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Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

April 13, 2014

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 blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a 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 members of Immanuel who have been confirmed 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

Invocation
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Opening Litany
P: Look! The King is coming into the city at last!
C: Hosanna! The King comes to save His people.

P: Look! The King is coming, riding on a lowly donkey.
C: Hosanna! The King comes to us in humility.
P: Look! The King is coming with no sword.
C: Hosanna! The King comes to us with peace.
P: Look! The King is coming without soldiers and without an army.
C: Hosanna! The king comes to us with compassion and mercy.
P: Look! The King is coming with resolute determination and purpose.
C: Hosanna! The King comes to us to accomplish God's will.
P: Look! The King is coming with tears and sorrow.
C: Hosanna! The King comes to suffer and die for us.

Cross Processional/Hymn: #442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(Wave Palm Branches on Refrain)

Introit of the Day, prayed responsivelyworship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Choral Anthem: "Hosanna! Hosanna!"
Antonio Caldara Arr. Alice Carpenter

EpistlePhilippians 2:5-11 (Read from NKJV Version)

Holy Gospel Matthew 26:1-27:66

Hymn of the Day: #525, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Sermon: "Veiled Majesty"

Offering

Prayer of the Church
P: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

P: God often does not do what we expect Him to do or want Him to do. We pray, but don't receive the answer we want. We hope, but nothing changes. We anticipate a miracle and get the status quo. We want splendor and majesty, and we get humility and weakness. We want glory, and we get agony. So easily faith falters and we fail to trust.

C: Lord, You do not always meet our expectations. Forgive us for failing to see and admit that the problem is not with You but with our expectations. Forgive us for doubting the wisdom of Your plan. Forgive us for despising Your work and Your gifts. Forgive us and teach us to trust You and Your ways.

P: God comes to us today not as we expect Him, but as we need Him. He comes with the glory and splendor of grace and forgiveness. He comes in lowliness and humility, that you may be raised from your sin and your failure. He comes to you and He forgives you.

C: Amen.

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 of the Sacrament

(This morning the Lord's Supper will be received by continuous line)

#441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

#437, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting.
Depart in peace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

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

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Meal Prayer

Postlude

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Palm Sunday Brunch – Today

New Horizons is hosting a brunch today following the worship service. All are welcome! On the menu we have pancakes, egg casseroles, fresh fruit, muffins, sweet rolls and beverages.

April 13 – Palm Sunday "Like the myrrh-bearing women, on their grief-shrouded mission to the tomb, we must bear the weight of earthly sorrow and simply do what love and devotion demand of us. Our hearts break, but in their breaking we discover a path to another world where joy heals the broken heart and love wipes away every tear. We have heard the voice of the angel, greeting us with living words like lightning, 'He is not here; he is risen. Come, and behold the place.'" *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •

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