

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
 a trained tongue,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning he wakens,
 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 in court together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{9a}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,
⁶who, though he existed in the form of
 God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be grasped,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a
 human,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of
 death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God exalted him even more
 highly
 and gave him the name
 that is above every other name,
¹⁰so that at the name given to 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.

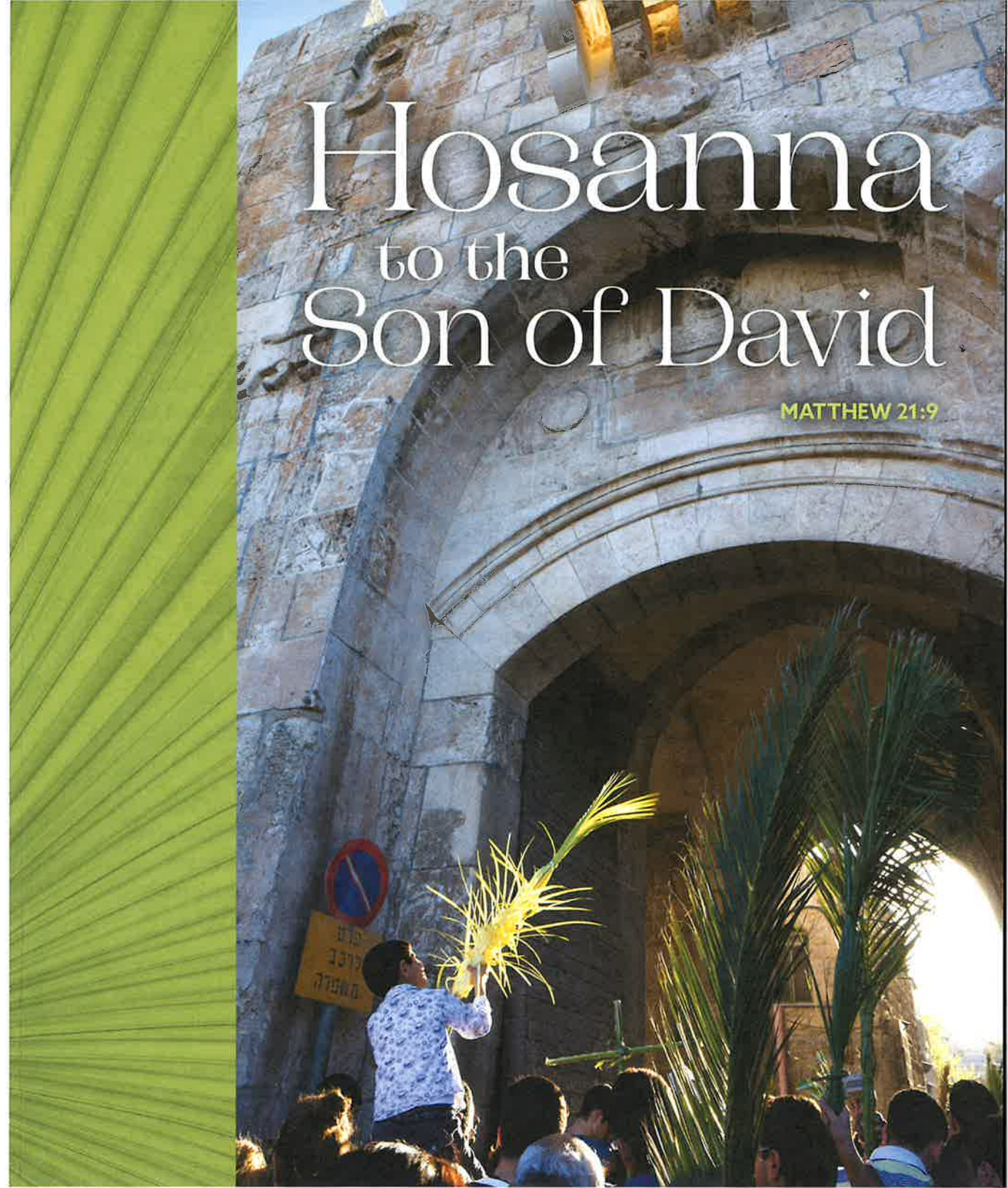
GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66

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or Matthew 27:11-54 [not printed]

Hosanna to the Son of David

MATTHEW 21:9



Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - We're so glad you're here! There are many good reasons to come to church, but the best one is to worship and thank God for His amazing love — shown through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Prayer before Worship: Lord, remind us that every day starts with your grace. Renew our faith, restore our peace, and help us live as your people of light and hope. 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. **There is also a prayer box with cards to use on the table under the mailboxes for prayer requests.**

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 1st Sunday 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 wanting a blessing. 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.

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, March 29, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER: ROB MAHNKE

Lay Reader: Angie Kratochvil

Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms

Ushers/Acolytes: Elton & Spring Mau

Communion: na

Organist: Cindy Wilson

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm

WORSHIP LEADER: MINISTER MARCIA BUCHS

Reader: Jerry Kukuck

Greeters: Ron & Deb Jaskowiak

Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil

Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Cindy Harris, Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Betty Petersen, Florence Schultz (Cindy Wilson's mom)

Announcements

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

Our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 & under will be Saturday, April 4th from 1-2PM at the church. If you are willing to fill Easter eggs with candy or small toys, they are bagged up on a table in the parish hall. Please have them returned to the church by the morning of April 4th.

During the month of April we will be focusing on collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. Each week we are asking for only 1 item:

April 5 – One adult-size toothbrush in original package.

April 12 – One large, sturdy comb

April 19 – Bath-size bars of soap (2-3)

April 26 – One fingernail clipper

Please place your items in the collection box in the fellowship hall, and Thank You!

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 2026

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.

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.*

BLESSING OF PALMS

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

L: 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

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.”

*PROCESSION **Please stand as you are able*

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344

*ACCLAMATION

L: 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 -

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ’s call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God’s love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

*GREETING

L: 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

L: 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

Prepare the Way

Immanuel Choir

READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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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

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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

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

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The Gospel is announced:

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Congregation may be seated.

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

After the reading: L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON / NOISY OFFERING

MESSAGE

Mr. Rob Mahnke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Go To Dark Gethsemane

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*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.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERING

*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

L: Let us pray... O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. *Each petition will conclude with:*

L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

L: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.

BLESSING

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

ELW 351

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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LUTHER LEAGUE

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Annual

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