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Palm Sunday

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PALM SUNDAY



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Pre-service music: As the organist sets the mood for worship, we turn our hearts and minds toward our God in full anticipation of His mercy and blessing through his Word.

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 40:1-8

I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord. 4 Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. 5 Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. 6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”

Order of Divine Worship

ALTAR PRAYER:

O Lord God, we have not come here today to feel Your presence, but to feed on the Word of Your presence. For by this means alone You have chosen to reveal Yourself to us as our God and Savior through Jesus Christ, Whom You sent to save us from our sins. Enlighten us, therefore, by Your Spirit through the Word, that we may know You more perfectly, worship You with sincerity, serve You faithfully, and glorify You at all times as the only God and Savior of sinners. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer. Amen.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM: *Matthew 21:1-9*

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

Hymn: TLH #161

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Psalms 24:7-10

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

C **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

C Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. The music is written in a common time signature (C) and features a mix of treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:8b

P He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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C *♪* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, to take upon Himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross for our sins. It is Your desire that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility and affliction. Mercifully grant that we may follow in the path of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection. We ask in His precious Name, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever,

C *♪* A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL READING – John 6:32-40 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” 35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will [a]by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that

everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: TLH #414

“The Man Is Ever Blest”

SERMON – Psalm 1 The Message from Psalm

- 1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law (word) of the Lord,
And in His law (word) he meditates day and night.
- 3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so,
But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

WHICH WAY TO BLESSEDNESS?

THE WAY OF THE MAN WHO

- I. WANTS NO PART OF A WICKED LIFE;
- II. TAKES PLEASURE IN THE WORD OF HIS LORD;
- III. IS FRUITFUL AND PROSPEROUS CONTINUOUSLY;

IV. WHOSE WAY IS KNOWN BY THE LORD.

OFFERTORY

- C** ♪ 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.

Hymn: TLH #416 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

- C** ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #162 "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 37 Bible Class – 19 **Total Offering = \$2,452.00**

General = \$1702.00 | Prop. Imp. = \$100.00 | ILC Sch. = \$50 | Rent = \$600

Good Friday: We will be having a special Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15. Prof. Naumann will be conducting the service.

Lillies: If you would like to purchase a lilly in memory of a loved one, please sign the list in the back, write

- ✠ **Apr. 10:** Orland Service 8am
WH 10:15am
- ✠ **Apr. 15:** Good Friday Service
6:30pm
- ✠ **Apr. 17:** Easter Brunch
9:00am
- ✠ **Apr. 17:** Easter Service WH
10:15am
- ✠ **Apr. 24:** Orlando Service 8am
WH 10:15am

who your lilly is in memory of, pay Teresa \$10, and mark yourself paid. After the Easter service April 17, please take your lilly home. Thank you.

Easter: Easter Sunday, April 17, we will have an Easter brunch at 9:00 am. Please bring some breakfast food or drink to share. Thank you. The service will begin at 10:15 a.m. with Prof. Naumann conducting ther service.

Call Response: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel Lutheran Congregation, Grace and peace to you in the name of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. I thank God for the precious Spirit worked fellowship we share as like-minded believers in Christ our Lord. I wanted to assure you that I will give my most prayerful consideration to the call you have extended to me to be your pastor. I know it would be a privilege and honor to serve you as your called shepherd, doing so with the precious Means of Grace, by which the Holy Spirit nurtures and preserves His Church. Please keep me, and the two congregations involved, in your prayers. As together we petition our Lord’s throne of grace over the matter of this divine call, you can be confident that he will lead me to know His will in this matter. You also can be sure that He will provide you with a shepherd of His own choosing and in His own perfect timing. May His saving Word continue to comfort, strengthen and guide you. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” – Ephesians 1:7. In the Name of Our Crucified and Risen Savior, Pastor Michael Wilke

Cleaner (4/16): Ream | **Acolyte (4/17):** Hayden Morris

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has been called to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has been called to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI Allison Brown, a member of Faith, Markesan, WI, has been called to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. Teacher Ross Kok, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ, has been called to teach K-4 at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane, WA. Mr. Luke Willitz, a member of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. Mrs. Debra Mayhew has accepted the call to teach grades K- 4 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. Teacher Rebecca Lillo, St. Stephen’s Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to teach 3rd-5th grades at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI.

CLC Financial Report - March

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Month	Balance 3/31/2022
General Fund	0	751,228	925,842	945,000	- 174,614
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,242,383	1,089,321	1,085,400	153,062
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	368,272	295,976		196,886
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	164,641	14,295		1,247,062
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	148,988	101,446		179,855
Kinship	182,119	143,066	126,887		198,298
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	-121,708	1,215,345		2,190,832
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	69,454	86,127		116,912
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTDgains/losses)	300,222	- 44,011	0		256,211
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,497,430	\$728,702	\$1,840,076		\$4,386,056

General Fund – March offerings were \$73,610 (incl \$6,600 special) **VS** disbursements of \$113,845, a negative monthly cash flow of \$40,235, increasing the General Fund to its largest indebtedness, – \$174,614. YTD offerings are \$193,000 short of estimated budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$19,000 below estimated expenses for the 9 months of the fiscal year. The Coordinating Council and the CLC boards meet for their Spring meeting April 25-27 & the increasing General Fund deficit may require some serious cuts to their FY23 budget proposals for June Convention consideration. The current year budget for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed-Pub is \$1,260,000. But there are still 3 months left in this fiscal year for the boards to curtail their spending & all of us to increase our support for the General Fund, trusting our Lord to bless our best efforts.

ILC Operations – March revenue was \$110,594 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$126,129 (wages/benefits \$7,075), a negative monthly cash flow of – \$15,534, but still has a balance \$153,062.

IIF – March revenue: \$16,000 (bequest of \$14,719), **VS** \$0 disbursed. Div/Int income for **March & FYTD** were: \$877 & \$3,658. Principal market gain: \$915.

ILC Building Projects – March revenue: \$21,534 (bequest of \$14,719) **VS** \$4432 disbursed for architect. Div/Int income for **Mar & FYTD** were \$3,541 & \$31,447. Principal market gain: \$5,710

CEF – March revenue: \$27,964 loan repayments, \$40 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$12,685 Note paid off. Div/Int income **Mar & FYTD** were \$9,241 & \$74,699. Principal market gain: \$16,974.

MDF – March offerings \$20,700 (\$9,282 special) **VS** disbursements \$12,680 (\$3,400 Exploratory, \$3,815 building assistance, \$4,370 part time missionaries/conferences, \$1,094 for admin expenses).

SAF – March receipts: \$9,166 (\$6,149 loan repayments, \$3,017 special gift) **VS** \$7,725 disbursed for student grants/loans/scholarships. Div/Int income **Mar & FYTD** : Endowment: \$12,032 & \$42,040; PMP grant: \$14,790 & \$51,675; Scholarship Fund: \$976 & \$2,940. Principal market gain: \$29,827.

Kinship – March receipts:\$9,609 offerings/sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$19,837 (\$7,905, orphans; \$9,290 seminary students; \$2,500 medical assistance; \$90, widows).

** Fluctuations in the chart revenue column for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund reflect gains & losses in portfolio values from market fluctuations each month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which also reflect disbursements from the funds. The Div/Int income is reported for the month & Fiscal YTD accumulations.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; April 11-16, '22

Mon Isaiah 42:1-4 Behold! means to take a good, long, hard look, for this is important and deserves your attention. What did Isaiah see, and what does the Holy Spirit want us to see? We should see Jesus, of course, the Son of God, selected to bring forth justice to the Gentiles with a soft hand (1-3), efficient and steadfast until He has established justice wherever humans live on planet Earth (4). We thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

Tues Luke 19:28-40 presents more than a minor step in Jesus' victory parade, for it was needed to fit the empty space described in Psalm 50:10; so the Holy Trinity took care of it (28-35). Same with a second piece of the Holy Week puzzle (37-38). Even the snide remark of some Pharisees fit into its place (Habakkuk 2:11) – though without their knowing it. Jesus marched onward.

Wed Philippians 2:5-11 Now for some heavy theology: In heaven the Son of God volunteered to lay aside the use of His divine rights, come down to our planet, adopt the role of a servant, become obedient to the holy Law, and become our sin-offering on the cross – to provide reparation for humanity's treason. That's how Jesus earned every level of honor (10-11).

Thurs Jeremiah 31:31-34 Can it possibly happen that anyone ever gets re-claimed, refurbished, renovated? Yes, for God sees to it, just as He promises here. Note: What is NEW replaces and supersedes the OLD debris of all human self-improvement enterprises. Since God forgives iniquity and does not hold a grudge, we are drawn into His orbit via Jesus.

Fri Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is loaded with data that predict Good Friday, the day of infamy. But behind the scenes, God accomplished what God alone can get accomplished: load our griefs, sorrows, transgressions, iniquities, and waywardness onto Jesus, who alone was equipped with the ability and fueled by generous love to carry the load and turn the day of infamy into the day of salvation. Let us shout Hallelujah in the victory parade!

Sat Galatians 3:10-13 is the Readers Digest version of what we humans deserve (10-11), in contrast to what God dispenses. We Law-breakers are counter-balanced by our Substitute, who became a curse for us. Amazing grace, that God no longer curses us but blesses us. Let us kneel before Him, our self-sacrificing Savior.