

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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.

<sup>7</sup>The 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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

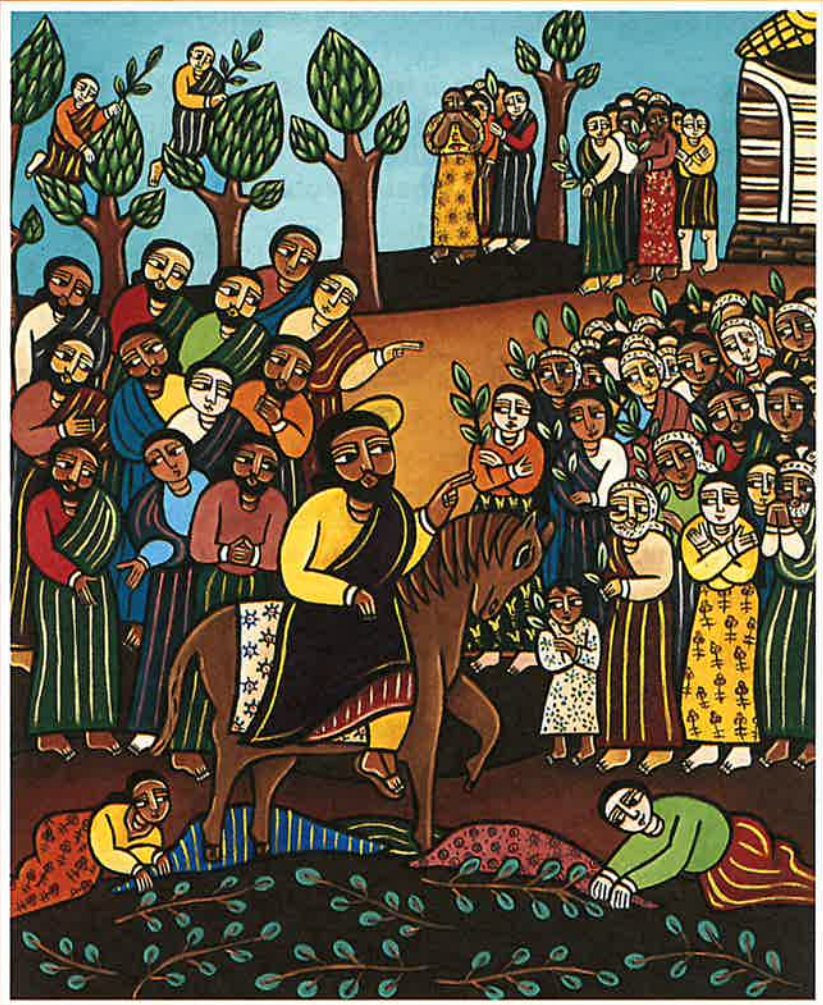
Let the same mind be in you that was in  
Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of  
death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the  
earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56  
or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]

Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

LUKE 19:38



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

34606 E. 2450 N. Rd., Colfax, IL  
(309)723-5091  
immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com

**Interim Pastor – Pastor Nathan Feig**  
**217-637-9606 feig777@yahoo.com**

Council President: Eli Petersen 815-848-2155 ejpetersen4@gmail.com  
Church Secretary: Cindy Wilson 309-825-4099 ckwilson1983@gmail.com

***Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.***

**Welcome to Worship at Immanuel** - God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship.

**Prayer before Worship:** Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace. Amen.

**Prayer Requests:** We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

**Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.**

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

**The Lord's Supper**, (offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

**We have Children's Bulletins** for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

Newsletter, bulletin, and member information or changes may be sent to  
[ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com) or [immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com](mailto:immanuelcolfax@hotmail.com)

*From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.*

This Week at Immanuel 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship

## Sunday, April 13, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG  
Lay Reader: Briana Ray  
Greeters: Phil & Angie Kratochvil  
Ushers/Acolytes: Brec, Zane Hoffman  
Communion: na  
Organist: Cindy Wilson

**Please include the following people in our prayers:**

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Lucy McKinley, Cheryl Poppe, Robert Ruff, Jeannie Weber, Tim Dawson, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), and Daviney Steidinger-Reynolds (a student at Ridgeview), Karen Nelson (sister-in-law of Brea Harms)

## *Announcements*

**Welcome to our Palm Sunday worship and the beginning of Holy Week.**

Please join us as we continue our journey to the cross and to the tomb on Easter morning.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN  
Greeters: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck  
Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil  
Communion: Dennis Griepentrog, Jerry Kukuck

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm**

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR NATHAN  
Greeters: Elton & Spring Mau  
Ushers/Acolytes: Harlan Brucker, Dan Harms

If you would like to attend the **Central Southern Illinois Synod Assembly** this year; registration is now open. The assembly will take place **June 5-7** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1617 East Emerson Street, Bloomington. Let Pastor Nathan know and we will get you signed up. Immanuel can send up to 2 adults and 1 youth.

**LWR Quilts** - We will knot quilts on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00-3:30 pm. If you are planning to attend, please let Dee Winterland know so if we need to cancel for whatever reason, you can be contacted. We would love to see some new faces!

Parents, Grandparents, Volunteers – **Mark your Calendar for Vacation Bible School, 2025** the week of June 9 – 13. We are in the early stages of planning and Alaskan Adventure that you don't want to miss!

# Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, 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 the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, 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.*

## PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Gathering*

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

*\*Congregation may remain seated or stand as you are able. Children and families may begin the worship service at the rear of the church to later process forward with Palms.*

## PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.     *Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this,



‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“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.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

<sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!”**

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**\*PROCESSION**

P: Let us go forth in peace,    **C: in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

***All Glory, Laud and Honor***

**ELW 344**

**\*ACCCLAMATION**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GREETING**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***The Holy City***

Jamie Wilson, Soloist

**READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

back of bulletin

*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.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 31:9-16

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

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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.

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

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.  
**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."**  
 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.  
**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

READING Philippians 2:5-11 back of bulletin

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW page 142



\*GOSPEL READING Luke 22:14 – 23:56 back of bulletin

*The Gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

After the reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.  
 Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MESSAGE

Pastor Nathan Feig

HYMN OF THE DAY

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

ELW 343

\*APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW page 104

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *Each petition will conclude with:*

P: God in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

P: 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. C: Amen.

\*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

\*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able.*

ELW 186

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.***

\*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Gracious Provider,

**C: 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.**

*Sending*

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN

***Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus***

ELW 802

\*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025**

**1-2PM**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
34606 E 2450 NORTH RD  
COLFAX, IL 61728**

**Join us for crafts, snacks, and lots of fun!**

**Bring your friends!**

