

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION (BURGUNDY HYMNAL 184)

FOR PALMARUM, THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

O King of Israel Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord be with you. And with your Spirit.

Let us pray: Bless us this day, we beseech You, O Lord, and grant that what Your people today bodily perform with these ✠ branches of palm for Your honor may be perfected spiritually through their devotion to the victory over the enemy won by Your Son Jesus Christ, that they may heartily rejoice in it and ardently love every work of mercy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the Twelfth Chapter.

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.” This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Collect for Palmarum: *Let us pray. Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, as the crowd at the gate of Jerusalem gathered with palms in their hands to greet Your beloved Son when He came into His holy city, cause us ever to hail Him as the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, that when He comes again we may go forth to greet Him with faithful and steadfast hearts; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

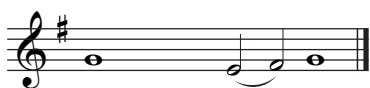
Let us go forth in peace In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The palms are distributed to the congregation.

Processional Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor Burgundy Hymn 442

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for the Sunday of the Passion: *Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A ————— men!

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Epistle of the Day **Philippians 2:5-11**

[After the reading] This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining** **Burgundy Hymn 438**

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew **See Insert**

Sermon

+ The Office of Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution +

Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins and be assured of God's forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you all!..... Amen!

Confession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: ...

[After each petition]: Lord, in Your mercy: Hear our prayer.

[After the final prayer]:..., one God, now and forever Amen.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir — rit.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A-men, A-men, A - men.

Hymn Ride On, Ride On in MajestyBurgundy Hymn 441

Recessional Cortége (Queen Mary’s Funeral Service) Henry Purcell

Readings for Palmarum, Passion Sunday

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Epistle is Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel is St. Matthew, chapters 26 & 27

See the Passion insert. The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew will be read responsively, the congregation reading the parts in **bold**.

Hymns for Palm Sunday

LSB442 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.

1. You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming, Our King and Blessèd One.
[**Refrain**]
2. The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.
[**Refrain**]
3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went:
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before You we present.
[**Refrain**]
4. To you before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
[**Refrain**]
5. As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.
[**Refrain**]

LSB438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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1. A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing;
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."
2. This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."

3. “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I’ll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I’ll do what You have asked Me.”
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son, Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth’s foundation.
4. Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

LSB441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. 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.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
5. 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.

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew

Chapters 26–27 English Standard Version

1. The Plot against Jesus and Jesus Anointed at Bethany (26:1–16)

EVANGELIST: When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,

Jesus: You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.

EVANGELIST: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,

Chief Priests: Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.

EVANGELIST: Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,

Disciples: Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.

EVANGELIST: But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

Jesus: Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.

EVANGELIST: Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?

EVANGELIST: And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

2. Preparation for the Passover and Institution of the Lord's Supper (26:17–29)

EVANGELIST: Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?

EVANGELIST: He said,

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'

EVANGELIST: And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said,

Jesus: Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.

EVANGELIST: And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: Is it I, Lord?

EVANGELIST: He answered,

Jesus: He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.

EVANGELIST: Judas, who would betray him, answered,

Judas: Is it I, Rabbi?

EVANGELIST: He said to him,

Jesus: You have said so.

EVANGELIST: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.

EVANGELIST: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

EVANGELIST: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

3. Prediction of Peter's Denial (26:30–35)

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

EVANGELIST: Peter answered him,

Peter: Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!

EVANGELIST: And all the disciples said the same.

4. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (26:36–46)

EVANGELIST: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here, while I go over there and pray.

EVANGELIST: And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them,

Jesus: My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,

Jesus: My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.

EVANGELIST: And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

EVANGELIST: Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

EVANGELIST: And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

5. Judas' Betrayal and the Arrest of Jesus (26:47–56)

EVANGELIST: While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders

of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.

EVANGELIST: And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

EVANGELIST: And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you came to do.

EVANGELIST: Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?

EVANGELIST: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

EVANGELIST: Then all the disciples left him and fled.

6. Jesus before Caiaphas (26:57–68)

EVANGELIST: Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

False Witnesses: This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’

EVANGELIST: And the high priest stood up and said,

High Priest: Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?

EVANGELIST: But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,

High Priest: I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

EVANGELIST: Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

High Priest: He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?

EVANGELIST: They answered,

Council: He deserves death.

EVANGELIST: Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying,

Council: Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?

7. Peter’s Denial (26:69–75)

EVANGELIST: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,

Servant Girl: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

EVANGELIST: But he denied it before them all, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you mean.

EVANGELIST: And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Second Servant Girl: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

EVANGELIST: And again he denied it with an oath:

Peter: I do not know the man.

EVANGELIST: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander: Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.

EVANGELIST: Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

Peter: I do not know the man.

EVANGELIST: And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus,

Jesus: Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.

EVANGELIST: And he went out and wept bitterly.

8. The Death of Judas and Jesus before Pilate (27:1–14)

EVANGELIST: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

EVANGELIST: They said,

Chief Priests: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

EVANGELIST: And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.

EVANGELIST: So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

EVANGELIST: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

EVANGELIST: Jesus said,

Jesus: You have said so.

EVANGELIST: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?

EVANGELIST: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

9. Pilate Sentences Jesus (27:15–26)

EVANGELIST: Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?

EVANGELIST: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.

Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife: Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.

EVANGELIST: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

EVANGELIST: And they said,

Crowd: Barabbas.

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?

EVANGELIST: They all said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

EVANGELIST: And he said,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

EVANGELIST: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

EVANGELIST: And all the people answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

EVANGELIST: Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

10. Jesus Mocked and Crucified (27:27–44)

EVANGELIST: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

EVANGELIST: And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

EVANGELIST: And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Bystanders: You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

EVANGELIST: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He

trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’

EVANGELIST: And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

11. The Death of Jesus (27:45–56)

EVANGELIST: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

EVANGELIST: that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

Bystanders: This man is calling Elijah.

EVANGELIST: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

EVANGELIST: And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

Centurion: Truly this was the Son of God!

EVANGELIST: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

12. Jesus’ Burial and a Guard Posted (27:57–66)

EVANGELIST: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests: Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.

EVANGELIST: So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About the Proper Rule of Christian Rulers

[A prince] must give consideration and attention to his subjects, and really devote himself to it. This he does when he directs his every thought to making himself useful and beneficial to them; when instead of thinking, “The land and people belong to me, I will do what best pleases me,” he thinks rather, “I belong to the land and the people, I shall do what is useful and good for them. My concern will be not how to lord it over them and dominate them, but how to protect and maintain them in peace and plenty.” He should picture Christ to himself, and say, “Behold, Christ, the supreme ruler, came to serve me; he did not seek to gain power, estate, and honor from me, but considered only my need, and directed all things to the end that I should gain power, estate, and honor from him and through him. I will do likewise, seeking from my subjects not my own advantage but theirs. I will use my office to serve and protect them, listen to their problems and defend them, and govern to the sole end that they, not I, may benefit and profit from my rule.” In such manner should a prince in his heart empty himself of his power and authority, and take unto himself the needs of his subjects, dealing with them as though they were his own needs. For this is what Christ did to us [Phil. 2:7]; and these are the proper works of Christian love.

Now you will say, “Who would then want to be a prince? That would make the princely estate the worst on earth, full of trouble, labor, and sorrow. What would become of the princely amusements—dancing, hunting, racing, gaming, and similar worldly pleasures?” I answer: We are not here teaching how a temporal prince is to live, but how a temporal prince is to be a Christian, such that he may also reach heaven.

Luther’s Works, 45:120.

Easter Flowers Update

Things have been changing daily with our flower provider for Easter plants, and now with church itself.

There will be no Easter lilies available, and we have had to reevaluate and adjust our order.

At this time we have on order the following plants:

12 Tulips—3 have already been paid for by a member, leaving 9 available

12 Hyacinth—8 have been paid for yet leaving 4 available

10 Daffodils—3 have been paid for by members leaving 7 available

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS NOW

Please call the church office at 744-1389 or use this form to send your order and check in to the office.

Deadline is Sunday April 5th to have your dedication included in the bulletin.

Pray that this cup may pass from us quickly, and that we'll be able to hold Easter services at Zion on April 12th. You may then pick up your flowers after the 9 am service on Easter.

Name: _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Other Dedication: _____

6" Tulip -\$15 each-

Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed _____

6" Hyacinth-\$15 each-

Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed _____

7" Daffodil-\$18 each-

Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed _____

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world; for the leaders, pastors, church workers, for those preparing for the Holy Ministry, and for Bethlehem Lutheran, calling a new Senior Pastor.
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially Rev. Steve and Cindy Schumacher in Ghana.
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, for our leaders, our military, and our health care workers
- + For our schools, especially Lutheran South Unity School, Concordia Lutheran High School, and Concordia Theological Seminary, and school families
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death, including Irene Nichols
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Deloris Beck, Gloria Gonzalez, Rose & Willie Manning, Charlene Young, Lucille Brandt, Marilyn Shafter, Shirley Bohner, Everett Beck, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Jill Stokes, Connie & Rick Meyer, Dick Hollman, Miranda Krider, Ron Rastl, Marlow Hogan, and Claudia Southerland
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages
- + For the gift of life and length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + For the faithful departed
- + For our communicants and for a fruitful use of the most Blessed Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood

IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Today is Palm Sunday. Please complete an attendance/communion card, including the names of all children, and indicate if you are communing. Non-members, please read the back of the card.

CALENDAR

April 5, 2020 thru April 11, 2020

SUN.		Palm Sunday Divine Service	Online
MON.			
TUES.	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting	Bauer Hall
WED.		Men of Zion SUSPENDED	
			Online
THURS.		Maundy Thursday	TBD
FRI.		Good Friday	TBD
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Chapel
	TBD	Taping Easter Divine Service	Church

April 12, 2020 (Easter Sunday)

SUN.	Festival Divine Service for the Resurrection of our Lord	TBD
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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Canceled for now.... When we return, Dr. Voelz will continue with the study of the Gospel according to St. Mark. What kind of social distancing will be required, we'll have to see!

CONTINUE YOUR FERVENT PRAYERS for our country, for the world, and for each other in the face of this pandemic. Pray for those on the front line of fighting this virus and saving people's lives. Easter is a week away. Whatever happens, Jesus is still our risen Lord!

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK: The services are posted on the YouTube channel ([zionfw.org](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz10fW0g0g0g0g0g0g0g0g0g) and click on the YouTube icon in the upper right corner) with access through Facebook (search for Zion Lutheran Church-Mo Synod in your browser). The organ still sounds great, and we added a few people (nine total counting Mike and me) to do the congregational signing. We also did a little something different for the Fifth Sunday in Lent for the readings and sermon. (I forgot for the readings on the Wednesday Vespers.) But even more, Mike (the guru about this stuff) and I worked on another way of recording the readings and sermon, so I hope Palm Sunday is better yet. We continue to post on Facebook the Service Materials, and I've now put it on the website under Sermons. There you'll find not only the sermon text but also Service Materials for

MORE ON FACEBOOK: I put another letter out on Facebook. The Voice is out in the mail and hopefully has been delivered to your house by now. Print is fine (generally better, perhaps), but to get information and announcements out broadly and quickly, Facebook is the mode we're using right now.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: We have done some communicating via email, but that is only as effective as the quality of our email addresses. Please contact the church (email office@zionfw.org to make sure we have yours.

CHURCH FINANCES: Life continues in the essential work of the church; it has changed for now, but it continues. That work needs to continue to be supported, but how do you do that if we're not gathering together? There are several ways: 1) you can mail your regular contribution in; we've received some that way; 2) you can get online and go to your bank website, and set up a regular payment schedule (the bank probably calls it "bill pay," but it's still your offering for the work of the Lord; 3) you can write your weekly check and put it in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate when we next meet. *Regardless, it's important to continue your regular giving. I pray you will. Also, don't forget about Easter flowers. See the Flower order form on Facebook or the website.*

HOLY WEEK: Right now, I am leaning toward an online only Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We'll probably tape Easter on Saturday, but in the midst of some of that, I'm thinking about having a sign up (SignUpGenius) for small groups celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and partaking of His crucified and risen body and blood in the Sacrament, and then also Easter Sunday. Again, email and Facebook are good ways to get the word out for those. I implore you to be flexible and to bear with me.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: I talked to the chairman of our Elders Council, and he and I agreed to make a change **for a time**, namely, to offer communicants in this time of crisis the choice of using an individual cup or the common cup. It's not because I think that there is a huge risk in using the common cup—CDC says otherwise; it's because we think some members may be refrain from partaking in this difficult time if we use chalice only. We don't want that. We want to act graciously to anyone who might be nervous about it and refrain because of it. We will use our pouring chalice. CDC also recommends receiving the host in the hand, but I'll just watch how you want to receive it and act accordingly.

For the family of God's Priestly People at Zion

God calls His own people a "Royal Priesthood." God makes us kings and queens, princes and princesses who are bound together by the Holy Spirit in Baptism for the Christian benefit of each other. Priests **PRAY** -- They talk to God about their neighbor! Priests **TEACH** -- They talk to their neighbor about God! Priests **OFFER SACRIFICES** -- They offer to God the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts; they offer their bodies and work as holy services to God for their neighbors. Join in this priestly work of prayer with your fellow members.

Morning Prayer

John 12:20-43
Hebrews 2:1-18
Hebrews 3:1-19
Hebrews 4:1-16
Hebrews 5:1-14
Hebrews 6:1-28
Hebrews 7:1-22

DAILY LECTIONARY

Palm Sunday

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Evening Prayer

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Exodus 9:1-28
Exodus 9:29-10:20
Exodus 10:21-11:10
Exodus 12:1-28
Exodus 12:29-32; 13:1-16
Exodus 13:17-14:9

THE DAILY PETITIONS OF THE CHURCH

[Daily] O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let us pray:

[S] For the joy of the Resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; for diligent preaching and hearing of God's Word of Law and Gospel; for our pastors; for the teachers and students of our Sunday School; for our Bible Class leaders and their students; for our catechumens; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[M] For workers; for the unemployed; for farmers; for seasonable weather; for businesses small and large; for our leaders, federal, state and local; for the economic welfare of the nations on earth; for peace in our world; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the tempted; for the addicted and despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; for the lonely; for the sick, the hospitalized, and the needy; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[W] For fathers, mothers, and families; for those adults who must rear their children alone; the teachers and students of Lutheran South Unity School and Concordia Lutheran High School; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[T] For the Church and her pastors; for the training of ministers of the Word; for missionaries of the Church; for the leaders of the Church, including Matthew, our synod president, and Daniel, our district president; for those who have not heard the Gospel; for the fruitful use of the blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[F] For the preaching of the Cross; for those persecuted for the sake of the Gospel; the confession of the orthodox Lutheran faith in our community; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Sat] For faithfulness unto life's earthly end; for the revival of those who have withered in the faith or fallen away; for the dying; Lord, in Thy mercy,**hear our prayer. Amen!**

[Daily] **The Our Father**

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Palm Sunday



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The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to be the body of Christ gathered at Hanna and Creighton in Fort Wayne, Indiana to:

- Receive Christ's gifts in baptism, preaching, teaching, and the Eucharist;
- Reach out to those who do not know the love of God in Christ;
- Reveal Christ's love for the world through acts of kindness and mercy toward all.

The Pastoral Ministry At Zion

Senior Pastor
Field Workers:

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)
Kyle Nelson, Peter Wagner

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Teachers: Sheila Nehrenz, Acting Principal (744-0459)
Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,
Danielle Ramsey, Susan Mittelstaedt, Merideth Tournay,
Dawn Gill, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:
Church Office Manager:

Michael Hollman, MM
Melvia Culpher