

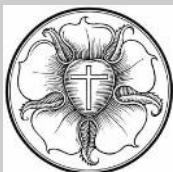
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Hebrews on Easter: "The Founder of Their Salvation" by Pastor Sutton

THE writer of Hebrews (the epistle we continue to study in Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings) tells his listeners concerning Jesus Christ:

It has been testified somewhere [quoting Psalm 8.4-6], "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering (Hebrews 2.6-10).

Here the teacher of Hebrews takes Psalm 8 as a prophecy of the contrast between:


- ✘ the temporary humiliation of Jesus—what we call His "State of Humiliation" (from His conception in the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit to His suffering, death, and burial); and
- ✘ His coronation as the King of all with God's own glory and status: "everything in subjection under His feet." This is Jesus' ongoing "State of Exaltation" (from the descent into hell and His resurrection on Easter Day onward into all eternity, for the age to come).


This is the mystery of Christ's death that we observe yet again at the end of this year's pilgrimage through Lent - that through Jesus' death, He is glorified and honored. Jesus is brought so low that He suffers death as a man, and yet is crowned with glory and honor through His death. Furthermore, by His exaltation, all who believe in Him are also glorified and honored with Him. He tasted death for everyone, and has brought "many sons to glory" - all sons of the Father who are Jesus' brothers, who believe and are baptized into His death and resurrection.


This exaltation of Christ and His brothers is founded on the "grace of God" seen in His vicarious death on behalf of every person on earth. Purely out of His great love for us, the Father brought the Son of Man so low in order **Continued on page 3**

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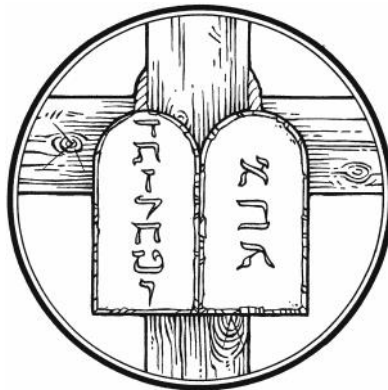
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Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is an historic and centrally located parish—called, gathered, and strengthened by Christ's Word and Sacraments—confessional in doctrine, evangelical in orientation, orthodox in liturgy, cosmopolitan in membership; serving the Terre Haute community and the students of Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and reaching out to the nations since 1858 as a parish of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Midweek Lent Services: "Lent with the Lord's Commands"



*These are the holy Ten Commands
God gave to us by Moses' hands
When high on Sinai's mount he stood,
Receiving them for our good.
Have mercy, Lord!*

To prepare heart and mind for the Paschal Feast, attend the Lent Vespers on Wednesday evenings at 7pm (each preceded by midweek dinners).

The theme of the Lent Vespers this year is "Lent with the Lord's Commands." Each week, we will meditate upon the Ten Commandments:

Wednesday, April 3: **Sixth and Seventh Commandments**

Wednesday, April 10: **Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments**

*You have this Law to see therein
That you have not been free from sin
But also that you clearly see
How pure toward God life should be.
Have mercy, Lord!*

*Our works cannot salvation gain;
They merit only endless pain.
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,
Who pleads for us endlessly.
Have mercy, Lord! (LSB 581; stanzas 1, 11, 12) ✠*

Holy Week, the Great Triduum, and Easter

Palm Sunday, with Procession of Palms: April 14, 10:30am Divine Service

The Great Triduum (April 18-20):

Maundy Thursday, Divine Service, 7pm

Good Friday, Holy Three Hours

Noon Prayer, 12pm

Divine Service, 12:30pm

Afternoon Prayer, 2:30pm

Good Friday, Office of Tenebrae, 7pm

Holy Saturday, Great Vigil of Easter, Divine Service, 7pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 21:

Sunrise Divine Service, 7am

Festival Divine Service, 10:30am

Young People of Immanuel Breakfast, serving between services.

Continued from page 1 to raise man so high together with Him. He who was by right God's Son suffered death on behalf of everyone, so that by God's grace the undeserving sinful sons of the first Adam could become once again sons of the Heavenly Father, which is something that by right does not belong to them.

So Christians, see by faith a vision of the humiliation of Jesus, and you see in His death your death with Him. See also by faith the vision of His exaltation, and by God's grace you also see that you are destined to share in His glory and honor as God's royal sons, heirs with Him in the world to come. Though you are to die to this life, you share in the glory of God's Son who tasted death on your behalf so that you might taste life fully with Him in the new age to come.

This is Hebrew's take on Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. The Son did not just assume human flesh and blood and then suffer and die as a neat historical trick to form some sort of unique world religion. No. It was fitting for God and His Son to accomplish salvation this way—it is the goal of God that His Son takes you, His human brothers, bodily into the

glory of heaven with Him. This is the "fitting" purpose of His suffering, death, and resurrection.

This makes Jesus, we note, not the "founder of Christianity" but the "founder [or pioneer] of their salvation" – the sons of God by faith who will share in Jesus' glory. The Greek word for "founder" in Hebrews 2.10 here is *archegos*, which combines the word for "beginning" or "foundation" with the verb for "to lead on a journey" ("ago" in English letters, but you see our word "go" there, right?). A pioneer. A leader. Jesus is the Good Shepherd pioneering the way through the valley of the shadow of death. He bids us go with Him to that wonderful place, to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever" as Psalm 23 preaches. And we do not go where He has not first pioneered the way. Through death. Into life.

God grant to you and your family a blessed and joyful Eastertide, celebrating the exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the pioneering founder of our salvation, who leads us through death to this life into the eternal home He has for all who believe! ✘

A Note on the Church Website

WE give thanks and glory to God for the blessing of our church website, ielcth.org

We have had this site for a year and we are gradually learning as a staff to add articles, posts, the monthly newsletter, and each Sunday's sermon in audio and written formats. Many thanks are due to Shawn Wallace for designing and building our site, for initially adding all posts to the site, and for patiently teaching us how to properly add posts to the site. Please check out our site, make use of it, share it with others, and watch for more features to come! ✘

Little Lambs Spring Picnic

LITTLE Lambs and their families are invited to a spring cookout on May 11 at 5pm at Pastor and Karie Sutton's home. We will supply the meat. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please put this event on your calendar now to join us.

Please RSVP to Karie_Sutton@yahoo.com or call her at home: 812-917-3941. ✘

Faithlessness/Faithfulness

by Vicar Cornwell

“**AND** going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will’” (St. Matthew 26.39).

Times of testing often show whether someone is faithful or faithless.

The Israelites, when tested in the wilderness, failed time and again and so proved themselves faithless. As a result, they were not allowed to enter the Promised Land

and were eventually cast into exile. These do not stand as mere historical facts, but also as warnings, so that we might not be faithless as they were.

We see in the Garden of Gethsemane a reversal of mankind’s constant inclination to faithlessness... faithlessness, which got man



cast out of the Garden. Adam was tested and was faithless. However, in this Garden, Jesus, in the place of all humanity and despite His innocence, submits to His Father’s will. In Jesus’ time of testing, He remained faithful. In His very body and blood, you receive not only His faithfulness, but also strength to endure whatever trials or temptations beset you. So receive Him. Often. And keep your eyes fixed firmly on Him.

**Then for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

(LSB 420:7)

O God, You justify the ungodly and desire not the death of the sinner. Graciously assist us by Your heavenly aid and evermore shield us with Your protection, that no temptation may separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen ✕

YPI Movie Night

YOUNG People of Immanuel (YPI) youth are invited to a movie night at church, making use of our big screen, projector, and sound system in the Parish Center. Bring comfy camping chairs or blankets and pillows to sit on. Put it on your calendar for the Friday evening after Easter, April 26, at 6pm. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided. ✕



Easter Lilies

THE Easter lilies order form is in the Narthex and by the Parish Office. Please clearly print your name and the name of the person(s) you would like to honor or memorialize. The cost is \$11.00. The order deadline is April 7. You may also order by contacting the Parish Office at 812.232.4972 or stacy.gibbens@ielcth.org. ✕



The Tre Ore

ONE ancient Christian custom of meditation on Our Lord's Passion and death is the Tre Ore ("three hours") on Good Friday. The Tre Ore is celebrated from Noon-3pm because those are the hours Christ hung on the cross.

The Tre Ore has three segments: Noon Prayer; the Solemn Liturgy (Divine Service) at 12:30; and Afternoon Prayer at 2:30.

At Noon Prayer, the familiar prophecy concerning Christ from Isaiah 53 is read, including:

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

At Divine Service, the Passion according to St. John is the Gospel lesson for the day. Each section of the Gospel is followed with singing a stanza of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (450), Paul Gerhardt's version of a longer work by Bernard of Clairvaux.



The Bidding Prayer is prayed, including petitions for the Church, clergy, catechumens, those in authority, those outside the church, for peace, our enemies, and for the fruits of the earth, knowing that in Christ's sacrifice to Our Father, we have access to approach Him for all needs of the church and the world.

The Good Friday Reproaches are sung alternating with Nicolaus Decius' hymn "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (434). The reproaches are passages from Micah 6.3-4; Jeremiah 2.6-7; and Isaiah 5.2-4.

Among the Passiontide hymns sung throughout the Tre Ore includes the ancient hymn of Venantius Fortunatus: "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle."

This hymn ties various aspects of Christ's life and work to His Passion and death for our salvation.

Following the distribution of Holy Communion, Afternoon Prayer concludes with the Litany of Repentance, the Litany of the Passion and readings from Lamentations 3.

The Tre Ore is a beautiful and meaningful Christian custom as the chief service of Good Friday.

Plan to make the Tre Ore on Friday, April 19, a part of your Holy Week meditation this year. If you are unable to stay for the entire Tre Ore, there are brief pauses at 12:30 and 2:30 to enter or depart. ✠

The Bach Cello Suites Depict the Life of Christ

by Rigo Barrozo

JOHANN Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) wrote six pieces for solo cello (*BWV 1007-1012*) that are widely considered foundational in cello repertoire. These pieces represent the best of cello composition in the Baroque era. Bach, a devout Lutheran, described all his music written to the "glory of God." These pieces are no exception. Though they were not written for church use, they nevertheless mimic key moments in Bach's sacred music.

World-renowned cellist Steven Isserlis believes the six pieces represent the life of Christ. The first suite represents the Annunciation; the

second, His temptation in the desert and agony in the garden; the third, the Holy Spirit descending on Him; the fourth, His Presentation in the Temple; the fifth, the Crucifixion; and the sixth, the Resurrection.

How fitting, therefore, would it be to hear the second suite depicting our Lord's temptation and suffering through the six weeks of Lent! It perfectly works out that the suites are divided into six movements. So, during distribution, you will hear one movement each Sunday up to Palm Sunday. The last movement is a lively gigue: fitting for our Lord's triumphant entry! On Good Friday, a movement from the fifth suite representing the crucifixion will be played, as well as a movement from the sixth on Easter Sunday! ✕

ISU Masterworks Chorale Concert Mozart Requiem—April 28

YOU are invited to hear the Indiana State University Masterworks Chorale perform the Requiem by W.A. Mozart. The concert will be Sunday, April 28 at 4pm in Tilson Auditorium. I've enjoyed singing with this group this semester and hope you can join us to hear this composition. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for non-ISU students with ID, and free for ISU students with ID. —*Kantor Schultz* ✕

Rigo Barrozo Senior Recital—April 13

OUR member Rigo Barrozo will be performing his senior cello recital on Saturday, April 13 at 3pm in the Boyce Recital Hall in the ISU Landini Center for Performing Arts. The recital will feature cello works by Tchaikovsky and Hindemith, as well as a variety of works for voice and cello duet. Please come to support Rigo and thank him for his musical contributions to our parish for the last few years. ✕

Please join in the celebration as we honor our Confirmands

*Noah Schulz
Juniper Stephens*

*Confirmands' Banquet
Saturday, May 4, 2019
6:00 PM*

Council of Deacons Report

by Richard Monday

THE March 2 meeting opened with meditation on the Scriptures, in which Pastor led a prayer for the parish, followed by the study of the Lutheran Confessions, the Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article VII on the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Sutton reported on membership changes since the last meeting, two deaths in the parish. Pastor shared the appraisal done by the art expert from Indianapolis on the reredos painting, as requested by our insurance company. The insurance agent indicated that the company is satisfied with our level of coverage, including the value of the painting and the wooden reredos.

Vicar Cornwell highlighted the District Men's Retreat in early April at Camp Lakeview near Seymour.

In ongoing business, Kris Wineinger presented possible plans for new front landscaping. Kris Bilyeu reported on the progress of the new church library and conference room. John Schulz

reported that Kristin Schulz is in the process of cataloging our current library books and materials.

Board Reports:

Finance: February 2019 offerings were lower due to inclement weather. Reported on the status of the Edward Jones investment account, which holds a donated gift of stock.

Outreach: No report.

Property and Grounds: Rich Bucy distributed an estimate with materials breakdown from EAS Technology Consultants for the proposed new security system. Rich recommended and the consensus of the Deacons was that the work should be done. No timetable was set. The shelter-house project is slated for June.

Education: The board met in February and set Vacation Bible School for the week of June 17-21.

Worship Support: All usher spots are filled.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Deacons is Saturday, April 6 at 7am in the Parish Center. Other communicant members who wish to meet with the Council of Deacons to discuss special concerns, needs, or requests should make arrangements with the Chairman of the Council of Deacons prior to a scheduled meeting. ✕

Sunday Adult Bible Study — 9am

April 7 Hebrews 11.1-31 **"People of Faith"**

"Now faith is the basis of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen..." We will review with the inspired author of Hebrews the divinely attested people of faith from the foundational story of God's people in the Old Testament. Four cases from the life of Moses as a type of Christ, the deliverer.

April 14 Hebrews 11.1-31 **"People of Faith" (continued)**

Three cases from the journey of Israel into the promised land as types of deliverance.

April 21 No Class — Easter Breakfast

April 28 Hebrews 11.32-40 **"The Achievements and Suffering of Faithful People"**

Hebrews makes a passionate appeal to Christians to regard themselves imaginatively as part of a heroic community with divine backing, rather than a despised minority of contemporary society, and to identify themselves emotionally with all the host of the named and nameless people of faith who bear witness to God both by what they achieved and suffered.

DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated every Sunday at 10:30am and on Feast Days as announced.

DIVINE OFFICE: LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday – Thursday, and Feast Days as announced; **VESPERS** (EVENING PRAYER) is prayed at 4:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION is offered the third Thursday of the month (*April 18*) from 5-6pm, or anytime by appointment. Vespers is prayed at 4:30pm prior to Confession.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY are at 9am.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT BIBLE STUDY with dinner is on Sundays at 5:30pm.

ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm, and on Sundays from 9:45-10:20am.

“WORSHIP ANEW,” produced by Lutheran Media Ministries of Fort Wayne and supported by Immanuel’s special gift collection, airs every Sunday morning on WTWO at 8am.

WESTMINSTER BIBLE STUDY meets on the last Friday of the month at 1:30pm except when there is a holiday at the end of the month. All members are invited to attend. The next meeting will be April 26.

ESPRIT DEADLINE for May/June is Monday, April 15. Volunteers are needed to help with the mailing. Watch the *Parish News* for the date.

Serving in April at Divine Service

Altar Guild – Pat Casassa; Sally Mueller

Tellers – Rich & Deb Bucy; Susan Clements

Ushers – Shawn Wallace; Brad Cress; Terry Gibbens; Scot Mullins

Acolytes – April 3: Adam Sutton | April 7: Evan Pound; Connor Howard

April 10: Eli Gibbens | April 14: Connor Howard; Kole Mullins

April 18: Ian Crucitti; Evan Pound; Noah Sutton; Pearson Tate | April 19: Kole Mullins

April 20: Evan Pound; Adam Sutton; Tony Altvater; Levi Altvater; Pearson Tate; Noah Sutton

April 21: (7am) Austin Fitzgerald; Pearson Tate; Noah Schulz; Levi Altvater

(10:30am) Ian Crucitti; Connor Howard; Adam Sutton; Eli Gibbens

April 28: Levi Altvater; Noah Schulz

Schedule of Divine Liturgies for April

April 3	Wednesday of Lent IV, 7pm	Vespers
April 7	Judica – Fifth Sunday in Lent, 10:30am	Divine Service
April 10	Wednesday of Lent V, 7pm	Vespers
April 14	Palm Sunday, 10:30am	Divine Service
April 18	Maundy Thursday, 7pm	Divine Service
April 19	Good Friday – Tre Ore, 12pm	Divine Service
	Good Friday – Tenebrae, 7pm	Vespers
April 20	Great Vigil of Easter, 7pm	Divine Service
April 21	Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Dawn, 7am	Divine Service
	Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day, 10:30am	Divine Service
April 28	Quasimodogeniti – Second Sunday of Easter, 10:30am	Divine Service