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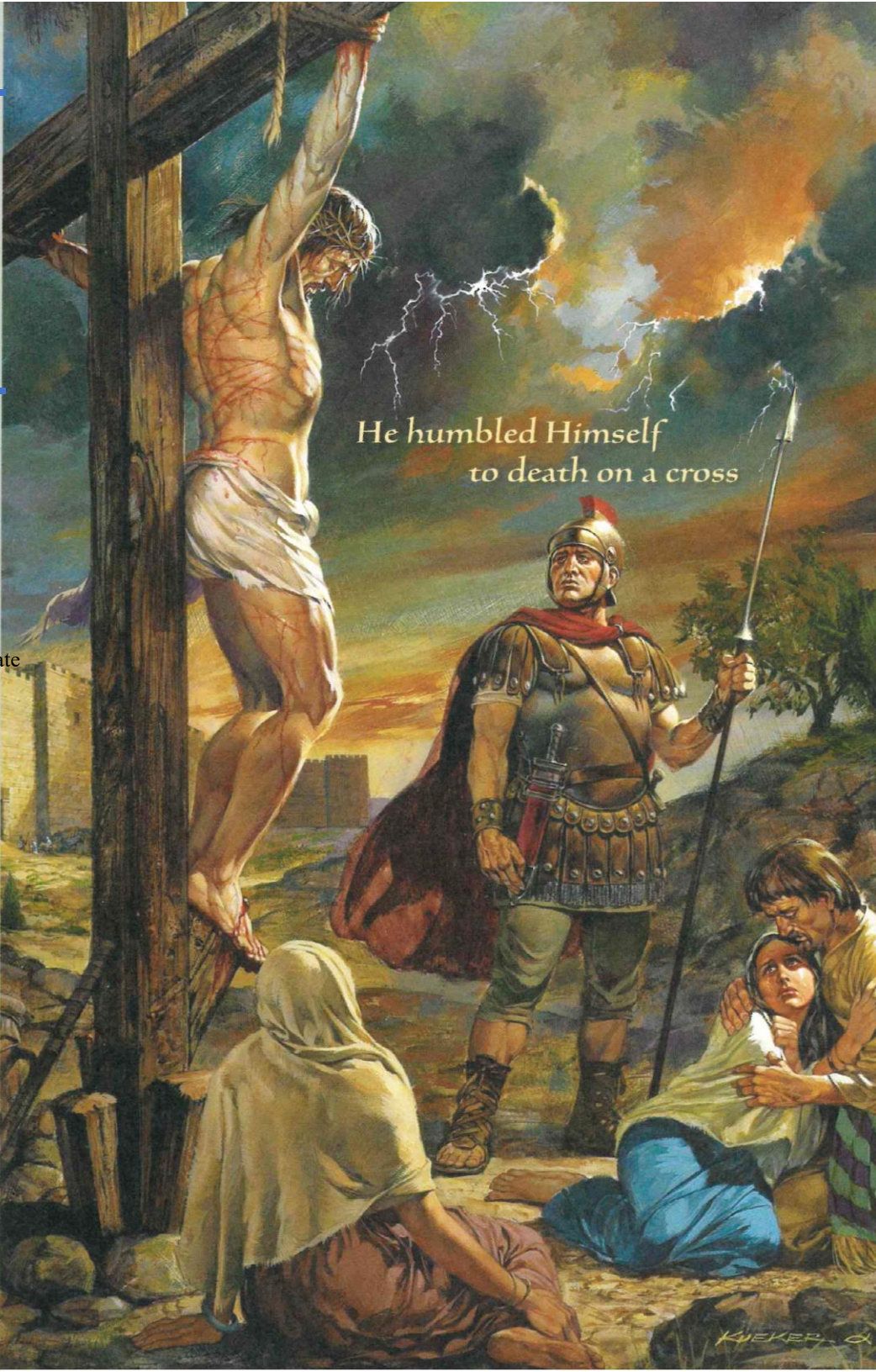
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About the Cover:

Christ came to us in humility, taking the form of an obedient servant. On Palm Sunday, He again came in humility, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then, the ultimate sign of His humility was shown on Good Friday. Paradoxically, it was His being lifted up on the cross that was the greatest sign of His glory and exaltation. It is through His death on the cross that Christ has won for us the forgiveness of sins. This alone is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (see *1 Corinthians 1:18*; *Romans 1:16*). We proclaim today, "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).



He humbled Himself
to death on a cross

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PALM SUNDAY

The Theme for Worship: This morning we commemorate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the event we commonly call “Palm Sunday.” In John’s Gospel he tells of the procession itself, the praises of Jesus as the King of Israel. But he also tells us about the disciples confusion as well as the lament of the temple leaders that “the world has gone after him.” If only that were so! We’ll see what our king came to do for us and seek to “go after him” in our daily lives.

♪ **Pre-Service Music**
Ring of the Bells
Welcome

Spiritwind

♪ **Opening Song: “Hosanna”**
procession

congregational palm

Chorus: **Blessed is He who comes**
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna hosanna hosanna

1. King of Israel, Welcome to our hearts
Here to reign in righteousness
O Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts
Now ascend Your throne
You are the King of kings
Hosanna Chorus

2. To Jerusalem, To the sons of man
Riding on in gentle strength
O come to save Your own
Come to give Your life
The kingdom is at hand, You are the King of kings
Hosanna Chorus

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The Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above

every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “More Precious than Silver”

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.

Sermon: “Going After Jesus”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪ The Offertory

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

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**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & **C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ **Distribution Songs:**

♪ **“Hosanna”**

- 1. Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest**

Chorus: **Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Hosanna in the highest**

- 2. Glory glory, Glory to the King of kings
Glory glory, Glory to the King of kings**

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♪ **“We Are Family”**

- 1. We are heirs of the Father.
We are joint heirs with the Son.
We are children of the Kingdom.
We are family. We are one.**
- 2. We are washed, we are sanctified,
We are cleansed of His blood,
We are born of the Spirit,
We are children of the Lord.**
- 3. We are longing for His coming.
We are looking to the skies,
We are watching, we are waiting,
We will fly with Him, we will rise.**
- 4. We will reign with Him forever,
Men and angels shout and sing,
All dominion shall be given
To the family of the King.**

♪ **“Majesty”**

**Majesty, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
Unto his own His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.**

♪ **“Carry the Call”**

**1. Lord make us a light to the nations
Help us to shine like the Son
Lord we carry the message of Jesus
Help us to reach those who've yet to be won
We're called out of darkness and into your light
A people that walk in the power of Your might**

chorus: **And we will run with the wind of Your Spirit
And we will answer the call
And we will flow with the river from Heaven
Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call**

**2. Lord give us a heart for the people
And help us to touch everyone
Lord give us a hand of compassion
That they might be drawn to the love of Your Son
We're called out of darkness and into the light
A people that walk in the power of Your might**

**Wherever the river may fall
Wherever the river may fall
We'll carry the call
We'll carry the call
We'll carry the call**

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Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS March 29, 2026		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30a.m
Greeters	The people of Immanuel	The people of Immanuel
Musicians	Linda Conrad; <i>Organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>Soloist & Pianist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind</i> <i>coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte		Heather Allen
Lay Reader	Shannon Coulombe	Amy Haeseker
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Slides	Kevin Harms	Nathan Allen
Communion Assistants	Kevin Harms & Rob Tiggelaar	Dan Lohmeier & Will Michels
Ushers	Jeff Bannister, Tom Sawyer & Ron Feldmann	Chloe Marks, Dan Lohmeier & Keith Nelson

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “Just as the palms were laid before Jesus in reverence, may these palms reflect a heart full of praise and gratitude,” by the people of Immanuel.

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