

Lion Lutheran Church



Palm Sunday
March 20th, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dorothy Smelko in Memory of Loved Ones and the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Ron & Betty Valentino in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP.** We have plenty of opportunities for worship during Holy Week. On Wednesday, we wrap up our Lenten Series on the week leading up to Jesus' death from the Gospel of Matthew. On Thursday, we celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, we will remember the death of Christ through a "Tenebrae" style service (similar to what we have done in the past). All evening worship service times are 7:00pm. On Sunday, we come back together to celebrate the all-conquering resurrection of Jesus!
- **EASTER BREAKFAST.** Join us for breakfast between the 8:00 and 10:30 services on Easter Sunday. The men are cooking, so come hungry!
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a "Why do we do this?" explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have "The Invocation" or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **MARK JASA** is coming! Mark is a Pastor and Evangelist from sunny southern California who is coming to Zion on April 30th to teach us (and to show us) how to reach out to our friends and even total strangers with the good news of Jesus. Mark (get it?) your calendar for April 30th, 10am-3pm for a day with Pastor and Evangelist Mark Jasa!
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **BABY BOTTLES.** Zion is once again supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills through the Baby Bottle Campaign. You can help this pro-life ministry by taking a baby bottle from the table in the church narthex and filling it with your loose change or bills. Please return your filled bottle no later than Sunday, April 3rd.
- **TRUSTEE CLEAN-UP DAY.** Following Church on Sunday April, 3rd there will be a church clean-up day. Lunch and drinks will be provided. We will be moving mulch and doing general clean-up.
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! You don't need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

This morning, we celebrate “Palm Sunday.”

Do you know why we call the Sunday before Easter “Palm Sunday”?

Yes, Pastor, I do! When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people laid their cloaks and palm branches on the road ahead of him, and shouted, “Hosanna!”

So you might find it interesting that, even though all four Gospels record the event of Jesus coming into Jerusalem, only one (John) mentions palm branches specifically.

This morning, we are going to take a look at what Jesus did when he came into Jerusalem on the first day of the week on which he was killed, and one week before the resurrection. I think you’ll be surprised at what you find. Surprised and encouraged. We know that Jesus came into Jerusalem to shouts of “Hosanna” and praise from the crowd that accompanied him from places like Galilee. But it’s what Jesus does when he comes into Jerusalem that means something for us. Jesus goes to the temple, drives out those who buy and sell, and chastises the religious establishment. But even this is less significant (I think) than something else that he does while he stands close to the Most Holy Place.

I’m looking forward to sharing God’s Word with you this morning.

We’ve got a lot of (good) ground to cover today as we begin Holy Week and make our way from Jerusalem to the cross and to the empty tomb!

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

Why do we do this? Jesus promises that "if you believe you will receive anything you ask for in prayer" (Matthew 21:22). Our Lord spent time alone in prayer, prayed with his disciples, and prayed for his enemies. From its beginning, prayer has defined the church. The Psalms are the prayers of the Bible; every major character in the Bible prayed. Lives have been changed and saved because of prayer. We pray together because God has promised to listen to us, we have much to be thankful for, and a God who deserves our adoration and praise!

The Service of the Word

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 80

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Testimony. Of Asaph, a Psalm.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to
save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full
measure.

You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh
among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck
its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

New Testament Reading:

Hebrews 2:1-9

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned

with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 21:1-17

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did,

and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offertory – Adult & Children’s Choir - Hosanna Blessed is He (10:30 service)

The Collection of the Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us all together pray the prayer our Lord has given us to pray.

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord’s Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	576
<i>The Lamb</i>	527
<i>I Lay My Sins on Jesus</i>	606

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	443
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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Kathleen Conn (8:00) Bill & Susie Bishop & family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller (8:00) Wayne & Barb Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Vince Kimberland (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse
Nursery:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager Kristen Neill & Alissa McLellan

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/13) – 182

Wednesday Attendance (3/16) – 42

Sunday Offering (3/13) - \$3,690.32


Online Offering (3/7-3/11) - \$1,080.00

Lenten Offering (3/9) - \$297.00

Bell Choir Donations (3/13) - \$50.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of March 20th – March 27th

<p>SUNDAY 3/20 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball</p>
<p>MONDAY 3/21</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 3/22</p>	<p>6:00 PM- Children’s Choir 6:45 PM – Adult Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 3/23</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lent Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3/24</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service</p>
<p>FRIDAY 3/25</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Good Friday Service (Tenebrae)</p>
<p>SATURDAY 3/16</p>	
<p>SUNDAY 3/27</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church</p>

Glow IN THE Dark DODGEBALL



Where? Zion Lutheran Church
When? Sun, March 20 5-7:00pm
Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Contact Joe Faini for more info:
youth@zlcg.org





The sign up envelopes are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Contact Carrie Lemonovich if you have any questions.

The Following Dates are Still Available for Altar Flowers

- July 3rd
- July 31st
- September 25th
- November 13th
- November 23rd (Thanksgiving Eve)
- December 31st (New Year's Eve)



The Following Dates are Still Available for Eternal Light

- August 28th
- September 11th
- November 20th
- December 18th