

-WE RESPOND IN FAITH-

- Apostles' CreedPg. 127 (Red)
- Prayers of Intercession
- Sharing of the Peace
- Offering
- Offertory #686 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" - V. 1-2 (Red)

-THE MEAL-

Communion Invitation - All baptized Christians, who believe that Jesus Christ comes to us in and through the bread and wine of Holy Communion are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. Young persons not yet communing are asked to fold their hands and may receive a blessing from the pastor. Those communing are asked to hold out their hand, palm up. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it; simply cover your hand over the cup, and the pastor will serve you grape juice. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

- Words of InstitutionPg. 130 - #11 (Red)
- The Lord's PrayerCongregation Sings ("Debts," "Debtors")
- Distribution of the Lord's Supper
- Lamb of GodPg. 135 (Red)
- Music During CommunionInstrumental
- Post-Communion PrayerPg. 136

-WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD-

- Welcome & Announcements
- BlessingPg. 114 (Red)
- Closing Hymn#666 "What Wondrous Love is This" (Red)
- Postlude

ENABLING OUR MINISTRY

MinistersAll Members	Altar GuildTracey & Jayde Kalkbrenner
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SextonsPaul & Rolayne Beerman family	GreetersSharon Cramlet, Shirley Walsh
Offering CounterSheryl Stranberg	Coffee ServersLarry & Sheryl Stranberg

SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve



All Members: Ministers
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 5, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

*As we enter the Sanctuary, let us speak to God.
As we worship, let God speak to us.
As we leave, let us speak to each other.*

-WE GATHER TO WORSHIP-

Prelude

As the service begins, all turn and face the back of the church.

Opening Dialogue

Pastor: Welcome, people of God. Palm Sunday, crowds gathered outside of the holy city of Jerusalem. On a hillside near the city, a group followed their leader toward the city and the Temple. The leader was riding on the colt of a donkey, his legs dangling almost to the ground. He was an average-sized Palestinian man. His followers cheered... crying out, "Jesus, Jesus, blessed one, who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Congregation: "Hosanna, Son of David!"

Pastor: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Congregation: "Hosanna, Son of David!"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

(Note: Hosanna is a Hebrew word that may be translated: "Please, save us!")

Processional First Lesson **Mark 11:1-11**

^{11:1} When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ^{11:2} and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ^{11:3} If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ^{11:4} They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ^{11:5} some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

^{11:6} They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ^{11:7} Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ^{11:8} Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ^{11:9} Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

^{11:10} Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ^{11:11} Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ALL: 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 Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who carry them, and grant that we may always hail him as our Lord and Savior and follow him in perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Teacher, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn (Intro by Organist) **#344 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (Red)**
Acolyte with cross, pastor, and children process in with palms and around the nave.

Prayer of the Day - Read in Unison

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music **Sunday School Choir**

-GOD SPEAKS TO US-

Second Lesson **Philippians 2:5-11**

^{2:5} Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ^{2:6} who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ^{2:7} but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ^{2:8} he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. ^{2:9} Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ^{2:10} so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ^{2:11} and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Passion Gospel Narrative **Mark 15: 1-47**

Hymn of the Day **#351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - V. 1-2 (Red)**

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day **#351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - V. 3-4 (Red)**

Sermon

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL

Today-Sunday-April 5 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING DURING WORSHIP & LEAD PALM PROCESSIONAL
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 5:00 p.m. Christian Education Ministry Team Meets

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Women's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes
 7:00 p.m. Benefit Team Meets

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. First Communion Families' Potluck

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Bible Study @ Peaceful Thymes
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship/Holy Communion/First Communion

Friday 7:00 a.m. Good Friday Worship @ Bethlehem

Next Sunday-April 12 - Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship/Holy Communion
 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast & Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

No SUNDAY SCHOOL

Josephus (who lived from 37 to 100 A.D.) estimated the number of pilgrims in Jerusalem one year at 256,500! Because of that enormous crowd, the occupying Romans, including Pilate,

the Roman governor, were very nervous and tried their best to keep people from getting out of hand. Repressive measures by rulers repeatedly touched off massive protest demonstrations at Passover. Today's dramatic reading will covers part of the passion story from Mark's gospel. This leads us into this sacred time of the Christian year we call Holy Week.

***If you are unable to easily stand during worship, please know that it is fine for you to worship while remaining seated.*

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope that this time is one of refreshment and encouragement for you. If you would like more information about Immanuel please contact the pastor or a Council member. We invite you for coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall (basement) following worship, and hope you will join us again soon.

NOISY OFFERING TODAY - There will be a noisy offering today to support our Sunday School offering goal. A portion of our offering will help to fund the Zoughbi boys' trip to Minnesota to work at GLLM Bible camps.

Bible Camp Fundraiser Today (& thru April) - Our campers will be selling Tastefully Simple products during April to help fund summer Bible camp. Catalogs are available from campers or in the church office. **Sunday, April 19**, after worship, there will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall where you can purchase Tastefully Simple items. Thanks for supporting our campers!

First Communion families' potluck Wed., April 8, at 6:00 p.m. Lesson follows the meal.

Thank You to our Sunday School children for singing and leading our palm processional this morning.

Holy Week Schedule

On Maundy Thursday, our fifth graders will receive communion for the first time (7 p.m.). Come and celebrate with them! On Good Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m., we will gather with our neighbors in faith at Bethlehem to hear and participate in Jesus' passion, and listen in to "Overheard: Mary, Mother of Jesus, and John" the last dramatic conversation in our Lenten series.

Easter Sunday Worship & Breakfast

We will gather for Sunrise Worship at 6:30 a.m. Our youth will be serving an Easter Breakfast from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. Easter Sunday worship begins at 9:00 a.m.

Background to Palm Sunday and Holy Week

To understand the coming week, we need to know something about the "Passover," which had brought Jesus, his disciples, and the crowds to the Holy City, Jerusalem. All male Jews living within fifteen miles of Jerusalem were required to be there for the observance of the deliverance of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt (See Exodus chapter 12). When the angel of death passed over the houses marked with the blood of a lamb and God led the people out of slavery into the wilderness, it began an historical observance each year near the 14th of Nisan (about April 14; this year it is April 9th). This was also an observance (The festival of Unleavened Bread), like our Thanksgiving, of barley harvest. Rules for this part of the observance are found in Leviticus 23: 10-11. Every male Jew wanted to observe Passover in Jerusalem before he died and pilgrims came from all over the known world. The historian

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offering from Wed., March 25, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

AttendanceN/A (Service at Bethlehem)
 Regular Offering\$87.00
 TOTAL\$87.00

Offering from Sun., March 29, 2009 - 9:00 a.m.

Attendance99
 Regular Offering\$1268.00
 Sunday School\$17.00
 Building Fund\$35.00
 Pony Express\$10.00
 Organ Fund\$200.00
 TOTAL\$1530.00

March Ministry Goal*\$14,626.79
 Needed (To Date) To Meet Mar. Ministry Goal \$1706.68

*Our Ministry Goal is the amount we need each month to undertake & accomplish the ministries & mission we have agreed to as God's called and sent people.