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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

HOSANNA - SAVE NOW!

And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9 ESV) Today we begin Holy Week here at International Lutheran Church, with shouts of *Hosanna*! Our 40-day journey to the cross is coming to an end. The events of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Mark 11:1-10 are no coincidence but rather happen just as Jesus said they would.

First, there is the explicit direction to the two disciples about a certain colt that they would find. Jesus tells them that they would find a colt that was bound, a colt that no one had ever ridden. And as they go, they find it just as Jesus said. While Zechariah 9:9-12 tells us that this beast of burden was to carry our King in humbleness and meekness, Mark shows us our Lord who comes specifically to carry our burdens. The Messiah, the Son of David, the Son of God, would come with power not to destroy but in humbleness of heart. Jesus comes to save by giving His life as a ransom for many. And so, we call out *Hosanna*! Save now!

Second, there is the explicit conversation that the disciples would have with those who would certainly ask, "What are you doing untying this colt?" Just as Jesus tells them, they respond, "The Lord has need of it." Are we surprised that He whose Word spoke the world and all things into existence, wouldn't know just the thing that would move our hearts to respond in faith and trust? Jesus is in charge here! But in a special way. Though this animal is His, along with all things, Jesus invites our willing contribution, our service, and our sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure not in payment for what He would do, but to join Him in His action to save now! And so we do cry out *Hosanna*! Save now!

Today, we enter Holy Week, a special time of contemplation. We welcome our King as we lay our prayers and praises before Him knowing that it is for us and for our salvation that He is nailed upon the cross. Because of our disobedience, He willingly gives up His place in Heaven so

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	<i>Bible Class and Sunday School</i>
10:00 AM	<i>Divine Worship Service</i> (in-person and live stream)
7:00 PM	<i>Sunday Night Bible Study</i> (online)

OTHER EVENTS

Go to ilcseoul.org > Upcoming for other events

that we would be seated with Him. Together we enter the Upper Room, the lonely garden, the dark and cold courtyard, and the place called the Skull - Golgotha. We know the One who is in charge, who was laying down His life, who was paying the ransom for our sin. Mark urges us to listen and see that Jesus is in charge. Our salvation in Him is no accident or "Plan B." While we can sometimes feel like our lives are out of control, or somehow all mixed up, this week shows us just how intentional God is at saving us, saving us now in our Savior Jesus, the Son of God.

As we celebrate this day with palms and mark the coming of our King, we also do so knowing how He uses our response to tell the Good News to others. Jesus invites us to share this Good News with all. As we shout *Hosanna*! Save now! we remember how He has saved us in our baptism. As often as we lift up the cup of blessing, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again! He makes known through you and me that He has come to save. *Hosanna*! Save us now!

Blessed is He who has come in the Name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the Highest!

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, you may direct inquiries for any announcement to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Links to online or live stream events will be included in either the electronic version of *The Messenger* or will be sent out on Sunday morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

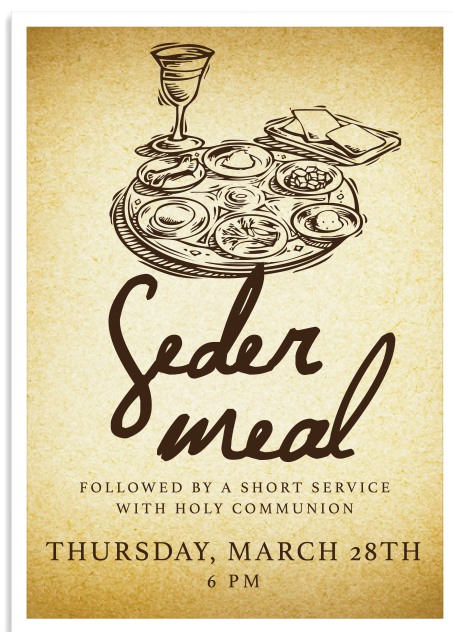
3/24 - Palm Sunday Divine Service (10AM)
 3/28 - Seder Meal (7PM) - *preregister with Chenhsi*
 3/29 - Good Friday Service (7PM)
 3/31 - Easter Divine Service (10AM)
 3/31 - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt (11:30AM)

FLOWERS

If you wish to purchase flowers in memory of someone special or to commemorate a meaningful event, please place KRW35,000 in an offering envelope and mark the name and date.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKLETS

We have printed daily devotional materials written by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Pick up your free copy, or find the content online at their website: www.lhm.org/lent.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FAITHFULLY MAKING USE OF ONLINE GIVING.

If you are unable to attend in-person church, we encourage you to make use of offering your tithes and gifts via online giving. Giving in this way will be recorded for your personal end-of-year giving statement.

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READINGS

March 24: Palm Sunday	
OT	Zechariah 9:9-12
NT	Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 11:1-10

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in serving as a worship assistant, or need to make a scheduling adjustment, please write to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

MARCH 24	10:00 AM
READER	Jeff M
ACOLYTE	Anna
GREETERS/USHERS	Tika & Hannah
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	James
LIVE STREAM	Christian
KITCHEN HELPER	Patricia & Stella
OFFERING COUNTERS	Joohun & Olivia

