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Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Palm Sunday Liturgy

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Acclamations

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Prayer (spoken in unison)

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His holy city, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Palm Sunday Reading John 12:12-19

Acclamations

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #442, "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
(Wave palm branches on the refrain)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV)
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 27:11-66

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Sermon: "From Hosanna in the Highest to Golgatha in the Lowest"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Communion Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy," p. 208 in the front of LSB

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns

#421, "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

#434, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

#554, "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Chimes and Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday in Holy Week: Isa. 50:5-10; Heb. 9:11-15; Jn. 12:1-23

1:00PM Ladies Mission Project

Tuesday in Holy Week: Isa. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Jn. 12:23-50

Wed. in Holy Week: Isa. 62:11-63:7; Rev. 5:6-11; Jn. 13:16-38

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

Maundy 2:00PM Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday: 7:30PM Worship with Holy Communion

8:30PM Choir

Good Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session

7:30PM Worship

Holy Saturday: Dan. 6:1-24; 1 Pet. 4:1-8; Matt. 27:57-66

Easter Sunday: No Sunday School or Bible Class

9:30AM Fellowship Time

10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Chad Callstrom

Monday - Lyle Dicke, Betty Von Barga

Wednesday - Kelvin Hoffman

Thursday - Josh Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple, Jean Bateman, Orville Augustin and Melissa Barbey.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 24

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Easter Makes Life Worth Living"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The Rev. Gregory Seltz says Easter is not about sinners being motivated to do better. Rather, the Holy Spirit transforms lives as He moves people to trust in the risen Christ. (Luke 24:1-11)

New Horizon Brunch – May 1

This year New Horizons will be holding their annual brunch on May 1st instead of on Palm Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

New Horizon members: please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for food items you are able to provide and areas where you can help on the day of the brunch.

Quarterly Council and Voters' Meetings

The spring Quarterly Council and Voters' Meetings are usually scheduled for the month of April. However, because Holy Week and Easter fall at the end of April, the elders have agreed to postpone those meetings until May. The council meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 3rd; the Voters' Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 17th. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

Life Quotes

April 17 "Our job as the Church is not just to speak out, witnessing to the value of life, but also to pick up the pieces of the lives of those wounded by an abortion decision, restoring them to a full relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ." *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Youth Event - April 30th

Let's try again! On April 30th, Pastor would like to take the youth of the church to the Tropics Waterpark in Shoreview for a day of pool and waterslide fun. On that Saturday, please meet at church at 11:00 AM. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board so that Pastor is able to plan for appropriate transportation. The cost is \$7.50 per student. Please bring additional money for snacks and beverages. Youth may bring friends as long as they are also on the sign-up sheet. Thanks.

Confirmation Dinner

The dinner for the families and friends of our 2011 confirmands, Dustin Stumpf and Jacob Duden, will be held on Friday, May 13th at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to bring food items and/or serve for the occasion. Please plan on food for 30 people. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)

"Of the Means of Grace" (Continued)

Since it is only through the external means ordained by Him that God has promised to communicate the grace and salvation purchased by Christ, the Christian Church must not remain at home with the means of grace entrusted to it, but go into the whole world with the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments, Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16. For the same reason also the churches at home should never forget that there is no other way of winning souls for the Church and keeping them with it than the faithful and diligent use of the divinely ordained means of grace. Whatever activities do not either directly apply the Word of God or subserve such application we condemn as "new methods," unchurchly activities, which do not build, but harm the Church. We reject as a dangerous error the doctrine, which disrupted the Church of the Reformation, that the grace and the Spirit of God are communicated not through the external means ordained by Him, but by an immediate operation of grace. This erroneous doctrine bases the forgiveness of sins, or justification, upon a fictitious "infused grace," that is, upon a quality of man, and thus again establishes the work-doctrine of the papists.

Japan Disaster Relief

During this blessed Lenten season, LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison asks for prayers and continued financial support for the people of Japan "as we strive to bring the help and hope of Christ to people who are hurting." Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. Please pray that Lutheran disaster response efforts would touch many lives with God's hope and mercy. To learn more, visit www.lcms.org/worldrelief. To make a donation for Lutheran relief efforts, you may mail checks (noting "Japan Disaster Relief" in the memo line) to: LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. You can also donate over the phone at 1-888-930-4438 or by going to <http://givenowlcms.org>. Thank you for your care and compassion!