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✠ Palm Sunday ✠

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Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. ²¹ I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. ²² The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. ²⁹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Hymn #160 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Psalm 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

- P** But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
- C** **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**
- P** Save Me from the lion's mouth
- C** **And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.**
- P** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
- C** **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**
- P** All those who see Me ridicule Me;
- C** **They shoot out the lip, they shake the head.**
- P** "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
- C** **Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"**

- P** Be not far from Me, For trouble is near;
C **For there is none to help.**
P But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
C **O My Strength, hasten to help Me!**
P Save Me from the lion's mouth
C **And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.**

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

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;
 Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 45:22-25

²² “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. ²⁴ He shall say, ‘Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. ²⁵ In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’”

The Gradual – Psalm 73:23b-24, 1; 22:1, 4-5

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

- P** You hold me by my right hand.
C **You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.**
P Truly God is good to Israel,
C **To such as are pure in heart.**
P My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
C **Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?**
P Our fathers trusted in You;
C **They trusted, and You delivered them.**

P They cried to You, and were delivered;

C They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

Gospel Reading – Mark 11:1-10

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ² and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³ “And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.” ⁴ So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵ But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?” ⁶ And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ¹⁰ Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #394 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sermon Text – 2 Corinthians 4:11-18

¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you. ¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Sermon – Stay Focused on Jesus

I. Because Death Gives Way to Life

II. Because Trouble Gives Way to Glory

III. Because Time Gives Way to Eternity

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #178 – We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #162 – Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty

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✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther’s Large Catechism. We are studying Baptism.

Holy Week Worship Schedule – Services are scheduled for both Maundy Thursday (3/29) and Good Friday (3/30). The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:00 pm from the parsonage and online. The Good Friday service will be held at Bethel at 7:30 pm.

Easter Brunch – Our annual Easter Brunch will be held on Easter Sunday (4/1) at 8:30 am. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with items that will be needed for the brunch.

Nominations for CLC offices at this summer’s Convention – There is a new process which will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members this summer. Any voter from a CLC congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of March 31. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, www.clclutheran.org (look for the link on the right-hand column marked “2018 CLC Officer Nominations.”) There are also printed copies of nomination forms, with instructions, available on the information table.

CLC Call News - Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called Mrs. Erin Radichel to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons.

Fruits of Faith: 3/18/18

Worship Attendance: 25

Bethel Home: \$690.00

ILC SAF (Mary): \$30.00

