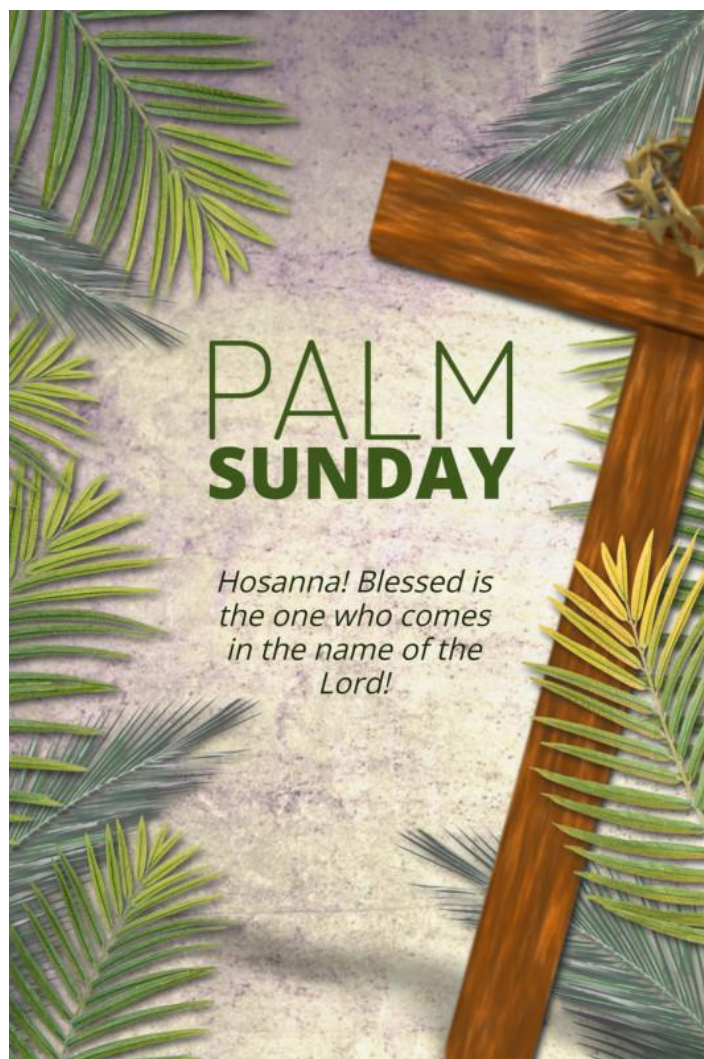


Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church



Holy Week
Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025
9 a.m. Service Bulletin
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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS. Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors.

Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

HOSPITALITY

RESTROOMS - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

THE CHILD CARE ROOM IS OPEN! - We have a room for parents that offers a private, quick, and convenient space for caring for children. The room is located just outside of the sanctuary through the door beside the pulpit.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today, we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, with each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We walked the Lenten journey for forty days, with each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this Holy Week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

The service begins outside at the columbarium.

✝ THE WELCOME

The Rev. Chris Christopher, Pastor

✝ THE FIRST GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 19th chapter.

ALL Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor ²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL Praise to you, O Christ.



✝ THE BLESSING OF PALMS

Pastor The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray: We praise you, O God,
ALL for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today, he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and Resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Please process into the Nave.



✚ THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

Cody Beard, Trumpet / Dr. Will Cleveland, Organ

✚ THE OPENING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW # 344

Refrain

B♭ F B♭ E♭ F7 B♭sus B♭ F Gm Cm7 F B♭

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem-er, King,

F B♭ E♭ F7 B♭sus B♭ F Gm Cm7 F B♭

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Gm C F C7 F Dm Gm F Gm7 C F

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to Refrain

B♭ E♭ B♭ F B♭ E♭ B♭ Fsus F B♭

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed One!
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply:
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise:

WORDS: Theodulp of Orleans (ca. 760-821); tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

ST. THEODULPH
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✝ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray: O God,
ALL as we enter this Holy Week, renew our minds and spirits. Let the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem inspire us to welcome Christ into our hearts anew. May the palms we wave symbolize our commitment to follow Jesus more closely, to live lives of service and compassion, just as Christ taught us. Guide us through this week to the joy of Easter morning. AMEN.

**The Children may come forward for a brief message and then leave for Children's Church downstairs and return during Communion.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

✝ THE LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

Summary

Lector *This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

Now, the lesson from the Old Testament Prophet, Isaiah.

Lector ⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,
ALL Thanks be to God.

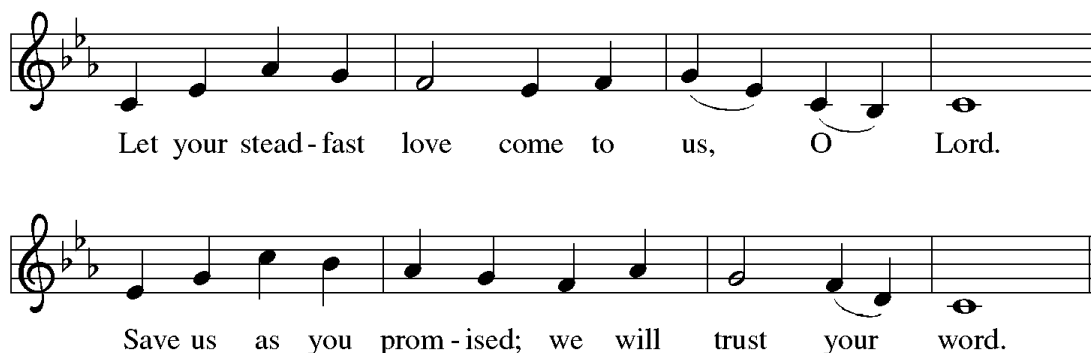
✝ THE PSALM 31:9-16

- Lector ⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- ALL ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me
because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
- Lector ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my
acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ALL ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- Lector ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their
heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ALL ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, “You are my God.**
- Lector ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from
those who persecute me.
- ALL ¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

✝ THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 1

Please stand, as you are able.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

✝ THE SECOND GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:1-6

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 22nd chapter.

ALL **We are listening Lord. Shape us in Your Word.**

Pastor ¹ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴ he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵ They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶ So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✝ THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Christopher

Please be seated.

✠ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

ELW# 599

Please stand, as you are able.

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED

AM Together, let us profess our faith.

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

✝ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please be seated or kneel. AM = Assisting Minister

AM Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and ALL those in need.

Silence for preparation

AM Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and Resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the Earth you love. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with ALL who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console ALL who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,
ALL **receive our prayer.**

AM Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
ALL **AMEN.**

✝ THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

AM The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL **And also with you.**

AM Let us turn to our AV Team and those worshiping with us on-line and on the radio and say together,

ALL **the peace of the Lord be with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Holy Communion

Please be seated.



*During this time the ushers will pass the offering plates. If you prefer, you may give remotely by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting our website www.ilcgreenwood.com and selecting GIVE from the menu. THANK YOU for your generosity.

✝ THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin

The Chancel Choir / Dr. Chuck Neufeld, Guest Conductor

✝ THE DOXOLOGY OLD 100th

Please stand, as you are able.

A musical score for the Doxology, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the final phrase.

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.

Thomas Ken, 1674

GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

✝ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Gracious Provider,
ALL you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Pastor Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
ALL 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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

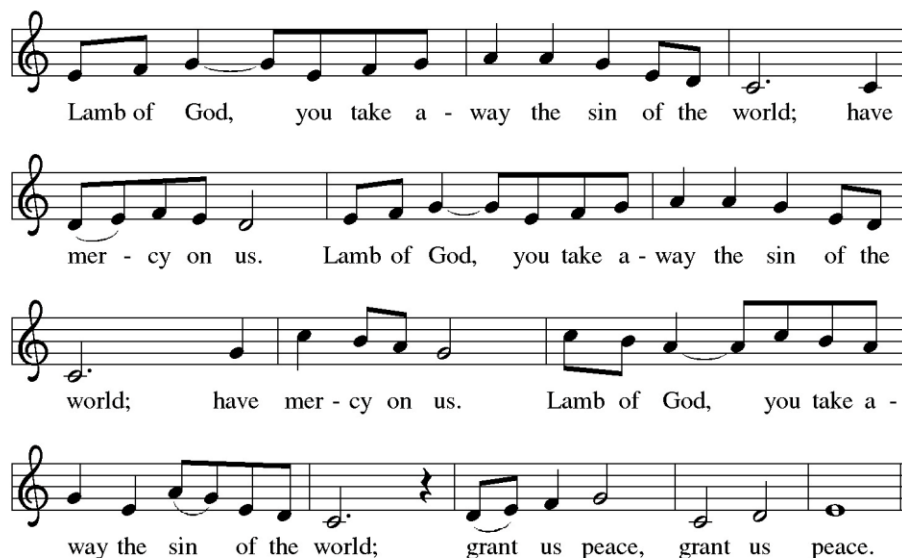
**ALL are invited regardless of your understanding, your faith background, or sense of worth. Christ invites you. Jesus gives Himself for you; Yes, for YOU. So come, come to the Table of the Lord.*

Communion is distributed by intinction, the dipping of the bread into the chalice (cup). The metal chalices hold wine. The stoneware chalices hold grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please ask for Gluten-free as you approach the server. ALL are welcome to use the chancel rail for private prayer during the distribution.

✠ THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 1



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

✠ THE COMMUNION HYMN

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear; Things I would
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee, And I shall
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low, There take my stand, Wav - ing a
ask Him to tell me If He were here: Scenes by the way - side,
fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on me; Words full of kind - ness,
branch of the palm tree High in my hand; One of His her - alds,
Tales of the sea, Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
Deeds full of grace, All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
Yes, I would sing Loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"

WORDS: William H. Parker
MUSIC: Frederic A. Challinor

STORIES OF JESUS
Irregular meter

✝ THE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, as you are able.

Pastor The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in
 God's Grace!

ALL AMEN!

✝ THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray: Generous Host,
ALL you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of
 love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the
 world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
 AMEN.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see pg. 19.

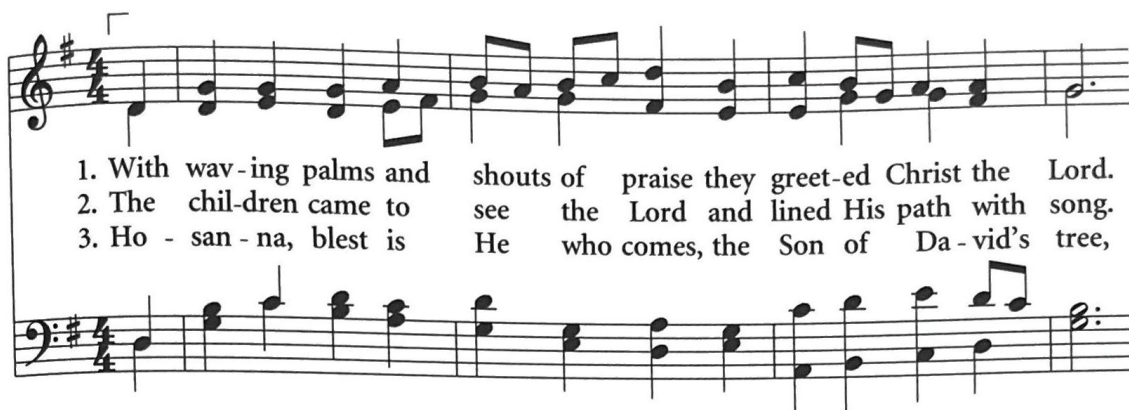
Immediately following Worship, please join us downstairs in the Old Fellowship Hall for refreshments and Adult Christian Education. Today's topic is: Transgressions.

✝ THE BENEDICTION

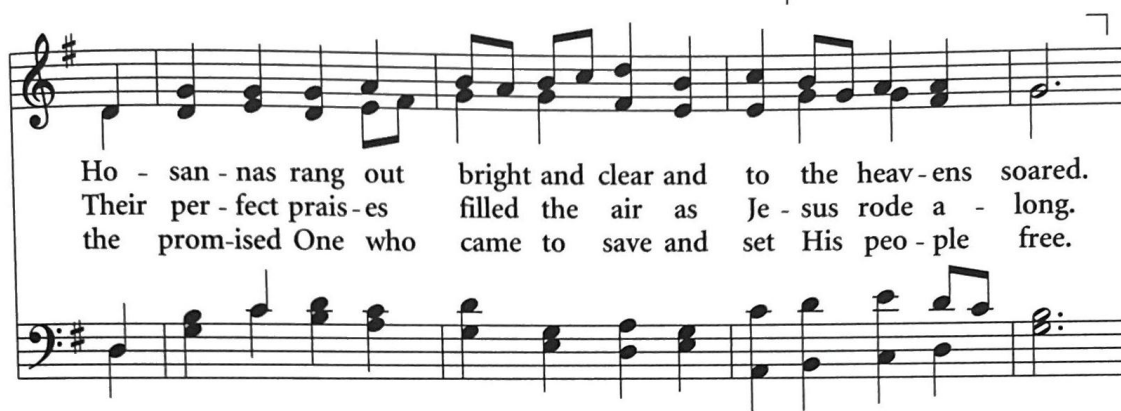
Pastor God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless
 you now and forever.

ALL AMEN.

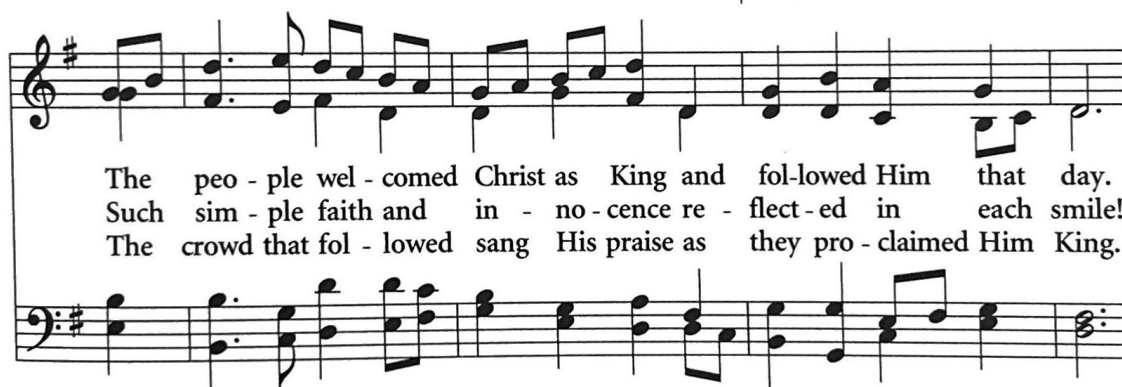
✚ THE CLOSING HYMN *With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise*



1. With wav-ing palms and shouts of praise they greet-ed Christ the Lord.
 2. The chil-dren came to see the Lord and lined His path with song.
 3. Ho - san - na, blest is He who comes, the Son of Da - vid's tree,



Ho - san - nas rang out bright and clear and to the heav-ens soared.
 Their per - fect prais-es filled the air as Je - sus rode a - long.
 the prom-ised One who came to save and set His peo - ple free.



The peo - ple wel - comed Christ as King and fol-lowed Him that day.
 Such sim - ple faith and in - no - cence re - flect-ed in each smile!
 The crowd that fol - lowed sang His praise as they pro - claimed Him King.



May we learn to be wel - com - ing, and fol - low in His way.
 May we aim to be pure in heart and faith-ful as a child.
 May we, with spir-it and with mind, our an - thems glad-ly sing.

WORDS: Jan McGuire, 2008 (John 12:12-13)
 MUSIC: English folk song; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
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✝ THE PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION AND DISMISSAL

AM We proclaim together:
ALL By the grace of God, we are disciples growing in faith, serving our community,
and connecting others to Christ.
AM Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
ALL Thanks be to God.

✝ THE POSTLUDE

Christ Is King

Robert J. Powell

THANK YOU to those serving in Worship!

Presiding Minister	Pastor Chris Christopher
Lector / Assisting Minister	Bo Bowman
Communion Assistants	Sue Franz, Carl Monson, and Kat Finkbeiner
Organist and Pianist	Dr. Will Cleveland
Sound and Video Technicians	Larry Hammond and Steve Presley
Ushers	Jim Wolfer and Wayne Boozer
Altar Guild	Nancy Hogan
Counters	John and Zeolean Kinard
Officer on Duty	Will Stroup

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✝ THE PRAYER LIST

*Please email Dr. Will to add or remove names.
If anyone needs visitation, please contact Pastor Chris.

Those in need of healing: Kinsley Bouknight, Stephanie Branch, Bill Braswell, Wayne Cannon, Tom Carter, Vicky Crawford, Patricia Carteron, Steve Crooks, Oliver Conaty, Laquana Davis, Michael Gagné, Traver Gowan, Phyllis Hartley, Torsha Hicks, Coraline Johnson, Tracy Koester, David Krumwiede, Juan Luna, Lisa Miller, Georgia Parker, Steve Presley, John Mark Scruggs, Charles Stark, Quintaus Starks, and Betty Weeks.

Those with long term needs: Gail Bouknight, Nancy Bollinger, Rick Coker, Tommy Hipp, Dale Huebener, Willie Fred Kennedy, Mary Kenzie, Lois Kuntz, Sara Russell, Jeanne Shealy, Francine Sheppard, and Beckham Waters.

Those in the military: Daniel Darling and Devin Rosenbaum.

Expectant and New (Again) Parents and Siblings, the women of Kinard Manor and ALL in Recovery, the people fed through our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry Ministries, the people participating in our Jail Ministry, the people of our Matthew 25:40 Ministry, and the people they continue to help in Guatemala and

The families of Saints who have been received into their eternal rest:

Robert Beveridge, Mary Butler, Peter Dubuque, Suzanne Crowder Han, Sabrina Hood Kumar, Fred McDowell, Jane Shealy Putnam, Jean Roberts, Juna Wergin, and Carolyn Brammer Wolfer.

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS (week of 4/13/2025)

- **Pickleball** - Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Larry Hammond if you are interested in joining. (landkhamm@gmail.com)
- **Easter Festive Music and Decorations** - Thank you to ALL who have donated!
The deadline to submit donations for Easter Sunday festive music and decorations is Tuesday, April 15. Please consider donating and e-mail Dr. Will with information, in memory of / in honor of, that you would like published in the bulletin.
- **Greenwood Community Service** - Wednesday, April 16
12:30 p.m. Morris Chapel Baptist Church
530 Baptist Avenue, Greenwood
\$2 Lunch is at Noon and 1 p.m.
- **Campus Ministry** - Wednesday, April 16, 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Maundy Thursday** - April 17, Combined Meal and Worship
First Baptist Church 722 Grace Street, Greenwood
5 p.m. Meal - salad, pork loin, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, banana pudding, ice cream and cookies, Cost: \$10, **reservations required by April 16, at noon, please e-mail Dr. Will.** 6:30 p.m. Worship - includes Holy Communion with Pastor Chris Christopher and Pastor John Uldrick officiating and combined Chancel Choirs from Immanuel and First Baptist.
- **Good Friday** - April 18, 6:30 p.m. Combined Worship at Immanuel. Pastor Chris Christopher and Pastor John Uldrick officiating and combined Chancel Choirs from Immanuel and First Baptist.
- **Ensemble Rehearsals** - Saturday, April 19
11 a.m. Brass; 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir; 12:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
- **Easter Sunday** - April 20, 9 a.m. Worship; 10:15 a.m. Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt during brunch.
- **Council Meeting** - rescheduled for Sunday, April 27, at 11 a.m.
(McCombs Meeting Room)



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