

2023 Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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Holy Communion, ELW Setting 3

The Palm Sunday Liturgy recreates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The congregation gathers in Fellowship Hall and processes into the nave, waving palms and singing the processional hymn. We begin with shouts of “Hosanna!”, then hear of Jesus clashing with religious leaders and conclude by hearing Jesus foretell his death and Judas agrees to betray him. Thus, Holy Week begins.

Notes for visitors: Thank you for joining us! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Palms are available for all worship participants at the top of the steps along with your worship bulletin. The service begins in Fellowship Hall with the reading of the Processional Gospel. Please face the sanctuary as the service begins.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL** Matthew 21:1-11

(please shout where indicate by BOLD PRINT)

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When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”^[a] ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

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

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

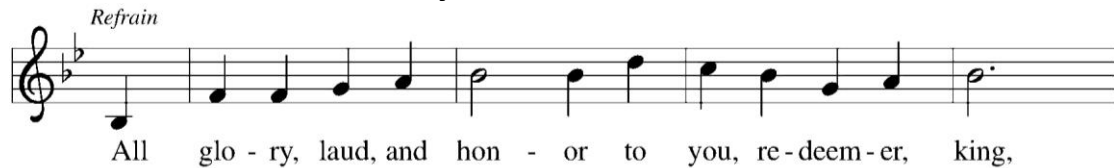
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today 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.

The Zion Bell Choir and Sunday School leads the congregation in a procession to the nave. You are welcome to follow them as they process down the center aisle and around the outside aisles or you may find your pew for the service. You are welcome to keep your palms for the service, place your palms in the flower vases, or at the foot of the cross up front. Remain standing as you are able for the processional hymn.



- 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,



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.

INTROIT

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty Jason W. Krug***Zion Bell Choir****+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on the fullness of humanity 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**

ANTHEM

Blessed is He Who Comes

Zion Choir

Obligato by Wendy Cook, Jan Pohl, & Gail Pusateri

‡ WORD ‡

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

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 awakens—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 have 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?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

31:9-16 (Please read responsively by whole verse)

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many-- terror all around! -- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

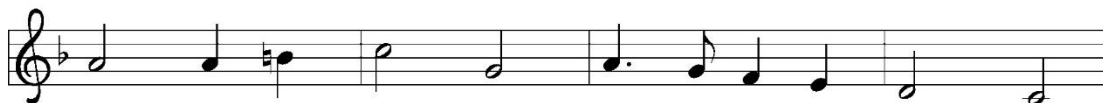
The Passion History according to Matthew will be presented by reader's theatre this morning. Please take this time to hear the story of our Lord's betrayal, suffering, and crucifixion as we begin Holy Week.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

+ 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.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy

Congregational response: Hear our prayer

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Thank you for supporting God’s ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jennifer Rosin

+ OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

+ DIALOGUE

ELW p. 144

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.

+ PROPER PREFACE FOR PASSION SUNDAY

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 144

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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed.....Do this for the remembrance of me.

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 146

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ELW 327, 351, 347

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW 327



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Go to Dark Gethsemane ELW 347



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, ✠ now and forever. **Amen**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
Amen

‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

+ BLESSING

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection, and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen

+ SENDING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

ELW 339

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Rosin

‡ Happening This Week ‡

WED, Apr 5	6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
THU Apr 6	5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday
FRI Apr 7	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship @ First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday Apr 9	8:00 a.m.& 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

	Palm Sunday 4/2	Maundy Thursday 4/6	Easter Sunday 4/9	4/16
ACOLTYES	Preston Schroeder		8 a.m. Jackson Evans 10:30 Dalton Bozarth	Mason Smith
A.M./READER	Peggy Starkweather/AM		Tyler Baars/AM	Dyann Roby/R
COMM. ASST.	Gail Pusateri	Dave Pusateri	Sarah Perisho	Kathleen Schipers
HOSPITALITY	No Hospitality	No Hospitality	Breakfast @ 9 a.m.	Ushers

YTD Food Pantry \$190	YTD Bag of Blessings \$275	YTD Q for Hunger \$59.95
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Total Offering Received For Week 3/26/2023	\$ 4,670
YTD Offering Received	\$ 50,643
Remaining Weekly Offering Required to Meet Weekly Budget	\$ 5,857 (per week)

‡Announcements‡

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert & Rev. Pam Saturnia. The family of Bill Mark.

This is “**Bag of Blessings**” Sunday. Please make a memo on your envelope or check for these donations.

Rev. Bill Dyar has offered to lead the Evangelism Committee and is looking for members for this committee. Please note that you only eligible to serve if you are not another committee or the church council.

This week’s altar flowers were provided by the Grimm Fund.

God’s Global Barnyard

Riley Padgett has challenged everyone to meet his contribution of \$500 for a cow!!! Cow-\$500, Fish Farm-\$250, Goat-\$50, Pig-\$30, Honeybees-\$20, Chicks-\$10 The deadline is April 9.

April 11 We will have a lunch time potluck upstairs in the fellowship hall. It starts at 12:00 p.m. This is open to anyone that wants to bring a dish to share. Coffee and water will be provided. We will have a good will donation to help pay for the coffee. If there is enough interest this will become a bimonthly event. The next date would be Tuesday June 6. There is a sign-up sheet upstairs on the bulletin board.

Next week’s Readings- Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, or Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

We Need your help!! The church website needs new pictures. Please help by submitting church/church event pictures to zionmuscatine@gmail or drop them by the office.

Confirmation & FFN: Family Faith Night resumes on Wednesday, April 12th

FFN meets at Grace Lutheran Church every Wednesday beginning with a meal at 6 pm. Groups begin at 6:20 pm with the night concluding at 7:30 pm. You and your family are invited to join as you are able. Talk with Pastor Willie or Tyler Baars to learn more.