the task, and is spontaneous. Please note that these pictures should not be taken in a way that disrupts other people or events. To submit high quality photos, please email them to byronrode117@gmail.com. You can also call or text Byron at (507) 380-5240 with any questions or ideas. Thank you!

SENIOR FUNRAISER The Senior Class will be holding a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch on **Monday, April 6th, from 4:30-9 pm**. Please come out and support eh class of 2026.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD NEWS CALL NEWS Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has **returned** the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **accepted** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has **received** the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. <> Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION HAS OPENED Youth Camp on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire is June 14-20. Registration has opened and typically fills up fast. Camp is for kids entering grades 6-9 next fall. There is also a pre-camper program. Here is the link to register:

<https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(5th Weekend of the Month)

Serving Us Next Weekend

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Nathanael Mayhew	DEACON Brent Schreyer
ORGANIST Friedrichs/Cornish	SCREEN Furst/ Carstensen
USHERS Board Members & Council	

Serving Us Next Weekend

(1st Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Naumann & Mayhew	DEACON Joe Friedrichs
ORGANIST Mayhew/Fischer	SCREEN Furst
HEAD USHER Austin Lien	ASST USHER Karl Friedrichs
USHERS Mac Friedrichs, Matt Hagen, Alan Olmanson, Brent Schreyer, Philip Stelter, Ross Theneman, William Roettger	
COMMUNION SET UP Dick, Hoffman & Miller	
COMMUNION DISTIRUTION Nolting, Dick	

Sermon Notes

Text

Theme

Notes

Specific Law (How does this text point out my sin?)

Specific Gospel (How does this text point to Jesus?)

Specific Application (How does this text teach me to live?)
