

April 2, 2023 • Palm Sunday  
9:00 and 11:30am

**Zion**  *lutheran  
church*

## WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

## HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins with the ashes of Ash Wednesday and extends until Holy Week (the week before Easter). Traditionally, Lent is a time of greater self-examination and repentance for one's sins. In our sinfulness, we also remember that we are dust and will return to dust again.

Even as our worship is more somber during this season, we continually remember God's mercy, which is everlasting. We confess our sins; God forgives them. We come to God's table; God feeds us. We are never far from the Lord's presence with us, and his love remains forever.

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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.*

## PRELUDE AND WELCOME

9am

*Riding on the Road to Jerusalem*  
by Frombach & Brooke

Children's Choir &  
Faith Formation  
Classes

11:30

*Sing, My Tongue*  
setting by Michael Burkhardt

## WELCOME

*As you are able, please go to the Narthex when directed for the procession with palms.*

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<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 their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today, we remember that he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all who are sitting or walking are invited to wave their palm branches as we sing.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

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

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

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

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

*Refrain*

Michel Guimont



O Lord, in - to your hands, I com-mend my spir-it.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free. Into your hands I commend my spirit.  
It is you who will redeem me, LORD. *℟.*

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach,  
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. *℟.*

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.  
I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away. *℟.*

But as for me, I trust in you, LORD; I say: "You are my God.  
My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me. *℟.*

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love."  
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the LORD. *℟.*

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PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -  
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:6-16

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The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. <sup>8</sup>But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Bill Swantner



Please rise, as you are able.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Holy Woman, Graceful Given



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,  
2 Like the ves - sel, we are bro - ken; like the  
3 In these jars is hid - den trea - sure, cost - ly



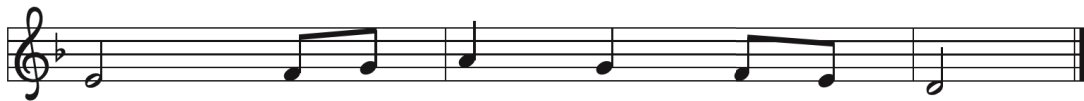
ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment  
oint - ment, we are to - ken of God's lov - ing un - to  
fra - grance, Christ - ly plea - sure, like the Christ, first from the



jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the  
death; like the wom - an, we are serv - ing; like the  
dead, bro - ken for cre - a - tion's whole - ness, poured out



seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal  
scold - ers, ill - de - serv - ing such a rich, for - giv - ing  
for its com - ing full - ness, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and



hour, for the com - ing fa - tal hour.  
faith, such a rich, for - giv - ing faith.  
Head, Proph - et, Ser - vant, Hope, and Head. *Repeat Verse 1*

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition is spoken; please respond as directed by singing:*

Out of the depths I cry to you, — O Lord God, hear me call - ing. —

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We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please check the back pages of this bulletin for additional announcements.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

## OFFERING

*At this time, we give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit [ZionSA.org](http://ZionSA.org). Children are invited to come forward during the music and place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel area (near the Sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table with the elements for Holy Communion. Please know that this is the Lord's table, and all are welcome to receive Communion.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Above All*  
Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche

Sammy Mikulski,  
soloist

*Please rise, as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION

These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

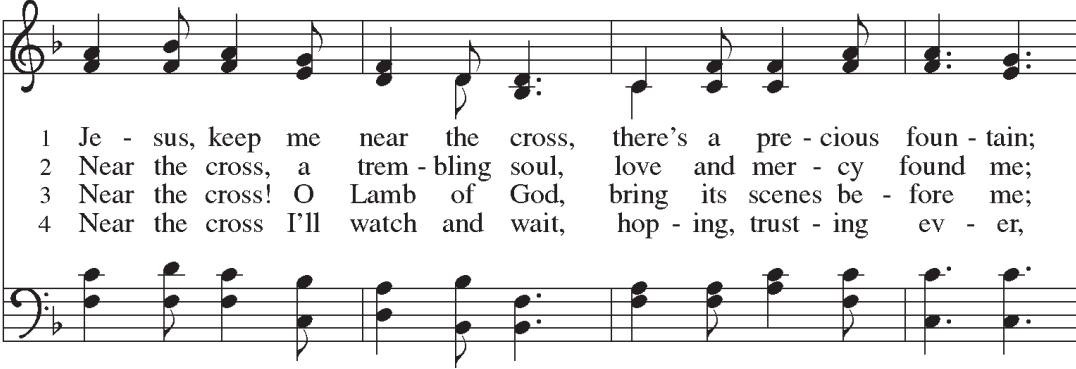
*Jesus welcomes all to this holy meal! Children who commune should be assisted by adults who are with them. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray for any who are unable to drink wine. After taking Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us.  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN  
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

*After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.*

## BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us out in peace.*

## BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.  
 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993  
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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*  
 setting by Christopher Uehlein

### AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

*Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.*

**THIS  
WEEK  
AT  
ZION**



*Scan QR code for  
this month's  
calendar*

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**Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday**

|                                     |       |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Worship in person                   | 9am   | Sanctuary         |
| Intergenerational Palm Sunday Event | 10:15 | Details next page |
| Worship in person and online        | 11:30 | Sanc & YouTube    |

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**Monday, April 3**

|                                 |      |                 |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| Game Group                      | 1pm  | FLC 101         |
| Zion Zippers Potluck Fellowship | 6pm  | Fellowship Hall |
| LMM Planning Mtg                | 6:30 | Fellowship Hall |

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**Tuesday, April 4**

|                    |        |                |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|
| Exercise Group     | 9am    | Church 2       |
| Handbell Choir     | 6:30   | Sanc Balcony   |
| Children's Choir   | 7-7:45 | Ministry Ctr 1 |
| Youth Choir        | 7pm    | Music Apse     |
| Warriors Anonymous | 7pm    | Church 2       |

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**Wednesday, April 5**

|                                  |        |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| High School/Elementary Mentoring | 7:15am | Nichols Elementary |
| Crafty Bunch                     | 9:30   | Ed Bldg Craft Rm   |
| AA - Alcoholics Anonymous        | 7pm    | Moved to Church 2  |
| Al-Anon Meeting                  | 7pm    | Moved to FH        |
| Chancel Choir (time change)      | 7pm    | Sanctuary          |

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**Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday**

|                                    |      |                 |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| Quilting for Lutheran World Relief | 9:30 | Fellowship Hall |
| Weight Watchers Mtg                | 9:30 | Church 2        |
| Maundy Thursday Midday Worship     | 1pm  | Church 1        |
| Youth Night and Evening Worship    | 6:30 | Church 3 & MC   |
| Maundy Thursday Evening Worship    | 7pm  | Church 3        |
| Fiesta Flutes                      | 7pm  | Church 2        |

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**Friday, April 7 - Good Friday**

|                             |     |          |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------|
| Good Friday Midday Worship  | 1pm | Church 1 |
| Good Friday Evening Worship | 7pm | Church 3 |

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**Saturday, April 8**

|                        |       |             |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Weight Watchers Mtg    | 9am   | Church 2    |
| Family Easter Egg Hunt | 10:30 | MC & Campus |

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**Easter Sunday, April 9**

|                              |               |                |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Worship in person            | 8am &<br>9:45 | Sanctuary      |
| Worship in person and online | 11:30         | Sanc & YouTube |

**Worship Support**

April 2 Altar Guild  
Chris and Don Jones  
Alyssa Brodbeck, Suzi Lockamy  
Mary Jo Goldenbaum, Kathy Null  
Belynda McKenzie  
Linda and Roy Tschirhart  
Susan and Joe Noonan

Lay Readers

9:00

Mary Mora

11:30

David Thamm

Cantor

Sammy Mikulski

Communion Servers

9:00

Linda and Bruce Krueger

11:30

Shannon Rios

Livestream

Steve Johnson

David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

April Ushers

9:00

Allen Cockrell

LeShea Clabough and Kevin McGee  
Meredith and Brandon Price

11:30

Pam Gammage, Caleb DeHart

Kim and Mike DeHart

Chris Berg

## Sunday Faith Formation

### Children

Resumes April 16. Music Opening in MC 1 at 10:15. Children age three years and older meet in the Ministry Center Room 1 for opening music with Ms. Sammy, then go to classrooms.

### Youth Classes

Resumes April 16 at 10:15.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Grade 5-7   | MC Room 5 |
| Grade 8-9   | MC Room 7 |
| Grade 10-12 | MC Room 8 |

### Adult Classes

#### Week Ahead Bible Study

Resumes April 16 at 10:15 at with Pastor Kathi, in the Fellowship Hall. Take a look at the lessons we have in worship each week. What's their context? How do we make sense of them as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians?

## Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event

TODAY April 2 at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited to enter into Holy Week as a congregation. Hear the story "Jesus and Jerusalem," and work your way through activities marking the days of Holy Week: consider Jesus' commandment to love one another (Maundy Thursday); decorate a square for a congregational "Good Friday Cross Quilt" to be displayed in the Ministry Center hallway; create a Holy Week Box with objects showing Jesus' final days, for family use at home; and more!

*All are invited – this is in place of regular adult and children/youth classes on Palm Sunday.*

## Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, at 10:30am

Hunt on Zion's campus for eggs, plus hear the story "The Legend of the Easter Eggs" and decorate your own eggs!

Use this QR to RSVP or go to

[signupgenius.com/go/70a084caee2fa6fb6-zion7](https://signupgenius.com/go/70a084caee2fa6fb6-zion7)

Donations of non-melting candy to go inside small plastic eggs are needed. You can bring candy now through April 6. Collection baskets are in the narthex and gazebo.



Easter Egg Hunt

## Date Change for Zion Zippers, to April 3

Come and join the Zion Zippers at 6:00pm on April 3 for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The whole congregation is invited to bring a dish or two to share, along with your own plate and utensils if you can. Invite a friend, too!

After dinner, the *Fire on the Mountain Cloggers* will entertain. For forty years, their intricate footwork and lively bluegrass music have showcased the cultures that influence American clogging: Irish, German, and English. Guaranteed to bring a smile to your face!

The May Zippers event is back to the regular schedule on the second Monday, May 8.

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## The Sound of Music, April 21, 22, 23 28, 29, 30

Show only seats\*    Adults .....\$15  
                                  Child < 11 .....\$10

Scan this QR code or use the button link at the bottom of Zion's webpage, zionsa.org. Choose your seating, set up an account in Book Tix, and pay with a credit card. Call the church office if you need help.



Book Tix

\* *All dinner seating is sold out.*

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## Game Group

April 3 / 17 at 1:00pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in Family Life Center Room 101 on the first and third Mondays.

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## Most Needed at CAM

Christian Assistance Ministry

- Monetary Donations - specify CAM on your check in the offering plate or scan QR for CAM's donor website.
- Volunteers!
- Refrigerator (new or gently used) - contact Susan Johns or the church office.



CAM

*Other items can go in the big yellow buckets behind the stairs in the narthex:*

- Men's Underwear of all sizes (new)
- Men's Walking Shoes Sizes 10-13
- Men's Work Boots of all sizes
- Women's Bras - larger sizes
- Universal Socks
- Boxes of Cereal

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## Lent and Holy Week

TODAY Palm Sunday April 2

- Worship services at 9:00 and 11:30am, including procession with palms and holy communion.
- Everyone is invited to an inter-generational Palm Sunday event in Fellowship Hall at 10:15. No Sunday classes April 2 or Easter Sunday.

*No Wednesday Worship April 5  
Wednesday 1:00 and 6:30pm  
services resume April 12.*

Maundy Thursday April 6  
1:00 in Church 1, and 7:00pm in Church 3. Worship services with holy communion.

Good Friday April 7  
1:00 in Church 1 and 7:00pm in Church 3. Service of Tenebrae, or darkness.

Easter Egg Hunt April 8  
10:30am in the Fellowship Hall and campus.

Easter Sunday April 9  
8:00            9:45            11:30



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8:30am-5:00pm  
Friday close at 3:00pm

## Women of Zion

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to [WOZ@zionsa.org](mailto:WOZ@zionsa.org).



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### April Women of Zion Events

- Tuesday April 11, WOZ Bible Study & More. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday. 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited!
- April 16, collection for Lutheran World Relief Kits begins. Specific items for infants, sewing and health care will be listed here and in the Z-Mail.

## Youth Night April 6 and 20

Middle & High School Dinner and Fellowship  
6:30-8:30 in Ministry Center

Every other Thursday, Zion's high school and middle school youth meet to enhance their impact on their community, collectively – with service projects, Bible discussion that relates to their daily lives, dinner and something else fun – to build a community on mission.

Please use the QR code to RSVP so we have enough food and supplies!



[signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

## Dinner Out at Rosario's Restaurant

Thursday, April 13 at 6:30pm

Dinner Out invites all adults to meet this month at Rosario's, 722 S. St. Mary's. Come early for socializing; dinner seating is at 6:30.

RSVP by April 10 to Doris & Dave Newman; call the church office if you need their contact info.

## STAFF DAYS OFF

Pastor Kathi - Monday  
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Pastor Dan - Monday  
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## Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church!

Does the Joy of Easter Seem Far Away?

For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through the difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but

full of pain on the inside and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

*If you would like to request help from a Stephen Minister, contact LeShea Clabough by calling the Zion office, 210-688-3090*

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### MOPS Chapter at Zion

Wednesday April 12 in MC Room 1



Zion MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) supports moms by building community for growth in faith and as parents. Monthly meetings are in Zion's Ministry Center

from 9:30-noon on the second Wednesday. They also are in need of adult volunteers to provide child care those second Wednesdays.

Scan the QR to contact Nicole Stender (mops@zionsa.org) to register, volunteer or get more info!



### Men's Fellowship

Third Monday, April 17 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at Sea Island (11715 Bandera) for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at lmm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

*Your generosity empowers Zion's ministry.*

From Sunday morning worship to feeding families for the holidays, collecting clothing for local charity or relief supplies shipped hundreds of miles, to friendships fostered worldwide with simple hand stitches.

Because you kindly share your time, lend your skills, and support your ministry financially, Zion's impact reaches far beyond the four walls of our sanctuary. On behalf of everyone we're able to help, thank you for your contribution.

For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



APRIL 2, 2023  
PALM/PASSION  
SUNDAY



*From cheers to rejection to triumph.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

|                  |                           |                                      |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Matthew 21:1-11</b>    | <b>Jesus enters Jerusalem</b>        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Mathew 26:14–27:66</b> | <b>Jesus’ trial and crucifixion</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Isaiah 50:4-9a</b>     | <b>The servant’s humiliation</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Philippians 2:5-11</b> | <b>Christ shows us true humility</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>John 13:1-35</b>       | <b>Jesus washes disciples’ feet</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>John 18:1–19:42</b>    | <b>Jesus suffers and dies</b>        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Psalm 31:9-16</b>      | <b>Prayer for protection</b>         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>John 20:1-18</b>       | <b>Christ’s resurrection</b>         |

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

**Philippians 2:5-8 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Eternal God, from the cross you triumph over all the forces that lead us away from you; give us faith to follow the way of the cross through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Suffering God, in a world where many lack the food they need, help us to care for others as you care for us with this meal today. In Jesus’ name, amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God’s face shine on you with the steadfast love of the cross of Christ.  
(Psalm 31:16)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Stay with Me*



# taking faith home

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you were part of a crowd that was cheering loudly?
- If you were part of the crowd cheering for Barabbas to be set free instead of Jesus, why do you think you would do that?

## DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 26:14–27:66.

What we experience in life can help us see things in the Bible we might otherwise miss. For example, in the age of social divisions we witness today, we can understand how very fragile a democracy can be. Pilate gave the crowds a moment to be a democracy by asking them who to free, Jesus or Barabbas. The crowds chose Barabbas. The week before, crowds were cheering on Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Within a week the crowds saw things differently. Jesus takes our fickleness, our lack of insight, our willingness to follow the crowd with him to the cross. It is all part of our brokenness that fails to see the truth of Jesus. However, our failures do not stop God's plan. God's plan—God's will—according to Philippians 2:10-11 is that *“at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”* From the cross we learn that our foolish ways as individuals and as a society will not conquer God's will.

Discuss: How do you tell the difference between the will of God and the will of a crowd?

Pray: **Suffering God, you know how we fail you and yet you love us all the way to the cross; give us faith and wisdom to follow you all the days of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you care for people whom others look on with disrespect?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This coming week is Holy Week. We remember the journey of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem to his last meal, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection. These stories are central to our faith. Choose a space in your home to observe Holy Week. Each day, add an item (listed below), think or talk about its' role in the Passion story, and close with the prayer. **Sunday:** Palm branch, **Monday:** Bottle of perfume, **Tuesday:** Coins, **Wednesday:** Bowl of water, **Thursday:** Bread, **Friday:** Nails, **Saturday:** Stone. After placing an item each day, pray: **Eternal God, help us to grow in our faith so that we may be faithful witnesses to the power of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)