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NOTES TO VISITORS

Welcome! We're glad you're here. If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book by the front door. To ensure pastoral care, we also invite you to fill out an attendance slip each time you are with us. Special aids, such as **large print copies of the Order of Service** and **personal PA's** are available. Please ask an usher for any of these. **Restrooms** are in the southeast corner of the basement.

TO OUR GUESTS: Again, we welcome you to this Divine Service, however, because of the sad divisions in Christendom we cannot extend to non-members a general invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Our church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in accord with the historic and Biblical Christian practice, confesses that the Lord's Supper gives testimony to oneness in faith, love and worship. Those who come to receive also come repentant of their sins, which implies the desire to turn from all contrary beliefs and allegiances, and trusting Christ and His work for our salvation alone. Though we certainly pray for union in faith and doctrine, reception of the Lord's Supper by one who is not fully united with us would proclaim a false Communion.

Visitors who have never received the Lord's Supper with Rev. Meissner are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar. Thank you for respecting the Christian manner in which we administer this holy meal.

Please kneel for Holy Communion as you are able, but know this is not an obligation. To indicate to the assistant that you wish to partake of the blood of the Lord from the chalice, please fold your hands until the pastor approaches. When partaking from the chalice, you may assist the pastor by tipping its base.

****The pastor is available throughout the week for private Confession and Absolution.**

GOD'S HOUSE: "Please be reverent and courteous in God's house! While being friendly and hospitable, please refrain from unnecessary conversation once the candles are lit prior to the Divine Service. Please use the opportunity to prepare yourself for worship."

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast caused Thy beloved Son to take our nature upon Himself, that He might give all mankind the example of humility and suffer death upon the cross for our sins: Mercifully grant us a believing knowledge of this, and that, following the example of His patience, we may be made partakers of the benefits of His sacred passion and death, through the same, Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, world without end. Amen.

PRELUDE:

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
All Glory, Laud and Honor

J. Pachelbel
J. Bender

Procession of Palms

The procession begins outside the nave. If the congregation is already seated in the nave, it now stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.

Greeting

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

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Collect

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

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

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."

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Children's choir sings refrain&sts. 1) LSB 442

ref *All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *Refrain*

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 73:23b–24, 1

You hold my | right hand.*

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to | glory.

**Truly God is good to | Israel,*
to those who are | pure in heart.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Tract for Sunday of the Passion

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

(You may be seated if you so desire)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:1—27:66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, **“Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”**

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, **“Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”**¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, *“Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.”*¹¹*For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.*¹²*In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.*¹³*Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”*

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, **“What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?”** And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, **“Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”**¹⁸He said, *“Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”*¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, *“Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”*²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, **“Is it I, Lord?”**²³He answered, *“He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.”*²⁴*The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”*²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, **“Is it I, Rabbi?”** He said to him, *“You have said so.”*

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and

gave it to the disciples, and said, *"Take, eat; this is my body."*²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, *"Drink of it, all of you,"*²⁸ *for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*²⁹ *I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
³¹Then Jesus said to them, *"You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'*³² *But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."*³³ Peter answered him, **"Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."**³⁴ Jesus said to him, *"Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."*³⁵ Peter said to him, **"Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"** And all the disciples said the same.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, *"Sit here, while I go over there and pray."*³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, *"My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."*³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, *"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, *"So, could you not watch with me one hour?"*⁴¹ *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, *"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."*⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, *"Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."*⁴⁶ *Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."*

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the

people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, **“The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”**⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, **“Greetings, Rabbi!”** And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, *“Friend, do what you came to do.”* Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, *“Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”* ⁵³*Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?* ⁵⁴*But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”*⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, *“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.”* ⁵⁶*But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”* Then all the disciples left him and fled.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, **“This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”**⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, **“Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”**⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, **“I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”** ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, *“You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, **“He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.”** ⁶⁶**“What is your judgment?”** They answered, **“He deserves death.”**⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, **“Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”**

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, **"You also were with Jesus the Galilean."**⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, **"I do not know what you mean."**⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, **"This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."**⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: **"I do not know the man."**⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, **"Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."**⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, **"I do not know the man."** And immediately the rooster crowed.⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, *"Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."* And he went out and wept bitterly.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders,⁴ saying, **"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."** They said, **"What is that to us? See to it yourself."**⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, **"It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money."**⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers.⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, **"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel,¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."**

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, **"Are you the King of the Jews?"** Jesus said, *"You have said so."*¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.¹³ Then Pilate said to him, **"Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"**¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was

greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, **“Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”**¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, **“Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”**²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, **“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”** And they said, **“Barabbas.”** ²²Pilate said to them, **“Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”** They all said, **“Let him be crucified!”**²³And he said, **“Why, what evil has he done?”** But they shouted all the more, **“Let him be crucified!”**

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, **“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”**²⁵And all the people answered, **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”**³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they

had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and

saying, "**You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**"⁴¹So

also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"**He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him**

come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³**He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son**

of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "**This man is calling Elijah.**"⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour

wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**" ⁵⁰And Jesus cried

out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Pause for silence and meditation. The bell is tolled 33 times for the years our Lord's humiliation.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened.

And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and

appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were

filled with awe and said, "**Truly this was the Son of God!**"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "**Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.'**

⁶⁴**Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first.**"⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "**You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.**"⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He

rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life τ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
To stand in joy beside You.

Sermon

Offering (Choir sings)

Stand

Create in Me (Create in Me)

LSB 956

- 1 **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P 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 $\text{\textcircled{T}}$ 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 $\text{\textcircled{T}}$ 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart **T** in peace.

C Amen.

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the_approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

. POSTLUDE:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

M. Burkhardt

ALTAR FLOWERS

TO GOD’S GLORY the palms that grace the altar are placed

by Lois Genova for God’s endless love.

*******CHANCEL**

CANDLES for the month of **APRIL** by Doreen Meyer

in loving memory of husband, Gerd,
and parents, Karl and Mary Staatz, and brother, Bob.

SERVING THIS MONTH:

ELDERS/USHER: Tom Roberts/Joan Kraus & Volunteer

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Coy, Lois Genova and Diane Nasiatka

Supplication and Thanksgiving

"Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. (Psalm 86:1)

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Your servants for whom we offer our supplications:

(Rev.) Matthew Harrison; President, LC-MS

(The Rev.) Alan Buss, President, Northern Illinois District

(The Rev.) Craig Meissner, our Pastor

Cody Baine, Travis Baine, Rebecca Burkhart, Stephanie Burns,
Fred Burt (brother of Susan Paul), Juanita Cristelli, Bonnie & Joe Escoe,
Carolynn Fields, Nancy Hanck, Don Judd, Evelyn Martinez, Elva Mednansky,
Kim Merrell, Iola Middleton, Evelyn Miller, Henri Miller, Amber Oakes,
Michelle Oakes, Christopher Oldendorf, Eloise Offdenkamp, Kathy Peternell,
Loretta Rach, Carol Risley, Dennis Rhodes, Tommy Roberts,
Melanie Shannon, John & Mary Stachulak, Barbara Stofa, Andrew Stone,
Gertrude Themer, Jim & Rochelle Walters, Brittney Wolff, Carrie Woodruff,
Terri Yoder, our shut-ins & caregivers.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Beverly Bloom, Mila Lin (daughter of Sara), Sheree Mata, Caroline Pfeifer,
Jim and Rochelle Walters, Kermit Wert, Cal Yoder.

Christians in Syria and Iraq.

Family and friends of Helen Patrevito (Linda Zeman's mother).

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Nathon Capps, Tyler Coy, Scott Dickover, Steven Dickover.

Immanuel Congregation: Her members, officers, boards, volunteers, and Her Pastor.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: The congregations, schools, seminaries, missionaries, officers, service organizations. The Northern Illinois District, the pastors & congregations of our circuit.

The United States of America: Her President, Vice President, Congress, Legislature, Armed Forces, and all in authority.

Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy; give them comfort and sure confidence in You, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

"But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me! (Psalm 66:19-20)

LIFE QUOTE:April 14 "This Sunday, the church [invites] the world to remember the One who comes into the midst of a very fickle humanity—duplicity, defeat, violence, injustice, pain, and all. He comes near to good and bad intentions, near the ashes of what was meant to be honor, the ruins of attempts on our own. And despite our oscillating thoughts, despite the sin we cannot leave, He invites us into a disruptively different sort of story of defeat. The Son has made his triumphal entry. And yet He comes to bring us the cross, to the one sacrifice that speaks to the world's pain." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

STEWARDSHIP SENTENCE: Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

IMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will continue to collect food items on the first Sunday of each month through May. But we will gladly accept donations given on any Sunday of the month!

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL (Lansing) will be holding their 125th anniversary of St. John’s School on Sunday, April 27th. They will have a service of praise and thanksgiving beginning at 9:30 am. They will have a banquet beginning at 12:00 pm at the Serbian Social Center, Lansing. Cost for adults is \$30, children 6-13 \$15, 5 years and younger are FREE. Dinner begins at 1:00pm. Tickets must be purchased by April 21. For more information call: 708-895-9280

SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet ON EASTER (after Easter breakfast) about 9 AM for a morning of Easter crafts.

THANK YOU to all who directed their THRIVENT Choice Dollars to Immanuel. We were blessed with \$4,662. Tom Robert, Trustees.

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF April 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY: 8:10-8:40 AM – PC & A
8:45 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM – BIBLE CLASS
10:00 AM – DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS
9:30 AM – BIBLE CLASS

TUESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS
7:00 PM – DIVINE SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY: 7:00 PM – TENNEBRAE SERVICE

SATURDAY: 8:15 AM – MATINS

EASTER SUNDAY: 7:00 AM – EASTER VIGIL
8:30 AM – EASTER BREAKFAST
9:00 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM – EASTER DIVINE SERVICE

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE **WEEK OF April 14, 2019**

Sun: Ex. 8:1-32, Heb.1:1-14,
Mon: Ex. 9:1-28, Heb.2:1-18,
Tues: Ex.9:29-10:20, Heb.3:1-19,
Wed: Ex. 10:21-11:10, Heb.4:1-16,
Thur: Ex. 12:1-28, Heb.5:1-14,
Fri: Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16, Heb.6:1-20,
Sat: Ex. 13:17-14:9, Heb.7:1-22,
Sun: Ex. 14:10-31, Heb.7:23-8:13.

Palmarum – Palm Sunday

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Over and above our own body, spouse, and temporal possessions, we still have another treasure—honor and good reputation. We cannot do without these. For it is intolerable to live among people in open shame and general contempt. Therefore, God does not want the reputation, good name, and upright character of our neighbor to be taken away or diminished, just as with his money and possessions. He wants everyone to stand in his integrity before wife, children, servants, and neighbors. In the first place, we must consider the plainest meaning of this commandment, according to the words “You shall not bear false witness.” This applies to the public courts of justice, where a poor, innocent man is accused and oppressed by false witnesses in order to be punished in his body, property, or honor.

Now, this commandment appears as though it were of little concern to us at present. But with the Jewish people it was a quite common and ordinary matter. For the people were organized under an excellent and regular government. Where there is still such a government, instances of this sin will not be lacking. The cause of it is that where judges, mayors, princes, or others in authority sit in judgment, things never fail to go according to the way of the world. In other words, people do not like to offend anybody. They flatter and speak to gain favor, money, prospects, or friendship. As a result, a poor man and his cause must be oppressed, denounced as wrong, and suffer punishment. It is a common disaster in the world that in courts of justice godly men seldom preside. ...

“False witness,” then, is everything that cannot be properly proved. No one shall make public or declare for truth what is not obvious by sufficient evidence. In short, whatever is secret should be allowed to remain secret, or, at any rate, should be secretly rebuked, as we shall hear. Therefore, if you meet an idle tongue that betrays and slanders someone, contradict such a person promptly to his face, so he may blush. Then many a person will hold his tongue who otherwise would bring some poor man into bad repute, from which he



would not easily free himself. For honor and a good name are easily taken away, but not easily restored.

So you see that it is directly forbidden to speak any evil of our neighbor. However, the civil government, preachers, father, and mother are not forbidden to speak out. This is based on the understanding that this commandment does not allow evil to go unpunished. Now, in the Fifth Commandment no one is to be injured in body, and yet the executioner is excluded from this rule. By virtue of his office he does his neighbor no good, but only evil and harm. Nevertheless he does not sin against God's commandment. God has instituted that office on His own account. God has reserved punishment for His own good pleasure, as He threatens in the First Commandment. In the same way, although no one has a personal right to judge and condemn anybody, yet if those who serve in offices of judgment fail to judge, they sin just as surely as a person who would act on his own accord without such an office. For in matters of justice necessity requires one to speak of the evil, to prefer charges, to investigate, and to testify. ... [Therefore] governments, father and mother, brothers and sisters, and other good friends are under obligation to one another to rebuke evil wherever it is needful and profitable.

A BRIEF ADMONITION TO CONFESSION

All the pope did was to drive people in crowds to Confession, with no further aim than to let them see what impure, dirty people they were. Who could go willingly to Confession under such circumstances? We, however, do not say that people should look at you to see how filthy you are, using you as a mirror to preen themselves. Rather, we give this counsel: If you are poor and miserable, then go to Confession and make use of its healing medicine. He who feels his misery and need will no doubt develop such a longing for it that he will run toward it with joy. But those who pay no attention to it and do not come of their own accord, we let them go their way. Let them be sure of this, however, that we do not regard them as Christians.

Large Catechism 1.254-258, 1.271-275, 6.25-27; Concordia: *The Lutheran Confessions: A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord* (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2006).