

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for ✦ Worshiping God ✦ Proclaiming the Gospel ✦ Nurturing faith
✦ Educating ✦ Loving and Caring for people



PALM
SUNDAY

April 13, A.D. 2025

8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Divine Service I



WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today and hope you will come again. Please scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church.

—Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor

ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

THE NAIL BASKET— Take one of the nails with you. Carry the nail in your pocket or purse throughout the week to remind you of what Jesus endured because he loved us. Let it also remind you that even in the darkest days of your life, you are not alone and God's love will always be present with you to sustain you. Bring your nail to worship on Good Friday.

THE EVERGREEN THREAD in its entirety was sent out as part of the Weekly Zion Email. Here is a condensed version: **HOSANNA!** In Psalm 118 the psalmist pleads, "Save us, we pray, O LORD!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" (vv25,26). One thousand years later as Christ entered Jerusalem the streets were packed with God's children shouting, "Hosanna! (yasha-anna: Please save us!). But in less than one week, "crucify him!" God's children ungratefully disregarded -- once again, as they so often had -- His love and mercy, just as Moses warned against in Deuteronomy. But this time, God was not just offering salvation from the oppression of present circumstances (as He so often had) but offering eternal salvation from sin. Jesus reiterated, "I have authority to lay [My life] down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father" (Jn10:18). Paul reminds the church at Philippi that they (us) are to actively live our faith being disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior; every day, everywhere, with everyone, making disciples. Evangelism, brothers and sisters, is our challenge. And it isn't optional. It is Zion's mission after all, generally (Mt28:19) and specifically. Who among your friends, family, coworkers etc. hasn't yet heard the Good News? Challenge accepted?

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

Beginning Outside at the Eastern Altar

PROCESSION OF PALMS

GREETING

- P** Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray: Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. Help us to honor him every day so we may enjoy his kingship in the new Jerusalem, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.
- C** Amen

PROCLAMATION OF ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. *[Refrain]*

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. *[Refrain]*

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before You we present. *[Refrain]*

To you before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*

As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

Ride On Ride On in Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th' approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.

SERVICE OF THE PASSION

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David

Bartholomäus Gesius

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- P** God our Redeemer, You sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross; by your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so, as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Sit)*

PASSION HYMN

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

THE READING OF THE PASSION *Followed by silence*

Luke 22 & 23

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Stand)*

Response:



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- P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* Save your Church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip our parish, our synod and her leadership, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

- P** Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals

who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

P Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political affiliation, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. We pray especially for those in Gaza and Ukraine. Lead our nation and leaders to a responsible solution to end all forms of senseless violence in our country. Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

P Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Be with our own sick and suffering, Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

P Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of Church Musicians, Pastors, Choirs, Readers, Deacons, Technicians, Acolytes, Custodians, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they lead your people through this most Holy Week. Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

P Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. We thank you for our own blessed departed, especially.... As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, we pray...

C *Response*

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. *(Sit.)*

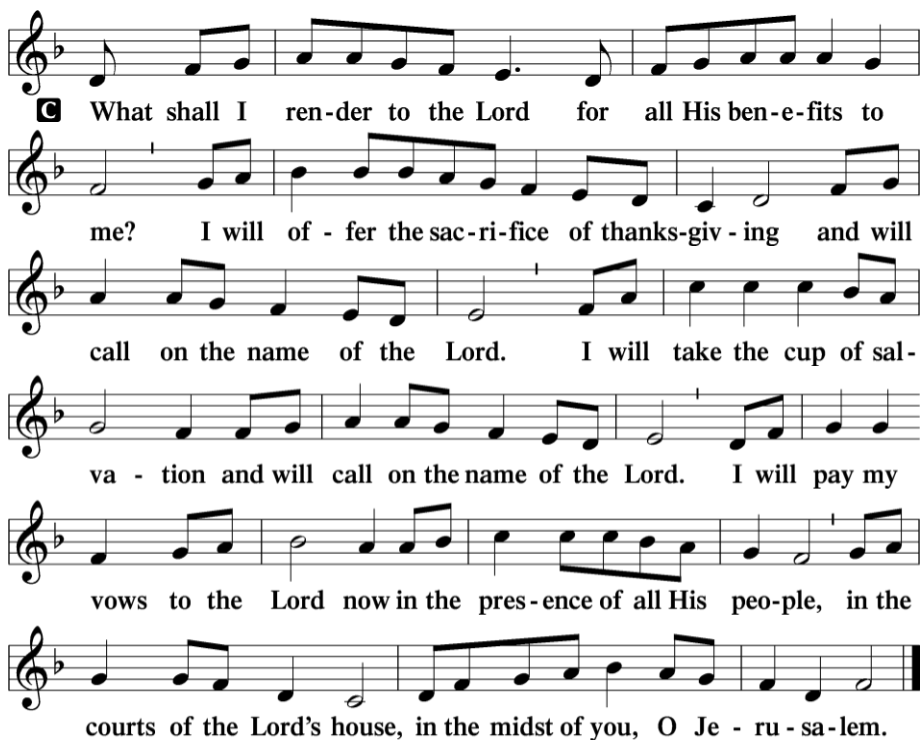
THE OFFERING

THE VOLUNTARY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(The text may be found in LSB, # 425)

Gilbert Martin

THE OFFERTORY *(Stand)*

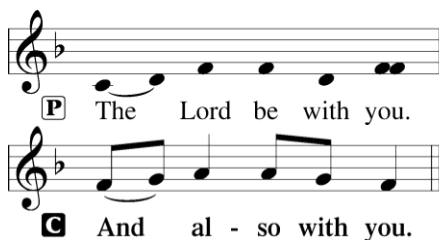


What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments we may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

C 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.

P Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

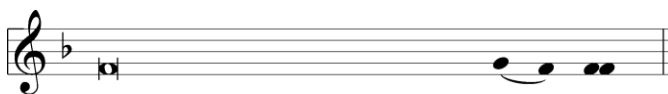
C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

THE PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI



C 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.

SOLO

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Sit)* *When I Behold Jesus Christ*
Wide Open Stand the Gates

LSB 542
LSB 639

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Stand)*

LSB 164