

heard the children calling out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant. ¹⁶They said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?”

“Yes,” Jesus told them, “Have you never read,
From the lips of little children and nursing babies
you have prepared praise?”

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

HIS FINAL STEPS LED TO HIS FATHER’S HOUSE

SONG OF MARY (Magnificat): Hymn 956 *Holy Is Your Name*

THE OFFERING

The members of Emanuel Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

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Pastor Joel Voss - Emanuel First Lutheran Church, Lansing

March 8, 2023 His Final Steps Led to a Tomb (John 11)

Pastor Mark Eckert - Calvary Lutheran Church, Eaton Rapids

March 15, 2023 His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration (John 12:1-11)

Pastor Joel Tullberg - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lansing

March 22, 2023 His Final Steps Led to Enemies (John 20:9-19)

Pastor Norm Burger - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lansing

March 29, 2023 His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks (John 12:20-33)

Pastor Roger Knepprath - St. Luke Lutheran Church, Jackson

“His Final Steps”

This Lent series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus’ resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

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Midweek Lent #1

**Emanuel First Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

March 1st, 2023

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The Latin word vesper means “evening star.” Vespers is a historic evening prayer service in the Christian church. Christians gather at the end of the day to raise their voices in thankful praise and prayer. As we work to become familiar with our new hymnal, it will serve as the primary guide for worship. The service folder contains specific readings and prayers for each service, and will give corresponding pages to follow in the hymnal.

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PSALM: 8

PSALM PRAYER: God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

(ELS 3:30): *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*

(Sr. Choir 6:30): *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake*

PASSION HISTORY: Lesson One (Matthew 26:1-35)

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²⁴“You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the

high priest, whose name was Caiaphas. ⁴They plotted together how to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”

⁶When Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman approached him holding an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸But when his disciples saw this, they were upset and said, “Why this waste? ⁹This perfume could have been sold for a lot of money and given to the poor.”

¹⁰Jesus was aware of this and said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for this woman? She has done a beautiful thing for me. ¹¹You are always going to have the poor with you, but you are not always going to have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Amen I tell you: Wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴Then one of the Twelve, the one named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶From that time on Judas was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him the Teacher says, ‘My time is near. I will observe the Passover with my disciples at your house.’”

¹⁹The disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

²¹As they were eating, he said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

²³He replied, “The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me.

²⁴The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.”

²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, replied, “Surely, not I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “Yes, you are the one.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, “Take, eat, this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

³⁴Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight before the rooster crows you will deny me three times.”

³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

HYMN: 404 *Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing*

SERMON: Matthew 21:1-17

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

¹²Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers!”

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the experts in the law saw the wonders he performed and