

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 13, 2025



AS WE GATHER

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb.

Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Help us, Lord our God, so that it may be with joy that we begin our contemplation of all the mighty things You have done to give us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19
(The triumphal entry)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!” ¹⁴And 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!”

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Your Son redeemed us. Step by step our Savior followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him.

People: **We ask that You bless these palms and all who bear them this day. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Lord and King;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN #441 – “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,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

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.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.
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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Page 268 in *The Lutheran Service Book (maroon hymnal)*

Riley Gordon, born September 1, 2023

HYMN OF THE DAY #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.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For people near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

(We join with Christians all over the world in worshipping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship.)

OFFERTORY




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.

The Rite of Confirmation

Page 272 in the Lutheran Service Book (maroon hymnal)

Jacob Gordon, baptized June 5, 2016
Jordan Gordon, baptized June 5, 2016

(confirmation essays on pages 12 and 13 of this bulletin)

✕ SACRAMENT ✕

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord; who step by step obediently went to the cross to overcome sin and death and give salvation to all who believe; and so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise Your name and say:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

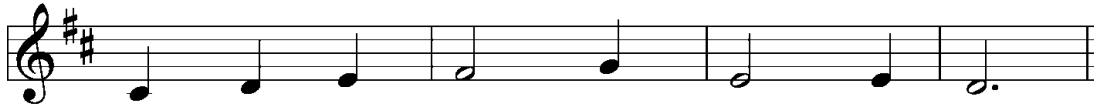
AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

CONTINUOUS LINE COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Announcements

The Reading of the Passion

John 18:1–40::42

The Congregation Departs in Silence

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 2.
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Those Serving Today:

Pastor	Rev. Charles Minetree
Officiant	
Liturgist/Lay Reader	Denise Waicker
Passion Reader	Mark Smith
Director of Music	Muriel Hopkins
Altar Guild	Sheila Gordon/Laura Pickering

Birthdays this Week:

14 Benjamin Pfitzinger
15 Tonia Momo
18 Ellen Noel
19 Joan Goeller
Jeanne Pfitzinger

Anniversaries:

14 Janet and Patrick McGovern
Edward and Muriel Hopkins
19 Ray and Nina Ward

This Week at Immanuel:

Sunday	April 13	9:00 am	Sunday school, ages 3-12
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		10:00 am	Worship & Holy Communion
Tuesday	April 15	7:00 pm	LRIA General meeting

HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE

April 17, Maundy (Holy) Thursday
12:10 pm and 7:00 pm

April 18, Good Friday
12:10 pm and 7:00 pm

April 20, Easter
8:00 pm Sunrise Service (Cemetery)
10:00 am Divine Service

Flowers in the Narthex today were given to the Glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Riley Gordon and the confirmations of Jacob Gordon and Jordan Gordon, by grandparents, Sheila and Tony Gordon

Ministry Notes



Easter Trumpets

Donations are being sought for our wonderful trumpeters on Easter Sunday. This is not included in our budget and is solely supported by donations. Please mark the donation as being for the "Easter Trumpets."

Easter Egg Hunt Candy

Donations are being accepted for candy to fill plastic easter eggs. These candies should be individually wrapped. They should not contain peanuts. If you would like to make a donation, see Emalee Smith.

Lutheran Mission Society in need of clothing – children, all sizes and men's larger sizes. Please bring to Compassion Place HQ, 601 Hammonds Lane.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Class. Will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays following Midweek Lent Service and the soup lunch. Next class is Wednesday, April 23rd at about 1:00 pm.

**Concordia Prep School
Spring 2025 Community Events**

Tailgate Celebrations
April 15, 6 -7:30 pm
Bridges Media Center

Musical Performance and Reception
May 3, 7:00 pm
Lutheran Activity Center

Happy Hour
May 15th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Bridges Media Center

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rick Kruelle, who had a stent implanted
- Jeffrey Goeller, who is ill
- Rosemarie Wilson, the daughter of Filleseta James, for return of strength in her left leg
- For peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Russia
- Bonnie and Joe Castrilli as she cares for her husband who has dementia
- Joseph Woah-tee missing, and whereabouts unknown

Jacob Gordon
February 28, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church

How will you live out your Life in Christ?

Growing up in a Christian Family, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend Church as a kid, including getting baptized at a young age. I've always believed in the gospel and obviously still do, I would always pray before bed and sometimes before I ate. However, after moving away from the U.S., it was challenging to get a word in everyday until me and my sister got the opportunity to attend online confirmation classes. Throughout confirmation I've learned what it truly means to be Christian, and all in all have gotten a lot closer to God.

Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," This Bible verse sums up how I will live out my life in Christ, implying that everything I set to accomplish is possible because of Christ, if I don't believe I can overcome sin, this verse reminds me I can because of Christ. If I feel like I can't achieve something, this verse reminds me with the strength Christ gives me I can. Galatians 5:14 says, "For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." This verse reminds me that any hatred, gossip, being selfish, etc... is evil, and I should treat others with love to fulfill the law. One of my favorite sayings as a child up until now is, "Treat others how you would want to be treated," and I feel like this verse is similar, so I strive everyday to implement Galatians 5:14, because I know that we show our love for God by caring for others. The Ten Commandments is another reminder for me, they remind me how I can live in the word of God. I do my best to follow the commandments as they are examples of how I can live through God's intentions for me.

After confirmation, I will strive to be a faithful Christian. I will live in the name of Jesus, as God sent his only son to suffer so that we wouldn't have to, and spend eternal life in his kingdom. I will put God in the center of everything I do. I will spread the word of God, and will repent and turn away from sin and anything ungodly like.

Jordan Gordon
February 25, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church

How will you live out your Life in Christ?

Although I was born into a Christian Family, as a child I wasn't particularly interested or close with God. I would occasionally go to church with my Grandma, and I was baptized as well. However, once we moved out of the U.S., I became more distant and lost faith. It wasn't until my Grandma offered me and my brother a chance to attend confirmation classes that I became more interested in Christianity. Throughout the process of confirmation, I've learnt more about what it means to be Christian, our duty towards God and our duty towards others. Over this period I was able to further build upon my faith and develop a relationship with our God.

Matthew 22:37 says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind," adding emphasis to the faith we should have in God and how our faith should be exhibited in everything we do. As Christians, we show our faith in the Lord by following his commandments and embodying the work and actions of Jesus Christ, where you are able to have faith in the Lord even if you're still a sinner, you strengthen your faith and your relationship by following the commandments. *Proverbs 23:26* declares, "*My son, give me your heart and let your eyes observe my ways,*" teaches us that no matter how deep your faith is, as a Christian, you should not only love the Lord but also take lead of his examples and live your life within the ways of Christ. *Proverbs 3:5* emphasizes, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,*" no matter how difficult life gets or the challenges you face in life, the Holy Spirit will always be with you and as long as you have faith. If tempted into sinning, God will lead you out of it. *1 Corinthians 10:13* says, "He will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear, and he will also provide a way out." Sometimes we find ourselves in situations in order to learn lessons that would help us grow in mind, body and spirit. Commandments 4-6, emphasized by *Matthew 22:39*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself, talks about our duty to treat one another with respect and to love one another as our own. As Christians, it is important that we love each other and have respect for people around us. Since we are Lutherans, we recognize other denominations of the church. Despite our differences, no matter beliefs or how people act towards us, we should always strive to maintain dignity and respect. If someone has wronged us, we should not seek vengeance as God's will for us.

After confirmation, I will live out my life as a Lutheran by trusting the Lord and living out his commandments with everything I do. By having faith in his work and appreciating the body and life he has gifted me, I'll hold his commandments within my heart and strive to embody Jesus Christ in my daily life. Though I am human and will sin at times, I will seek repentance and forgiveness from God and strive to do my best in everything I do.