

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"God With Us"*



*Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday*

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*To God be glory for 143 years of His grace at Immanuel and  
71 years of proclaiming Jesus on our radio broadcast!*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

*Stand*

**P** Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord!

**C** **Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Palm Sunday Processional Reading**

*Matthew 21:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**P** Hosanna! Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!**

**Hymn of Invocation #LSB 442** *sts.1-4 All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Stand*

*Palm Sunday Processional by Sunday School  
Children/Teachers/Parents*

**P** Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

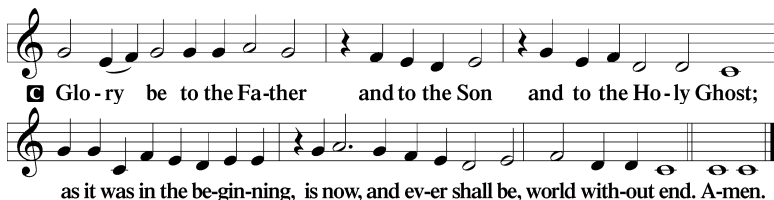
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**


Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–9a*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 27 (select verses)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**C** Glory be to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now, at the feast, the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” <sup>20</sup>Now the

chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone

to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’

<sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”

<sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 441** vv.1-3,5

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

## Sermon

*Title: Guilty of Jesus' Blood*

*Scripture: Matthew 27*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayers of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

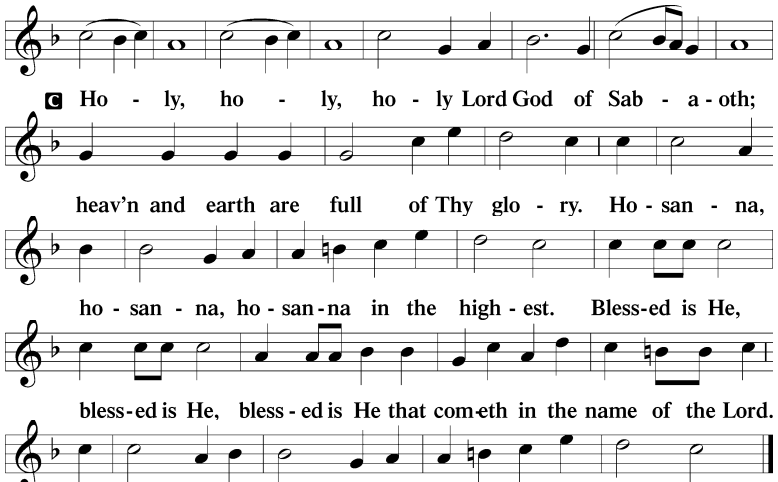
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

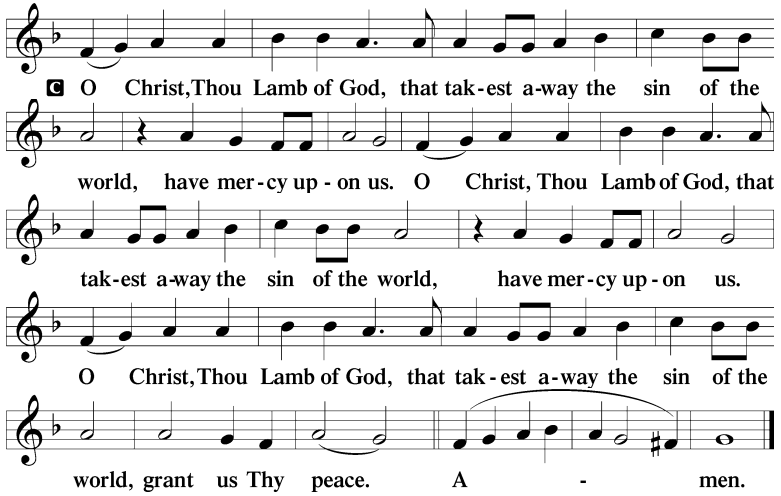
### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



# Agnus Dei



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

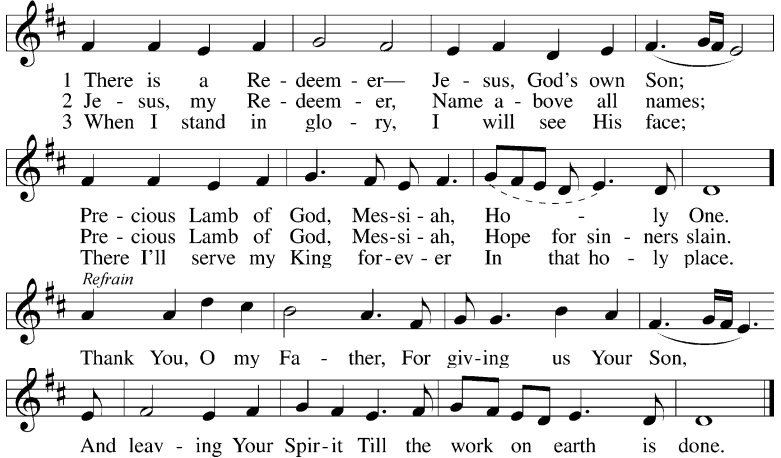
## Distribution

Distribution Hymn #LSB 451

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

Distribution Hymn #LSB 971

*There Is a Redeemer*



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,  
And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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Distribution Hymn #LSB 450

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endures forever.

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart #LSB 438 *vv.1-3 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

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# The Lord's Week

**Sun. 9:00am** Holy Communion on KMMO AM 1300  
**Palm Sunday Branches & Choir by Sunday School Children**  
 10:15am Donuts & Fellowship/*Egg Hunt*

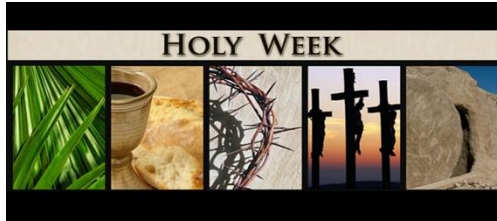
Mon. 8:30am Royal Oak Bible Study  
 Easter Lily Order forms due  
 6:30pm Altar Guild

Wed. 10:00am Women's Bible Study

**Thurs. 6:30pm** **Maundy Thursday Service**

**Fri. 6:30pm** **Good Friday Service**

**Sun. 6:30am** **Easter Sunrise Holy Communion Service**  
 7:30am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
 9:00am **Easter Holy Communion Service**



## Announcements

**Altar Guild will meet on April 3rd at 6:30.**

### LENT & EASTER SERVICES "GLITTERING VICES"

*Holy Week Services begin at 6:30pm*

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Maundy Thursday Service

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday Service

#### EASTER MORNING

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am**

Easter Sunrise  
 Communion Service

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am**

Breakfast:  
 Served by Elders

**April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

Easter Communion  
 Service

## Those Serving

Musician.....Ron Baker  
 Acolyte.....Levi Hinck  
 Radio and Sound.....Steve Vickrey, Ron Meyer, Pete Melies  
 Video.....Andrea Renken, Dana Melies, Debbie Vickrey & others  
 Ushers.....Allan Koch, James Nowland, Garrett Sims, Dave Gieselman  
 Church Secretary.....Judy Teufel  
 Pastor.....Pastor Alan Mueller

# PRAYER

**Members of Immanuel:** Randy Brandt, Joyce Eckhoff

**Family and Friends of Immanuel:** Cindy Bernard, George Brown, Bill Gasau, Linder Hoffman, Gary Rapp, Dana Sleeper, Eileen Winfrey and Debbie Wulser.

**Shut-ins and Nursing Home Residents:** Dolores Fischer, Lester & Louise Harms, & Martha Jane Vogelsmeier (LGSNH) Dorothy Krause (The Villa); Thelma Nienhueser (The Essex of Concordia)

**Mission Workers:** Josh, Coco, John, and Sophia Lange (China): Rev. Peter & Kristie Kolb (Thailand), Jim & Claudia Dahlke (Mission of Christ Network), those serving POBLO

**Military:** Owen Dobbins, and MaKenna Eckhoff

For the family of Ron McBee as they grieve his death.

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**Saint Paul Lutheran High School is accepting applications** for a position in the Business Office. This is a year round, full-time position. This position will be responsible for performing administrative, financial, record keeping, postal, and logistical duties. For a full job description please visit [splhs.org/employment](http://splhs.org/employment). Please email a resume, including references, to [mhemme@splhs.org](mailto:mhemme@splhs.org). The deadline to apply is April 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Lily orders** are now being taken. The form for both Lily orders and Memorial Garden flowers are in the Narthex. You may place the form the offering plate with your payment for lilies or just the form for the memorial garden. The cost is \$8 per lily and should be made payable the Altar Guild. Form are to be returned to **the office by Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you for your help.

**Women's Lenten Breakfast The LWML of Immanuel, Higginsville** is hosting a Lenten breakfast on Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 am in the church basement. We invite all ladies of our community to join us for breakfast and fellowship as we share our faith and love for our Savior. Our guest speaker will be Jennifer Kueck-Huecker who will be sharing thoughts from the books, Holy Moments & God Winks. We hope you can join us!

Whether you are a lifelong member or visiting for the first time we are honored to have you here this morning. Please feel free to contact the office regarding questions of membership or of a spiritual or personal matter. *You may contact the office at: 660-335-4141.*

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*May the Peace of Christ dwell in you!*

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