

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021



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**“WELCOME TO IMMANUEL”
INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ONLINE WORSHIP**

*Note that our guidelines will evolve over time as restrictions increase or decrease.
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we worship our beloved Lord and Savior!*

INSIDE

- Please practice social-distancing. Save important conversations and visiting for outside where it is safer.
- Masks are required inside and advisable outside.
Pick up your bulletin on the table inside and put your offering (or pledge) in the offering plate.
- Let the usher know if you have a preference where you would like to sit. They will try to seat you based on your group size and your preference.
- Talk as little as possible and only in a soft voice.
- Only the worship leaders sing and speak out. Hum the songs if you feel so led.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- The usher will dismiss you.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic. For the best experience, you may want to view it as a more reflective time enjoyed in a beautiful, sacred space where you can listen, share in communion, and attend to God.

OUTSIDE

- Safer than inside worship, outside worship doesn't require masks in your vehicle—although masks are advisable when interacting with others like the usher who brings you:
 - ◇ Your bulletin.
 - ◇ Your combined communion cup & wafer.
 - ◇ An offering box to put your offering (or pledge card).

- Please turn your car radio to this radio station:

FM 90.9

- Feel free to sing and join in as loudly as you want during worship. Take home the used communion cups and dispose of them.
- Outside worship reminds us of the fun and comradery of the summer parking-lot worship. It is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in our vehicle. Like the inside worship, communion is offered.

ONLINE

- The safest and most convenient worship experience, online worship involves just a few steps:
 - ◇ If you wish to celebrate communion, prepare ahead of time bread or cracker, as well as juice or wine.
 - ◇ Go to www.immanlutheran.org on your computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.
 - ◇ View or print out the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.
 - ◇ Click on the video link and worship!
- Online worship is the safest and most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Although missing the social element of worshipping together inside or outside, the online worship can in some ways feel the most “normal.”

Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ.

Offerings may be mailed to the office:

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1865 14th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Contact the Office and Pastor:

Office phones (970-352-3003) will be monitored during office hours and messages responded to in a reasonable manner. For the safety of everyone during this pandemic, we have been advised to not have in-person meetings or visits. If you have a pastoral concern, either call the office and leave a message to set up a time to converse with Pastor Daren, or if urgent, text or call Pastor Daren at 760-814-5171.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

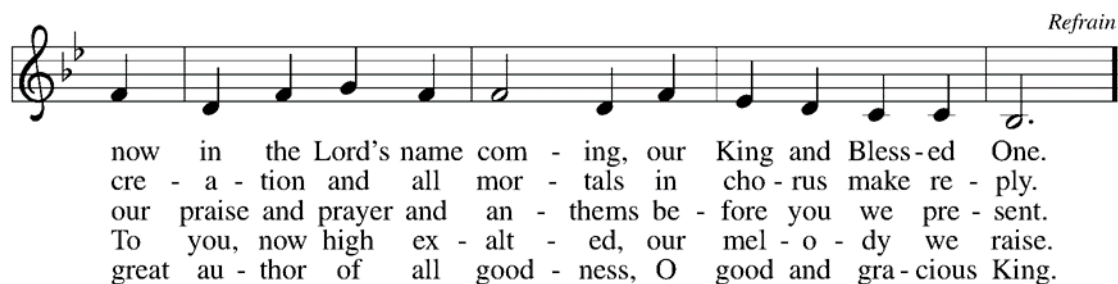
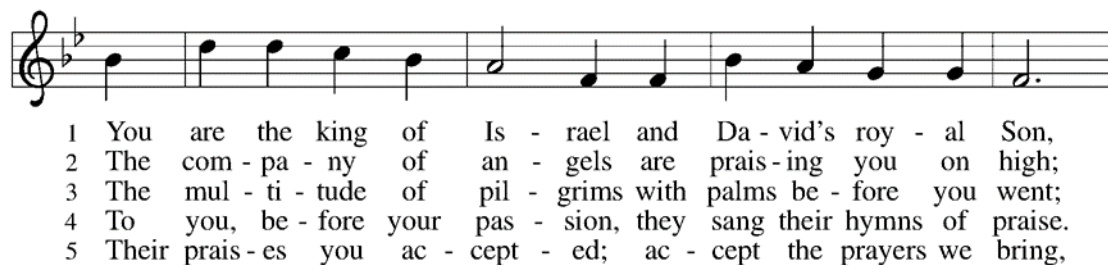
And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Gathering Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344) *Verses 1 & 4*



Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, 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.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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— awakens 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 up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**

¹¹I 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.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day: Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338) *All Verses*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Meal

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

Communion

After all have communed:

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Purpose and Mission Statements:

Immanuel is called to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ; to provide places and opportunities for worship and fellowship; and to be the spirit of Christ in the world.

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry gathers in Christ's name to share God's love, to ask questions, to grow in faith, to respect and nurture our differences, and to serve others.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW 335)

Verses 1, 2 & 4



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman
Organist: Stan Elmquist

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Pastor Daren Erisman

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*In this time of COVID19, Please feel free to make appointments with
Pastor Daren by calling or emailing him at the above phone numbers or email address.*

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday, March 28	10:30 am	Holy Communion—Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1	4:00 pm	Passion Service
Sunday, April 4	8:30 am	Holy Communion—Easter Sunday
	9:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 am	Holy Communion—Easter Sunday (<i>outside only</i>)

VOLUNTEERS

	<u>Sunday, March 28</u>	8:30 am	10:30 am
		<u>Sunday, April 4—Easter</u>	
Greeter:	Janet Willis	Julie Elmquist	
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist	Janet Willis & Marcia Hutton	
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson	Cindy Thompson	
Tellers:	Clarence Carlson, Janet Crespín	Marv & Connie Deines	
Ushers: Indoor-	Ron & Cindy Thompson	Katy Sickles & Vera Sylvester	
Outdoor -	Matt & Molly Ward	John Johnson & Sally Stewart	Matt & Molly Ward

Communion Supplies




For those of you who are unable to attend worship in person or in the parking lot, or if you know of someone who is unable to attend worship because of health reasons, this message is for you. As you worship via streaming or online and it is time for communion, you may find it hard to find supplies for this shared meal. If so, please call the church office, 352-3003, and Council will deliver some communion sets to you. Then when communion is celebrated, you can easily share in this meal with all the members of Immanuel's family.

Our Lenten Offerings

During this Lenten season, Immanuel has once again taken up the challenge.
Thank you for your gifts.

Lenten Offerings (either marked Lenten offering or in the Lenten offering envelopes) will be divided between Lutheran Disaster Relief and the Sunrise Clinic. In the spirit of helping others in need, our offerings will help those in Texas and right here in Greeley.

Lenten Challenge – Give your Best Shot  (marked Lenten Challenge or Covid or Shot, even if you put it in a Lenten Offering envelope) will help provide medical supplies and treatment to those around the world. Your generous gifts have already started pouring in for vaccinations, nutrition supplies, personal protective equipment and clinic supplies.



Dick Hay
Susan Truchses
Roma Arithson
Rodger Arithson
Pat Rhone
Family and Friends dealing with COVID

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays this week:
April 1- Blake Carlson
Peggy Kuntz
Harper Ward
5- Susan Morse

There are no anniversaries this week.

COVID VACCINATIONS

Here is the Banner Health site to sign up for the vaccine:

<https://www.bannerhealth.com/staying-well/health-and-wellness/wellness/covid/weld-county-vaccine>

If you have information that needs to be added to the weekly update, please contact Denise in the church office at 352-3003 or email to:
office@immanlutheran.org

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- **Palm Sunday** (Sunday, Mar. 28 at 10:30 am)
 - ◊ Inside, outside, and online.
- **The Passion Service** (Thursday, April 1 at 4 pm)
 - ◊ Inside, outside, and online. Combines the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services into one service on Thursday at 4pm.
- **Easter Sunday** (Two services on Sunday, April 4)
 - ◊ 8:30 am inside, outside and online.
 - ◊ The Easter Egg Hunt will be held between the services.
 - ◊ 10:30 am only outside. Asking bigger families to attend this service.

Immanuel's Organ Fund



Immanuel has established a fund to replace the organ. Our current instrument is old and we are at the point that repairs are more costly and more frequent. In reality, the organ may no longer work within the next few years. Since this will be a sizeable investment, we need to consider our move toward the future. What will worship at Immanuel look like in the next 5 to 10 years? What type of instrument will be needed to accommodate that vision? How can this investment reach out to the community? Council has begun to look into these questions and has started searching for options that are available. We will be looking for the congregation's help and opinions as we answer these questions. In the meantime, we know this will be a costly investment and have established the organ fund to begin addressing the financial needs for this project. Please prayerfully consider how you might be a part of this project.

The 2021 Easter Egg Hunt is a GO! YIPPEE!

It will look a little different, but, nonetheless, it will be happening!
It will be held outside (rain, snow or shine) so dress appropriately.
Masks and social distancing will be strongly encouraged.



If you would like to help...please consider purchasing wrapped candy and small toys to fill TONS of colorful plastic eggs! Please give your donations to Amy Herold before Sunday, March 28.

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy