**Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, April 02, 2023 Palm Sunday, Year A

## We welcome Pastor Jeff Martinson to Immanuel and thank him for doing the service for today.

## Prelude

### Announcements

*Please stand.*

**Gathering Hymn “All Glory, Laud, And Honor” # 344**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Gracious God

**Have mercy on us**

**We confess that we have turned from you**

**And given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**Known and unknown, things we have done**

**And things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your spirit**

**So that we may live and serve you In newness of life,**

**In Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Greeting**

P: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: and also, with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

**Matthew 21:1-11**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

P: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

R: 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.** R  
 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 up- | on your servant;**  
  **save me in your | steadfast love.”** R

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Let us stand for the Gospel.

C: Return to the Lord pg. 142

**Gospel:** **Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*.

**Sermon Pastor Jeff Martinson**

**Hymn of the Day**  **“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross” # 335**

*Please stand.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *See the yellow sheet in your pew rack.*

Prayers of Intercession

R: Merciful God

**C: Receive our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*You may be seated*.

Offertory Hymn “Stay With Me” Sing Twice # 348

**Offering Prayer**

**P:** **:** Liberating God,

**All: you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

Amen.

*Please stand.*

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy; that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise….we praise your name and join their unending hymn…

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 144

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P:** Behold the Lamb of God

That takes away the sin of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his banquet.

*Please be seated*.

**Lamb Of God** **pg.** **146**

**Communion Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” # 349**

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

P: Almighty God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.

**Prayer**

P: God our Redeemer,

**All: You have fed us at this table**

**With gifts of grace, truth, and life.**

**As you have gathered us in joy,**

**Send us forth as messengers of your peace.**

**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**

**Born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** **“Go To Dark Gethsemane” # 347**

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*On the first Sunday of the month an extra candle is placed on the altar. It reminds us that Immanuel has a special relationship with the Lobatla Lutheran Parish in South Africa. In 2009, Justice Pule, the parish pastor, visited Immanuel, a visit that was coordinated by Claudette and Ben Herring. The Herrings visited South Africa in 2010, bringing a candle to be presented to the Lobatla congregation and informing its members that Immanuel would have an identical candle placed on its altar as a reminder of the special relationship that exists between the two congregations. This is the 13th year of the candle being placed on our altar.*

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| **Worship Assistants – April 02, 2023** | | | |
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| **Pianist / Organist** | **Reader** | **Usher** | **Communion** |
| Karen Zuidema | Al Solomonson | Bruce Knox | Bob Henning |
| **Altar Guild**  Holly Westaby & Kathy Knox | | | |

**Prayer Concerns: Joanne Diestelhorst, Joan Bonstead, Judi McGill, Tom McDonell, Phyllis Hustedt’s family, Thelma Bursik, Esther Osterby, Brent Harring, Pat Stricker’s Family** (contact ILC office to update)

*Thank you for your prayers and cards, and a special thanks to all who set up, served, and cleaned up after the luncheon. It was much appreciated. - The family of George Klinker.*

**April 6, 2023. Maundy Thursday at Immanuel @ 6 pm. Pastor Schruba will be leading the worship.**

**April 7, 2023. Good Friday Services. Worship will not be held at Immanuel.**

**St. Stephen worship is at 12:15 pm**

**Pilgrim Lutheran is at 6:30 pm**

**April 9, 2023. Easter Service at Immanuel @ 9 am.**

**April 14 – 16, 2023. First Annual Festival of Christian Arts and Culture at the Zion Lutheran Church.** The Weekend will begin with Vespers, Friday @ 6:30 pm and followed by artist Kelly Schumacher at 7:00 pm. Saturday @ 7 :00 pm are Poet Tanner Olson and guitarist Blake Flattley. Sunday @ 9:00 am is guest Preacher Dr. Mark Mattes followed by the Eastern Organ Concert at 3:00 pm. All events are free and open to the public.

**April 22, 2023. Wisconsin River Valley Women of the ELCA Spring Event.** Hosted by St. John Lutheran Church 901 11th Street, Mosinee WI 54455. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Program concludes at 12:45 pm. All ELCA women are invited.

**New committee: The Care for Creation Committee: Stewardship for the Earth. Members include Dan Zinsmeister (Chair), Bob Henning, Bruce Knox, Jim Stolen.** Additional members encouraged. Currently they are working with WPS to improve the energy efficiency of the church by conducting a free audit.

**Men’s Discussion Group** meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

**Volunteers needed to visit the homebound.**

**Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

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