

March 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday
9:00 and 11:30 am

Ziont *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 hall 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.

PALM SUNDAY

Today begins the holiest of weeks in our Church year. Today, Palm Sunday, we remember two key events leading to the last week of Jesus' life. We begin in the narthex to hear the gospel reading about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Mark tells us that people prepared the way for Jesus by spreading clothes and branches on the roadways ahead of him. The people around Jesus are shouting "Hosanna!" which is a form of "Save us!" We join our cries to theirs, asking Jesus to save us.

Once in the sanctuary, our gospel reading from Mark 14 helps us turn the corner to the rest of Holy Week. The lesson ends with Judas looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. This part of the story will pick up on Good Friday, when we hear that Judas does betray Jesus to the authorities.

Next Sunday, our shouts will be the victorious cries of Easter. But during Holy Week, we hear about the final days of Jesus' life. Come and join us for these services, so you, too, can contemplate the life and death of Jesus before celebrating his resurrection. A schedule of services may be found at the back of this bulletin, on page 25, or on our website, ZionSA.org.

Zion Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

9:00

Sing, My Tongue, setting by Michael Burkhardt

11:30

Riding on the Road to Jerusalem, by Herb Frombach and Ashley Brooke
Children's Choir

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Johnson

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

PALM PROCESSION

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

Palm Sunday

Spark Children's Bible Page 454

This is the holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

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.

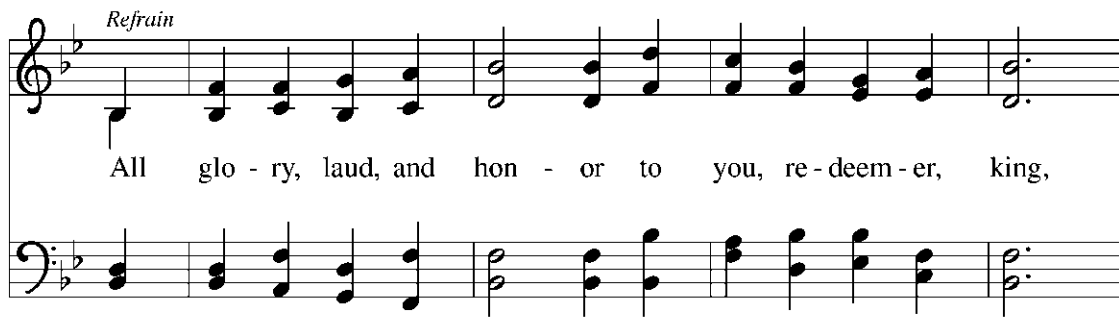
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

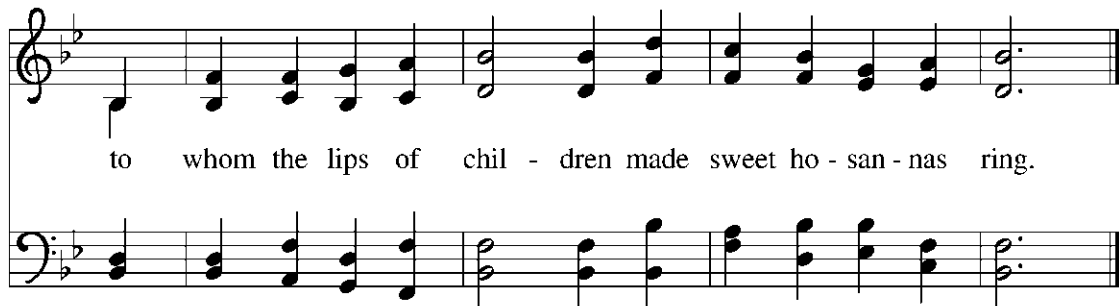
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

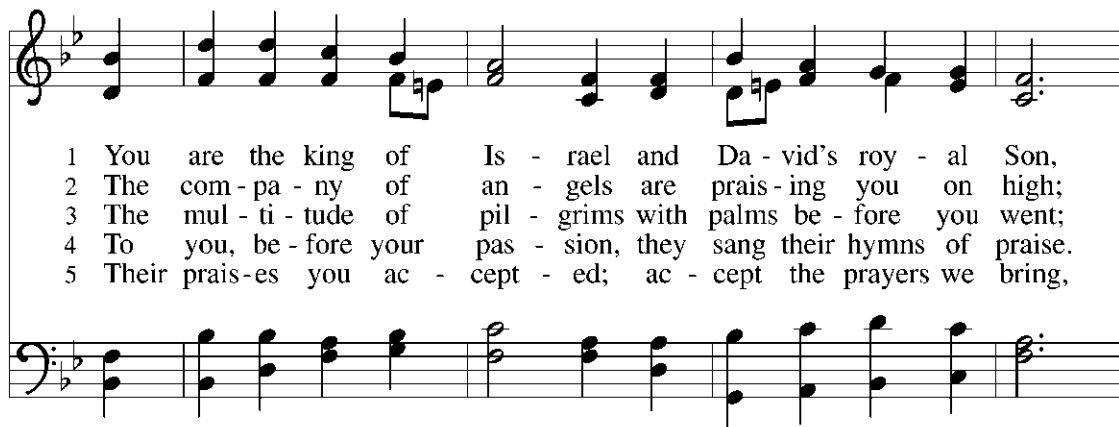
Refrain



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

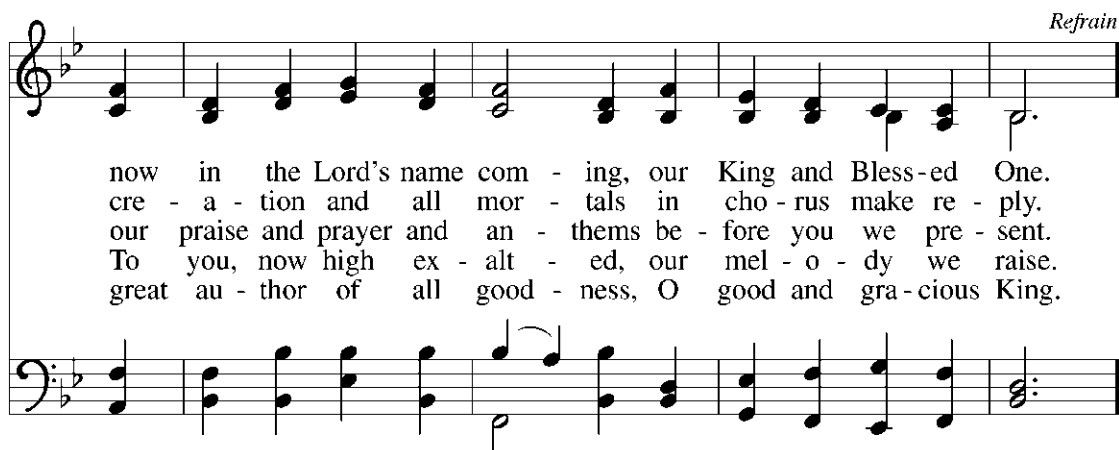


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

GREETING

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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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.

⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}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

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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SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

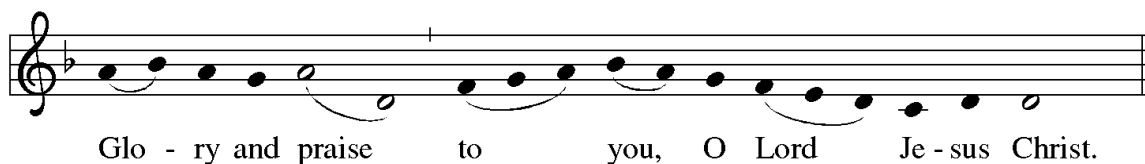
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient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

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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



GOSPEL: Mark 14:3-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So 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 Dan Heim

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver



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
1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,



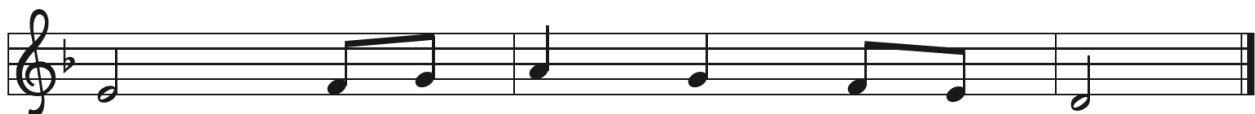
ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment
oint - ment, we are to - ken of God's lov - ing un - to
fra - grance, Christ - ly plea - sure, like the Christ, first from the
ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment



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
jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the



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
seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal



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

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic: universal*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Each petition ends: God of mercy,

*Response: **hear our prayer.***

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. 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

9:00 *Guide Me, O Lord*, arranged by Christine D. Anderson
 Sarah Juhasz, Handbells

11:30 *In the Cross*, setting by Thomas Keesecker

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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

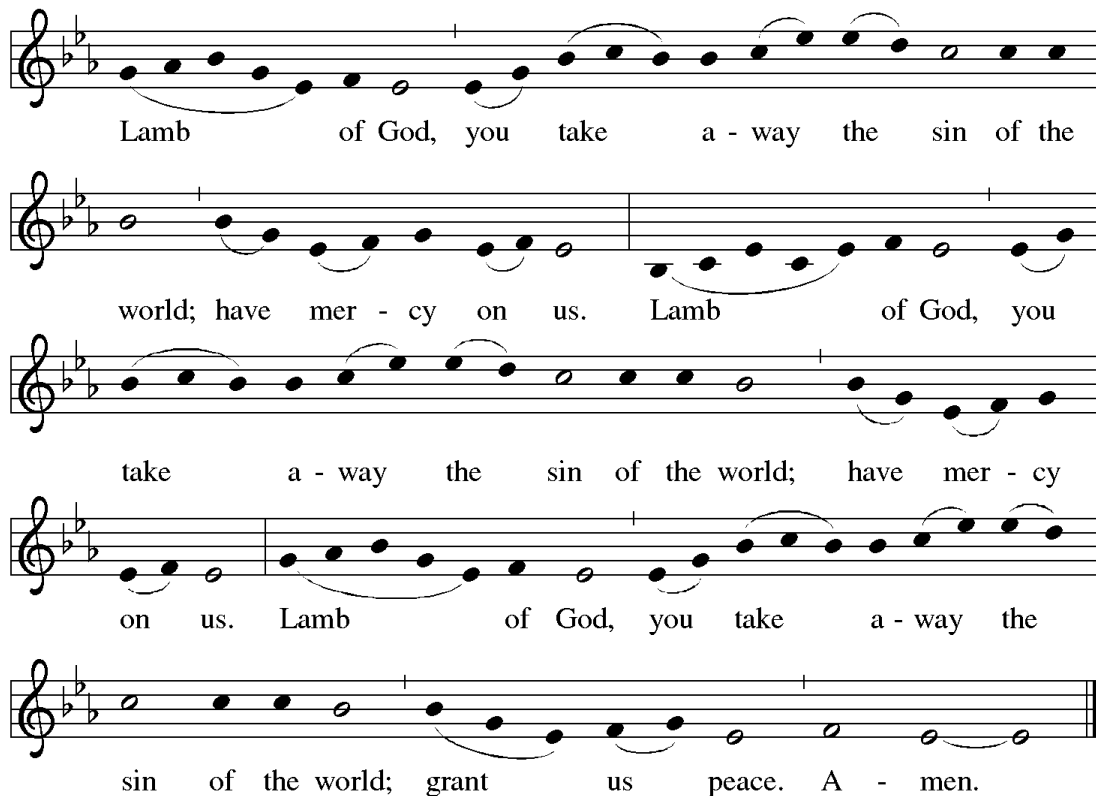
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

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 sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION MUSIC

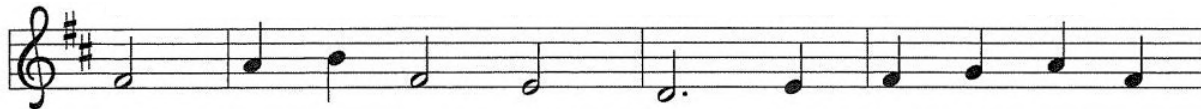
9:00

Lenten Medley, arranged by Christine D. Anderson
Sarah Juhasz, Handbells

11:30

Feed Us, Jesus, by John Folkening

Children's Choir



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.
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Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

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

Beloved ones, we are God's own people.

God bless you and keep you.

God shower you with mercy.

God fill you with courage, 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!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

9:00 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, arranged by Christine D. Anderson
 Sarah Juhasz, Handbells

11:30 *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



Sunday, March 24

St. Vincent de Paul Drive	8:30	Gazebo, Narthex
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Faith Formation Event	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
New Orleans Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg	12:30	Ministry Center 1

Monday, March 25

Zion Bunco Group	1pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, March 26

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Breakroom
Handbell Choir	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7pm	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, March 27

High School/Elementary Mentoring	7:15am	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:30	Ed Bdg Craft Room
Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
AA Meeting	7pm	Church 2
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

Weight Watchers	9:30	Church 2
Bible 101: From a Lutheran Perspective	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Maundy Thursday Worship	1&7	Sanctuary
Soup Supper	6:15pm	Fellowship Hall
Stephen Ministry	7pm	Ministry Center 5, 6
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

Good Friday Worship	1&7	Sanctuary
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Saturday, March 30—Holy Saturday

Weight Watchers	7:30& 9:30am	Church 2
Easter Egg Hunt	10am	Ministry Center 1
Easter Vigil	7pm	Sanctuary

Calendar continued next page

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Doris Enderlin, Cathy Jarred
Susan Johns, Carrie Schmitzer
Amy Swanson, Carolyn Thronson
Gina Williams

Crucifer

9:00 Celeste Mussey
11:30 Chris Jones

Book Bearer

9:00 John Macha
11:30 Mike DeHart

Lay Readers

9:00 Karen Umlang
11:30 Betty Parker

Cantor

Bud Halstead

Communion Servers

9:00 Amy Swanson, Karen Umlang
11:30 Laura Knoll, Suzi Lockamy

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Paul & Mary Jo Goldenbaum
Carolyn Pfeiffer
Gus & Shannon Rios,
David Thamm
11:30 Chris Berg, Pam Gammage
Paul Spehr, Laura Walsh

Intergenerational Palm Sunday Event

Today, 10:15am, Fellowship Hall
Activities to help us prepare for and enter
into Holy Week.

Music Rehearsals

Handbells

Tuesday 6:30pm Balcony

Children's (Gr 2-5)

Tuesday 7-7:45pm MC-1

Youth (Gr 6-12)

Tuesday 7-8pm Apse

Chancel (Adults)

Wednesday 7:15pm Sanctuary

OFFICE CONTACT



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Friday close at 3:00pm



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Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

Worship in person	8am	Sanctuary
Worship in person	9:45	Sanctuary
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Lenten Food and Toiletry Drive for St. Vincent de Paul of Helotes

Zion is collecting canned goods and toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul of Helotes (formerly Helotes House of Neighborly Service). Items will be collected throughout Lent, through today. Look for the collection baskets in the narthex and the gazebo.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30
10am
Ministry Center 1

Bible 101: Bible Studies from a Lutheran Perspective

2nd and 4th Thursdays - 9:30am

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr in the Fellowship Hall on
March 28, April 11 & 25. Series will continue with new
topics.

Game Group

Monday, April 1 at 12:30pm

Come for table games and daytime fellowship for all ages. Meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Mondays. Contact Algine Perry through the church office if you have questions.

Zion's Dinner Out April 4, 2024

6:30 PM – Seating
(Social Mingling Earlier)



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Upcoming Memorial Services

Memorial Service for
Dorothy Rode
Thursday, April 4, 10am at Zion

Memorial Services for
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Saturday, April 13, 11am at Zion

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Crafty Bunch

Wednesdays at 9:30

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the right. Bring your own project to work on.

Quilting for LWR

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30am

Come on out on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

The durable quilts we make are sent all over the world to be used as bedding, room dividers, and shelter. If you can't make it to the quilting meetings, quilt tops can be sewn at home at your convenience. Fabric is provided.

The LWR Quilters are always in need of new and gently used twin size and larger fl at sheets for quilt backing. Sheets can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall during any quilting time.

Women of Zion

Tuesday April 9

WOZ Bible Study & More. Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



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Men's Fellowship Dinner

Third Monday, April 15 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 Imm@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.



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Update to Zion's Recycling Collection

Zion is currently collecting ONLY aluminum cans in the swing-top collection barrel in the south (cemetery side) parking lot, next to the shed. For the health and safety of our volunteers:



Please empty, dry, and crush aluminum beverage cans, without any food or beverage residue that will attract vermin.



Do not include plastic-lined cans, steel cans or other metal in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel.



Do not put paper, plastic, food or any other trash in this swing-top aluminum can collection barrel. A trash can is provided nearby for everything else.



**June 17-21
and/or
June 24-28**

For those entering Kindergarten

through grade 7 in Fall '24. Youth-led daycamp, developing young leaders through hands-on activity with the Bible, worship, art, STEM, games, drama, snacks and more. Disciple Campers (6th & 7th graders) are further challenged with off-site service and learning projects with our mission partner, Nichols Elementary School.

Cost is \$125 first camper, \$115 for each additional sibling. Before/after care \$25 per hour. Use this QR to register. Scholarships are available.



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Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

March 28, 6:15 pm, Fellowship Hall (Worship is at 7 pm)

NOLA Celebration!

Sunday, April 21, 8am-1pm Fellowship Hall

Beignets, fruit and coffee breakfast, jambalaya and hot dogs lunch,
Mardi Gras masks, beads and activities for children.

Car Wash

Sunday, May 12, 8:30 am – 12 pm

Drop off your car and youth will wash during worship or Faith Formation hour.

**In July, 22 Zion youth and 5 adults will go to New Orleans
for the triennial gathering of ELCA youth.**

The trip costs \$1200 per person, and we have set a goal of raising
half of that through Zion fundraisers,
with participants paying the remaining \$600.

(The Fall Craft Fair got us off to a nice start with about \$5,000 raised!)

As you are able, please come out and support the trip at any or all of



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday—March 24

Festival Worship with Palm Procession
9am & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)

Maundy Thursday—March 28

Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar
1pm & 7pm

Good Friday—March 29

Choral Stations of the Cross
1pm & 7pm

Holy Saturday—March 30

The Great Vigil of Easter
7pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord—March 31

Festival Worship
8am, 9:45am, & 11:30am (livestream at 11:30)

**MARCH 24, 2024
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY**



Jesus' entry into Jerusalem gives us hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	Zechariah 9:9-13	Judgment on Israel's enemies
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalm 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

Mark 11:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see beyond our short-sightedness to the hope that is for all of us through the cross of Christ, that we may have life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, blessed are you, the one who comes to us with this gift of food in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace and hope.



MARCH 24, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



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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:

- Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know felt rejected or sad.
- What is it about God's steadfast love that is deserving of your praise, especially as you think about Jesus' journey to the cross?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 11:1-11.

It is not just by chance that the crowds who shout, "Hosanna!" days later also shout, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:13). This contrast leads us to look back to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark where Jesus' first message is, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b). To repent is to change one's mind, to see new things, and to see things differently. The crowds shouting, "Hosanna" have a customary view of power and authority. The power Jesus brings is quite different from the authority of leaders filled with jealousy and fear like the high priests and Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus' humble rule is displayed from a colt and is filled with self-giving love that conquers all, even triumphing over his own rejection and death. Palm Sunday points to a kingdom with good news and hope for the rejected and those who feel powerless. To truly hear the good news is to repent of anything less than Jesus' rule that alone gives us reason to say, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (v. 9).

Discuss: What makes it difficult for you to see Jesus' power and glory from the cross?

Pray: **God of power and might, in a world torn apart by fear and jealousy, help us to see in your reign on earth the true source of hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring hope to someone who may be feeling rejected?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Palm Sunday signals the beginning of Holy Week. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he knows the week will not end the way the people praising him will want. And yet, Jesus accepts the people's dreams and hopes and takes them to the cross with him. He turns those dreams and hopes into something more. Light six candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us. Help us to live for you. Amen.**



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

