

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR PALMARUM, PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 am Sunday, March 28, 2021

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

✝ = *appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross*
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is *appropriate to sit if needed*



The liturgy for the first day of Holy Week is in two parts. It begins with a procession with palms as a dramatic prelude to the Eucharist; this memorable ceremony gives the nickname "Palm Sunday" to the day. The service itself is a celebration of the Passion of Jesus Christ, a highlight of which is the reading (or singing) of a passion account from one of the Gospels. As a prelude to the reading of the passion, the procession with palms provides of an appropriate outburst of joy which does not lose sight of the solemn goal of Jesus' triumphal entry. He rides on to die. The somberness of the passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of the preparatory procession and by the greater joy of Easter which is its purpose and culmination.



Pre-Service Music Solemn Procession R. Strauss

Greeting And Announcements: *The Lord be with you!* **And also with you!**

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ *Son and of the Holy Spirit.....* **Amen.**

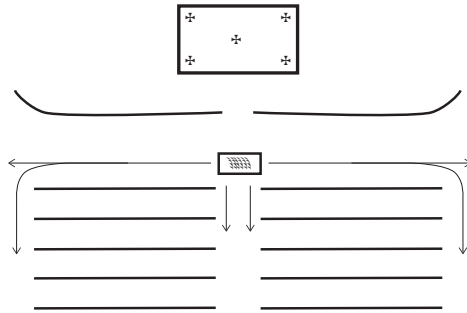
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.
O King of Israel Hosanna in the highest!

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.**

The palms are distributed to the congregation.

Voluntary **Marche Funebre** **H. Bieber**



A Reading from the Evangelist, 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, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Congregation with palm branches in hand rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ’s promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

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

Salutation

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir— it.

Collect for Passion Sunday: *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.*



[Be Seated]

+ The Office of the Word of God +

Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

[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. Mark **See Insert**

Sermon

[Rise]

Rite of Holy Baptism (The Lutheran Formula of 1526) **see Insert**

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.**

[Be Seated]

Choral Voluntary

[Rise] **Offertory** **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres- ence, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And with thy spir - it.

We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Passiontide, Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san-na Ho - san-na, Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that
com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the highest.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for -
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

A - men.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
Stanzas 1 and 2 Stanza 3
have mer - cy up - on us. Grant us Thy Peace. A - - - men!

[Be Seated]

- Distribution Hymns Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Burgundy Hymn 443
Thee We Adore Burgundy Hymn 640
Ride On, Ride On In Majesty ... Burgundy Hymn 441

[Rise] Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! Amen!

Post-Communion Canticle The Nunc Dimittis



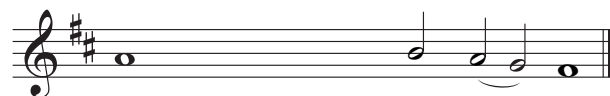
1. Lord now— lettest Thou Thy
servant, de- part— in — peace, ac- cord-ing to Thy Word.
2. For mine__ eyes have seen
Thy Salvation,
which Thou hast pre- pared__ be— fore the face of all__ people.



3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo- ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - ra-el.

Post Communion Rite

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:



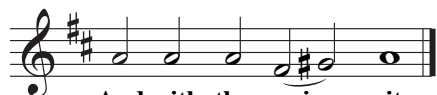
Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving ... *now and forever.*



A — men.

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 No Tramp of Soldiers' Burgundy Hymn 444

During the Recessional, the Congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross, the symbol of Christ's promise to remain with and lead His people as they now go and live in the world in His name.

After the Processional Cross has left the nave, the Congregation departs.

Recessional Cortège (Queen Mary's Funeral Service) Henry Purcell

Holy Week Schedule

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Palm Sunday, March 28
Palm Sunday Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

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The Triduum: The Three Day Vigil

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Part I: Holy Thursday, April 1
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part II: Good Friday, April 2
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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Part III: Holy Saturday, April 3
The Great Vigil of Easter
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunrise Matins 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)

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Readings for Palm Sunday

The Old Testament Reading is Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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.

Hymns for Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

LSB442 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Theodulf of Orléans

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

Paul Gerhardt

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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.

LSB443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jeanette Threlfall

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

LSB640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Thomas Aquinas

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1. Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,
Who in Thy Sacrament art please to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
2. In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:
O, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
3. Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.

4. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
5. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.

LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Henry H. Milman

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.

LSB444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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1. No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"
2. And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

3. What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
4. Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark

Chapters 14-15 English Standard Version

1. The Plot to Kill Jesus (14:1–2)

EVANGELIST: It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said,

Chief Priests and Scribes: “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

2. Jesus Anointed at Bethany (14:3–9)

EVANGELIST: And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly,

Disciples: “Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.”

EVANGELIST: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

3. Judas to Betray Jesus (14:10–11)

EVANGELIST: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

4. The Passover with the Disciples (14:12–21)

EVANGELIST: And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

Disciples: “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

EVANGELIST: And he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

Jesus: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.”

EVANGELIST: And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

EVANGELIST: And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

EVANGELIST: They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: “Is it I?”

EVANGELIST: He said to them,

Jesus: “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For 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.”

5. Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper (14:22–25)

EVANGELIST: And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: “Take; this is my body.”

EVANGELIST: And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them,

Jesus: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

6. Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial (14:26–31)

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

Jesus: “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

EVANGELIST: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Even though they all fall away, I will not.”

EVANGELIST: And Jesus said to him,

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

EVANGELIST: But he said emphatically,

Peter: “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

EVANGELIST: And they all said the same.

7. Jesus Prays in Gethsemane (14:32–42)

EVANGELIST: And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples,

Jesus: “Sit here while I pray.”

EVANGELIST: And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them,

Jesus: “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”

EVANGELIST: And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said,

Jesus: “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

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

Jesus: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

EVANGELIST: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

8. Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested (14:43–49)

EVANGELIST: And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”

EVANGELIST: And when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: “Rabbi!”

EVANGELIST: And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

9. The Disciples Flee (14:50–52)

EVANGELIST: And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

10. Jesus Before the Council (14:53–65)

EVANGELIST: And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying,

False Witnesses: “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

EVANGELIST: Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus,

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

EVANGELIST: But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

EVANGELIST: And Jesus said,

Jesus: “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

EVANGELIST: And the high priest tore his garments and said,

High Priest: “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?”

EVANGELIST: And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him,

Elders: “Prophecy!”

EVANGELIST: And the guards received him with blows.

11. Peter Denies Jesus (14:66–72)

EVANGELIST: And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said,

Servant Girl: “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

EVANGELIST: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: “I neither know nor understand what you mean.”

EVANGELIST: And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: “This man is one of them.”

EVANGELIST: But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander: “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

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

Peter: “I do not know this man of whom you speak.”

EVANGELIST: And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him,

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

EVANGELIST: And he broke down and wept.

12. Jesus Delivered to Pilate (15:1–5)

EVANGELIST: And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

EVANGELIST: And he answered him,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

EVANGELIST: And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him,

Pilate “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.”

EVANGELIST: But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

13. Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified (15:6–15)

EVANGELIST: Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying,

Pilate: “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

EVANGELIST: For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them,

Pilate: “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

EVANGELIST: And they cried out again,

Crowd: “Crucify him.”

EVANGELIST: And Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

EVANGELIST: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: “Crucify him.”

EVANGELIST: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

14. Jesus Is Mocked (15:16–20)

EVANGELIST: And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him,

Soldiers: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

EVANGELIST: And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped

him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

15. Jesus is Crucified (15:21–32)

EVANGELIST: And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Passersby: “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

EVANGELIST: So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying,

Chief Priests and Scribes: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.”

EVANGELIST: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

16. Jesus Dies (15:33–41)

EVANGELIST: And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

EVANGELIST: which means,

Jesus: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

EVANGELIST: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

Bystanders: “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”

EVANGELIST: And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

EVANGELIST: And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

EVANGELIST: There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

17. Jesus Is Buried (15:42–47)

EVANGELIST: And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Office of
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Lutheran Formula of 1526

Lillian Ruth Graf

*Daughter of
Alex Eugene and Ashley Ruth Graf*

Born March 16, 2021

*Reborn into Christ this
Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021*

Sponsors: Sam and Emily Ahlersmeyer

MARTIN LUTHER'S ADMONITION TO THE BAPTISMAL PARTY AND THE CONGREGATION

"In all Christian earnestness I would ask all those who administer baptism, who hold the children, or witness it, to take this wonderful work to heart in all its seriousness. For here, in the words of these prayers, you hear how meekly and earnestly the Christian church concerns herself about the little child and how he confesses before God in plain undoubting words that he is possessed by the devil and is a child of sin and wrath, and prays very diligently for aid and grace through baptism that he becomes a child of God. Remember, therefore, that it is no joke to take sides against the devil and not only to drive him away from the little child, but to burden the child with such a mighty and lifelong enemy. Remember, too, that it is very necessary to aid the poor child with all your heart and strong faith, earnestly to intercede for him that God, in accordance with this prayer, would not only free him from the power of the devil, but also strengthen him, so that he may nobly resist the devil in life and death.

I suspect that people turn out so badly after baptism because our concern for them has been so cold and careless; we, at their baptism, interceded for them without zeal. . . . See to it, therefore, that you are present in true faith, listen to God's Word, and earnestly join in prayer. For when the pastor says, "Let us pray," he is exhorting you to unite with him in prayer. And all sponsors and the others present should repeat with him the words of his prayer in their hearts to God, . . . carrying the little child's need before God most earnestly, setting themselves against the devil with all their strength on behalf of the child, and showing that they realize this is no joke as far as the devil is concerned. For this reason it is right and proper . . . to treat the matter with seriousness and true faith, lest the holy sacrament be made a mockery for the devil and an insult to God, who through it showers us with the abundant and infinite riches of his grace. He himself calls it a new birth by which we are being freed from all the devil's tyranny, loosed from sin, death, and hell, and become children of life, heirs of all the gifts of God, God's own children, and brethren of Christ.

Ah, dear Christians, let us not value and administer this unspeakable gift so indolently and indifferently; for baptism is our only comfort and admits to every blessing of God and to the communion of all the saints. To this may God help us! Amen!"

+ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

[*The baptismal party gathers at the baptismal font
during the Processional Hymn*]

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

+ THE EXORCISM +

[The Lutheran Church retained The Exorcism from the historic baptismal rite because of the Biblical doctrine of original sin. "It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam all men who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all men are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have true fear of God and true faith in God."]

[*To the candidate*]

*Depart O unclean spirit and make room for the Holy Spirit!
Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your mind ✠ and
upon your heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the
crucified..... Amen!*

[To the congregation]

*Let us pray: O Almighty eternal God, who according to Your righteous judgment did condemn the unbelieving world through the flood; and in your great mercy did preserve believing Noah and his family; and who did drown hardhearted Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea and did lead your people Israel through the same on dry ground, thereby prefiguring this bath of your baptism; and who through the baptism of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has consecrated and set apart the Jordan and all water as a salutary flood and a rich and full washing away for sins: We pray through Your same boundless mercy that You will graciously behold this **Lillian Ruth Graf**, and bless her with true faith in her spirit so that by means of this saving flood all that has been born in her from Adam, and which she herself has added thereto, may be drowned in her and engulfed, and that she may be sundered from the number of the unbelieving, preserved dry and secure in the holy ark of Christendom, and serve Your name at all times fervent in spirit and joyful in hope, so that with all believers she may be made worthy to attain eternal life according to Your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**Amen!***

[To the candidate]

*I adjure you, O unclean spirit, by the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit ✠ that you come out of and depart from this servant of Jesus Christ, **Lillian Ruth Graf**.**Amen!***

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

[God does bring blessings to those who are baptized, including infants: "It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him."]

*The Holy Gospel of St. Mark.....**Glory be to You, O Lord!***

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. [Mark 10:13-16].

*This is the Gospel of the Lord!**Praise be to You, O Christ!***

+ THE OUR FATHER and THE BLESSING +

[In Holy Baptism, God is at work. It is a Sacrament, a divine activity, through which He gives His blessing: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."]

[We pray together for God's blessing on the candidate]

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. Amen!

[To the candidate]

*The Lord preserve your going out and coming in now and forevermore.**Amen!***

+ THE CONFESSION OF THE FAITH +

[Baptism is based on the command and promise of Christ, who causes Baptism to bring saving grace to the candidates by the power of the Word: "It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare."]

[*To the sponsors, the parents, and the congregation*]

Because this candidate cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows upon this candidate in and through Baptism:

Do you renounce the devil? I do renounce him!

and all his works? I do renounce them!

and all his ways? I do renounce them!

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

Yes, I believe 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you desire to be a baptized and forgiven person? I do!

+ THE BAPTISM IN THE NAME OF THE HOLY TRINITY +

[Through Holy Baptism poor sinners are adopted into God's family in the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit: "Without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit."]

Lillian Ruth Graf, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

[*To the newly baptized and all the baptized here present*]

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth through water and the Holy Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting! Amen!

Peace be with you! Amen!

[*The baptismal party returns to the pews*]

+ A FINAL NOTE FOR BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS +

"What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

[Explanatory notes contain quotations from two primary statements of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess: The Augsburg Confession, and Luther's Small Catechism.]

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion



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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

Rev. Douglas D. Punke, MDiv (341-5397)

Field Workers:

Peter Wagner, Erik Saunders

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Sheila Nehrenz, Principal (744-0459)

Teachers:

Gene Koch, Yvonne Schwantz, Barry Chrzan,

Danielle Ramsey, Merideth Tournay, Dawn Gill

John Fink, Hannah Maresh, Cathie Wakeland, Natalie Reynolds

The Support Staff

Organist and Director of Parish Music:

Michael Hollman, MM

Church Office Manager:

Melvia Culpher

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

- + For the church and those experiencing persecution around the world
- + For those who serve our Lord at home and abroad, especially our fieldworkers, Peter and Erik
- + For our nation, under duress because of COVID-19, and racial and political strife; 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
- + For those who travel
- + For the aged and the homebound, including MaryLou Graham, Juanita Moore, Everett Beck, Helen Russell, Jackie Schieferstein, Cheryl Silvers, and Doris Yerger
- + For those who are near death
- + For the ill, distressed, and those suffering affliction, including Judy Thomas, Connie Houser, Sherry Freeman, Kristie Roberson, Jill Stokes, Art Litke, William Schweikert, Jeff Springer, Tracey Houser, Nikki Wideman, Gloria Gonzalez, Willie Manning, Lucille Brandt, Donna Scott, Willodean Bates, Connie Meyer, Dick Hollman, Joyce C. (friend of Charlene Young), Ruth Boxdorfer, Maurice King, Ron Rastl, and Marlow Hogan
- + For God's blessing on all godly marriages, especially Janeen & David Kaiser.
- + For the gift of life and for length of days
- + For the gift of rebirth by water and the Spirit, especially Lillian Ruth Graf and Brendon Seifert.
- + For those who mourn the death of loved ones
- + In remembrance of 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 the Divine Service for Passion Sunday. The Cross Bowl is given in celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of Janeen and David Kaiser. The Baptism Bud Vase is given in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the baptism of Brendon Seifert by his parents DaVanna and David Seifert. 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

March 28, 2021 thru April 3, 2021

SUN.	9:00 AM	Divine Service	Church
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study	Bauer Hall
	10:30 AM	Junior Catechesis	Conference Room
MON.			
TUES.			
WED.			
THURS	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Divine Service	Church
FRI.	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Church
SAT.	11:00 AM	Private Confession	Church
	7:00 PM	The Great Vigil of Easter Service	Church

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

SUN.	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Matins	Church
	7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast	Bauer Hall
	9:00 AM	Divine Service —The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord	Church

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Bible Class with Dr. Voelz in Bauer Hall exploring the Gospel according to St. Mark. Come and learn. No class on Easter Sunday.

WE WELCOME Lillian Ruth Graf by Holy Baptism into the family of God. Lillian is the daughter of Alex and Ashley Graf and granddaughter of Mark & Dana Muehl. Lillian will be a member of Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church, Beverly Hills, MI.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES We have a rich array of services in this week as we celebrate the most significant time of the year, remembering the most significant event of all time. See the calendar or service bulletin for all of the services and times.

EASTER VIGIL The relighting of the Pascal candle for the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 3) will not happen in the Great Hall, but in the nave this year, similar to the beginning of this Palm Sunday service. Gather on Saturday here in the nave.

WE WILL HAVE EASTER BREAKFAST next Sunday. It is being held 7:45 - 8:55 AM. Will you please bring sweet breads to share with others. Other breakfast items will be provided. *There will be an Easter egg hunt for children grade K and younger.*

SPRING CLEANING: Longer days and warmer weather mean it's almost time for Zion's spring clean-up. This year's event will be Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be sprucing up the grounds and cleaning, with special focus on the school. If you can, bring rakes, mops and buckets, sponges, etc. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Kevin Leininger at 615-9896.

PARENTS WITH LITTLE ONES, there are booster seats available for you in the old narthex (entryway). Ask or pick one up for your toddler to help them sit and see.

NO MEN OF ZION in Holy Week.

COVID PROTOCOLS for Zion will not loosen up any more for a while. Allen County's metrics don't warrant it. You're still invited to shake hands after the Divine Service — no pressure, no judgment. A fist or forearm bump work, too. Remember: transmission of COVID is not primarily by touch, but by breathing in respiratory droplets. Thus are still urging masks in the pews for the sake of the unvaccinated, and we still are promoting good hand hygiene. Ushers have begun handing out bulletins again, and they are collecting the offerings in the pews again. Inching toward normal.

COVID-19 UPDATE AT ZION: Allen County remains in yellow with the same two-measure metric of 1.5. I don't anticipate that to change for at least a week. It's hard lower the 7-day positivity rate to less than 5% if all our daily rates are above it. I know you shouldn't have to if you are vaccinated, but I still urge you to use caution when in public generally. If you're not vaccinated, I urge you to sign up for your vaccine. There have been 125,854 doses of vaccines administered in the county (including a few J & J), and 49,650 Hoosiers are now fully vaccinated. Statewide, more than 60% of Hoosiers 70 and older (the most vulnerable) are fully vaccinated. Less than 50% of Hoosiers 60 and older are fully vaccinated, and less than 15% in all other age groups have been fully vaccinated, largely due to later eligibility (a much larger percentage in the 50-69 range has received 1 dose). *Hoosiers 40 and older, and also educators, are now eligible. Eligibility will be extended to all persons 16 and older on March 31.*

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE How did you do on last week's verse? This week's memory verse focuses on what Luther called the great exchange: 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Last week's verse was 1 Peter 3:18.

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

Mark 14:1-15:47

Hebrews 2:1-18

Hebrews 3:1-19

Hebrews 4:1-16

Hebrews 5:1-14

Hebrews 6:1-20

Hebrews 7:1-22

DAILY LECTIONARY

Passion Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Evening Prayer

Zechariah 9:9-12

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 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

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Our King Who Is Just and Comes to Save

9. *Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion!* This is, as I have said, the second part of this chapter, in which he describes the very rich comfort and broad propagation of the kingdom of Christ throughout the world among all nations. This passage is quite familiar. The evangelists have cited it (Matt. 21:5; John 12:15), and we have treated it in detail in the Postil.

He comes to you a just Savior. This is quite a wonderful description of this King. Just as He is very different from all the kings of the world, so also His area of responsibility and His royal apparatus are clearly different from those which fit a king of this world. Here there is no violence, no armor, no power, no anger, no wrath. All these, you see, are proper for kings of this world. Here there are only kindness, justice, salvation, mercy, and every good thing. In short, He dispenses the sweetness and the mercy of God. He is just, because He justifies. He is Savior, because He saves. These are qualities which no king could ever bring to his throne. They are qualities far greater than those which befit a man. Moreover, all of these properties are spiritual and depict a spiritual kingdom, which the coming and accession of this just King reveal. For He comes in humility, riding on an ass. Then, too, He is not surrounded by the powers of His subjects. The powers of the people lie in their King rather than the reverse, which is true in the case of worldly kings. Here the entire passage agrees with the antithesis. For if that King of ours is just and does come to save, then we are clearly wicked and condemned sinners. Otherwise He would come with a vain intent to make us righteous and to save us.

Luther's Works, 20:94.

LSUS NOTES

Praying for You!



Please pray for these students/staff:

We would appreciate prayers for all our students this week.



Second Grade Art

African Kangas. The kanga is a colorful fabric similar to kitenge, but lighter, worn by women and occasionally by men throughout the African Great Lakes region. It is a piece of printed cotton fabric about 1.5 m by 1 m, often with a border along all four sides, and a central part which differs in design from the borders.

LSUS Enrollment Time We have a **virtual tour** and **Kindergarten video** on our website www.LSUSFW.org Kindergarteners must be 5 by August 1st 2021 to enroll. Please let you friends and family members know! Call to set up your pre-screening today! (260) 744-0459



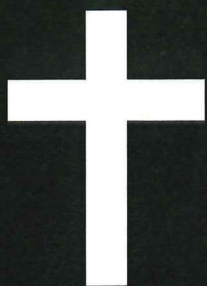
Scriptural Encouragement

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ~ John 3:16-17

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- ✿ Allen County metrics turned upward reminding us that COVID-19 is still active. Vaccines are available for Hoosiers 40 and older and soon for all Hoosiers 16 and older. We encourage you – be vaccinated!
- ✿ Some protocols remain the same; some are changed.
 - ✿ If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor;
 - ✿ Continue to practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer;
 - ✿ Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- ✿ We continue to encourage you to wear masks, especially for the sake of neighbor, especially in the pews, because of
 - ✿ respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking;
 - ✿ risk of prolonged exposure there.
- ✿ Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; *the recommended distancing is still 6 feet outside of school settings*; use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ✿ We continue to inch toward normal, shaking hands if you're comfortable doing it, passing out bulletins, and having ushers gather the offerings. *Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.*
- ✿ More socializing can begin to take place if you continue if you continue to exercise precautions.
- ✿ Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- ✿ Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups continue to be offered for the blood of Christ.

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FAITH IN THE SHADOW OF A PANDEMIC

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As Christians, we know how to address the tension between fear and hope. In the midst of our fears, Jesus Christ enters with hope and peace. Fear alone is paralyzing, but fear among the faithful may drive us to Christ. We are no longer paralyzed but rather freed and enabled to show love to our neighbors.