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Sunday, April 2, 2023, 9:30 am/Monday April 3, 2023, 6:00 pm

**Palm Sunday/
Passion Sunday**

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the card
in the offering plate.
Thank you!

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to **Matthew 21:1-11**

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, 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.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

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 awakens—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? Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31: 9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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.**

¹¹I 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.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2: 5-11

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

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

(please be seated.)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna in the Highest

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

(please stand as you are able.)

SONG

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. *(please be seated.)*

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve with-in the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

MEAL



OFFERING PRAYER

(please stand as you are able.)

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

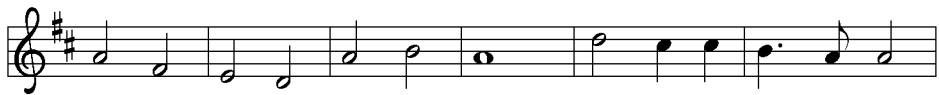
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here: All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

LAMB OF GOD

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

All baptized Christians who believe this true presence are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child (ren) if you wish them communed,

***FORTUNE LAKE SUMMER CAMP** Fortune Lake Registration is open for Summer Camp! Camp offers an early bird discount through **April 1st**, but you still can register. And, Immanuel offers scholarships to campers of all ages. Contact Stacy McEachern for scholarship details! Call or text: **(906) 361-9123** or **stacymc6@gmail.com**. *Hurry. Get registered!*



***WELCA BABY SHOWER / ISHPEMING CARE CLINIC:** Join the women of Immanuel as we host the Ishpeming CARE Clinic Baby Shower on **Sunday, April 23, 4:00 p.m.** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. Fun and games, and light refreshments will be served. Items needed are as follows and these can be placed in the Fellowship Hall on the designated table or the pack-n-play crib. Items needed are: Onesies, Sleepers (any size), Bibs, Infant socks, Bath towels & wash cloths, Small toys/rattles, Shampoo/body wash, Diaper rash cream, Pull Up Diapers, Diapers, 12 and 18-month boy & girl clothes. (If you cannot attend, please feel free to drop baby items in the designated area in the Fellowship Hall.)



***SPRING 2023 CLUSTER 8 NGLS ELCA PROGRAM & MEETING** This is scheduled for **Sunday, April 23rd, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Harvey**, Registration @3pm, Program & meeting @ 3:30 pm, Dinner @ 5 pm. Cost is \$5.00, payable upon registration. Checks made out to NGLSWO. Call 906-249-3122 with reservations by Monday, April 17th.



***ANNUAL FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP MEETING** This is scheduled for **Sunday, April 30th, 2 pm CT, 3 pm ET**. You may have up to 3 voting members, including no more than 2 lay people. RSVP by April 24th via email to officemanager@fortunelake.org.



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***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** The beginning date for Vacation Bible School will be June 12th, 2023. Watch for more details. We will be in need of enrollment helpers. For more information, contact Paulette Patron @ (906) 475-4776 or Diana Hetrick @ (906) 235-7110 or diana-hetr@gmail.com. **NOTE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A "GO!". OTHERWISE, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW! EITHER CALL PAULETTE OR DIANA. THEY WANT YOUR CALL!**



***BAR CHURCH, 'Ruthless Elimination of Hurry', by John Mark Comer** This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. **NOTE: THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED FOR THIS WEEK.** It will meet at Cognition Brewery in Ishpeming (this has plenty of non-alcoholic options.) The dates scheduled are: April 13, 27, May 11, 25, 2023. There is also a Facebook group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841985297052095/>, or scan the QR code. *"There is no need to prepare or bring anything with you. Come as you are, even if it's late. The book is not required to join us! We base all discussion on not having read anything, and you can access all scripture and guides on your phone. Drop-ins are welcome, and we love new faces! Bring a buddy, even if they aren't a member at Immanuel."* (says Kaitrin). If you have any further questions, please call or text Kaitrin Raymond at (540) 435-4915.





VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Rell Spickerman*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sun. @ 9:30 am / Mon. @ 6 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-2 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30 am USHERS/GREETERS	- <i>Alice Mutkala</i>	6 pm	- <i>Reuven Romback</i>
	- <i>Need Volunteer</i>		- <i>Need Volunteer</i>
9:30 am LECTOR	- <i>Valerie Paulson</i>	6 pm	- <i>Sheila Meier</i>
9:30 am COMM. ASST.'S	- <i>Al & Kathy Sundine</i>	6 pm	- <i>Julie Mager</i>
	- <i>Linda Dillman</i>		
9:30 am Tech Team	- <i>Tyler Moore</i>		

(Communion Set-up for April is ***Terry & Sue Cathcart.***)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Sue Cohan, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Peggy Jackson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Don Palomaki, Stephanie Penhale, Joyce Peterson, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Debbie Thornberg, all COVID patients*



Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Trevor Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.....
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPE BOX FOR 2023 FROM THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. If you cannot find one and you want a contribution envelope box, please let the office know. If you **DO NOT** want your box, please let the office know also, and your number will be eliminated.
Thank You!

APRIL'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN APRIL our **ELCA WORLD HUNGER** will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!* *Thank you for your generosity!*



Thank you for giving \$ 730.00 in March to **Immanuel's Fortune Lake Camp Scholarship Fund**.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS. April 2 - April 9, 2023

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

Sunday

Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - **NO** Sunday School
- 10:30 am - Coffee and Fellowship
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)

Monday

- 6:00 pm - Worship Service

Wednesday

- 10:00 am - Bible Study
- 6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday

Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 am - Quilting
- 6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday

Good Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meets
- 12-3:00 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service at
Bethany Lutheran Church, Negaunee
(Three 1-hour sessions.)

Sunday

Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am - Worship Service
- 9:30 am - **NO** Sunday School
- 9:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship & Breakfast
- 10:30 am - Worship Service (There **WILL BE** Nursery available here.)
- 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)