



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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numbers with a "#" before them are toward the back.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

SONG OF PRAISE

Hosanna

G D F# D G Em CM7

1. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
 2. 7 Glo - ry, 7 glo - ry, 7 Glo - ry to the King of

D sus D C/D G D F# D

est;
 Kings; Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho -
 7 Glo - ry, 7 glo - ry, 7

G Em CM7 D sus D C C/D G D D G G F# G E G D

san - na in the high - est.
 Glo - ry to the King of Kings. Lord, we lift up — Your name,

C C/D G/D D G G F# G E G D C C/D G/D D

With hearts full — of praise; Be ex - alt - ed, — O

G B7 F# Em Em7 Am7 G/A Am Am7 D sus D C/D G

Lord my God, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] 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.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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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 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.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Journey of Praise

We are all on a journey
from the cradle to the grave
We are given life through the price
our Savior had to pay

Chorus:

Oh let our hearts praise the Lord
Oh let our hands praise the Lord
Oh let our voices praise the Lord
Oh let our lives praise the Lord

We can feel suffering
there is someone near in need
We are given choice, heart, hands, voice,
they are within our reach (Chorus)

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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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 FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Open Our Eyes, Lord

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Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus

To reach out and touch Him

And say that we love Him

Open our ears Lord

Help us to listen

Open our eyes Lord

We want to see Jesus

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1—15:47

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

STORY

"THE EASTER STORY EGG"

Written and Illustrated by Natalie Ard

HYMN OF THE DAY

***Holy, Holy, Holy* RED ELW #473**

(Choir will sing once, Congregation will sing twice)

Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

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.**

THE PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

We Are an Offering RED ELW #692

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us with your word to sustain us as we follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Benediction Song – echo song

(leader in italics; congregation in bold)

L) May the Lord bless and keep us;

C) May the Lord bless and keep us.

L) Make his face to shine upon us;

C) Make his face to shine upon us.

L) May his blessing go with us;

C) May his blessing go with us.

L) and give us peace

C) And – give – us - peace

L) In the name of the Father;

C) In the name of the Father

L) In the name of the Son;

C) In the name of the Son.

L) In the name of the Spirit;

C) In the name of the Spirit

L) All three –in-one;

C) ALL – THREE – IN – ONE!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Christy Hebeisen, Lowell Tritabaugh, Jenna Dobner, Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Glen Lueders, Cindy Hebeisen, Mark Zeiher and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Meet Pastor Gretchen—Sign up for time to meet with Pastor Gretchen on the bulletin board or set up a time that works in your schedule. I am eager to get to know all of you!

Outdoor Clean Up Sunday and Potluck—April 21

Come to church in your outside working clothes. After service we will be doing outside clean up at Zion. Please bring your trimming tools, rakes, leaf blower, gloves, buckets, etc. Also, bring a favorite dish for a potluck lunch after the hard work is done. For those not able to help with the outside work, please bring a dish for potluck and join in fellowship. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule.

Bible Study—Reaching out for Interest in a Bible Study...

Are you interested in joining an evening bible study group? Are you willing to lead a bible study group? How often would you like to meet? Which kind of topics would you be interested in? If you are interested in leading or being part of an evening bible study, please reach out to any Board of Education member Sheri Kumar, Cindy Vasquez or Tina Schauer.

Feed My Starving Children - Chanhassen

If you and your friends would like to spend a Saturday afternoon in April putting together meals for children around the world, please contact Jane Scharpe or sign up on the Let There Be Light on the bulletin board in the narthex. Anyone 5 years & older can do it. What a great time for fellowship and sharing our time & talents. We need to reserve spaces so please respond ASAP. Possible dates for the 2:30-4:15 spots: April 6 or April 20.



If you have not yet made your donation, not to worry, you still have time! Now through April 6, your donation is multiplied by the Food Fund!

Did you know??

7,551,147 Minnesotans were served at food shelves in 2023? This was up from 5,505,100 in 2022.

Minnesota Valley Conference Women of the ELCA are meeting for their Spring Gathering at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton, Minnesota on Saturday, April, 13. Registration will be at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00. Registration cost remains the same at \$12.00. {The speaker this year will be Kim Dickey, from Global Health Ministries. This is the place that takes rolled bandages, along with many other health kits and items. Their work is so valuable to undersupplied nations.} One half of the offering will go to Global Health Ministries.

Eco-Palms—Our congregation is proudly waving Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families and communities find pathways out of poverty.

HERE'S WHAT MAKES ECO-PALMS DIFFERENT:

Ecologically Friendly -Fair prices for quality palms encourage sustainable harvesting, meaning better income long into the future.

Economic Opportunities - Eco-Palms are sorted and packed within the harvesting community, extending income opportunities to even more people.

Sustainable Income - Eco-Palms harvesters often earn five to six times more per frond than traditional palms, and a portion of the purchase price goes directly back to the community.

Sunday Offerings >>>>>>			
3/3/2024	\$ 1,888.61	Lenten 3/6/2024	\$ 403.00
3/10/2024	\$ 2,793.49	Lenten 3/13/2024	\$ 216.00
3/17/2024	\$ 1,963.06	Lenten 3/20/2024	
3/24/2024		Lenten 3/27/24	
Paypal & Other			\$ 5,000.00
2024 Monthly Giving >>>>>>			
January	\$ 9,076.91	July	\$ -
February	\$15,017.63	August	\$ -
March	\$12,264.16	September	\$ -
April	\$ -	October	\$ -
May	\$ -	November	\$ -
June	\$ -	December	\$ -
2024 Weekly Budget	\$ 3,515.00	2024 Monthly Budget	\$15,234.58

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Worship Assistants

March 24—Palm Sunday (Contemporary)

Ushers: Jane Scharpe & Dave Breyer
Sheri & Maya Kumar
Greeters: Stephanie & Murdock Krueger
Acolyte: Ashley Schauer
Reader: Joe Prasad
Organist: Brenda Danielson
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Elton Hazelwood
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

March 29—Good Friday

Ushers: Scott Bergs
Greeters: Norma Michaelis
Acolyte: Elton Hazelwood
Reader: Mary Sylwester
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Tim Michaelis
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

March 31—Easter 7am

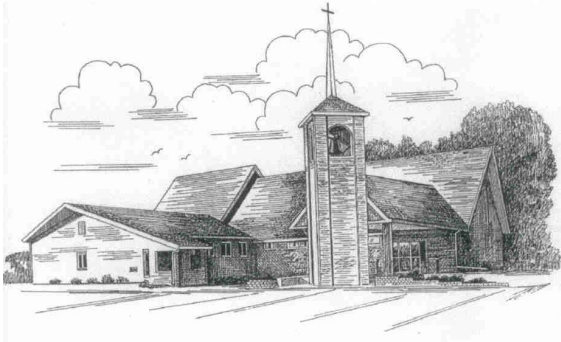
Ushers: Haggenmiller Family
Greeters: Haggenmiller Family
Acolyte:
Reader: Brenda Danielson
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Tim Michaelis
Altar Guild: Pam Wendlandt
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

March 28—Maundy Thursday

Ushers: Larry & Pam Schiroo
Diane Wink, Francis Rowe
Greeters: Tim Michaelis
Acolyte: Aiden Christeson
Reader: Starla Schilling
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Tim Michaelis &
Elton Hazelwood
Altar Guild: Laurie Stern
Cindy Vazquez
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

March 31—Easter 9am

Ushers: Scott Bergs
Greeters: Neil & Lorraine Mielke
Acolyte: Alex Herrera-Guzman
Reader: Bruce Kallhoff
Organist: Bobette Schauer
AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen
Altar Guild: Jan Wark
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller



Zion Lutheran Church ELCA

This Week at Zion:

Sunday, March 24	9:00a 10:00a 10:15a 1-3:00p	Worship Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Maranatha Church
Tuesday, March 26	10:00a	Prayer Shawl
Thursday, March 28	6:30p 6-8p	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion Maranatha Church
Friday, March 29	6:30p	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, March 31	7:00a 8:00a 9:00a 1-3:00p	Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion Easter Coffee Fellowship Easter Worship w/Holy Communion Maranatha Church

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Office Hours for the week of March 24

Tuesday, March 26—1p-5p

Wednesday, March 27—3:30p-5p

Thursday, March 28—12p-3p

or by appointment