## Zion Lutheran Church



March 24<sup>th,</sup> 2024 **Palm Sunday** 



#### Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

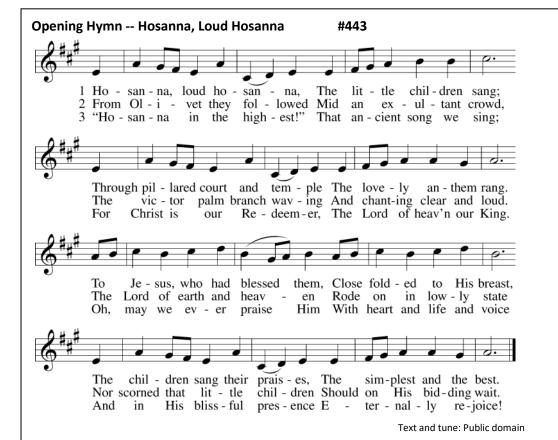
#### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

#### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!



- m f P In the name of the Father and of the m f H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and

- I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Service of the Word**

Introit -- Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



- P Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- **⚠** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors, that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

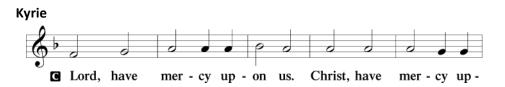
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

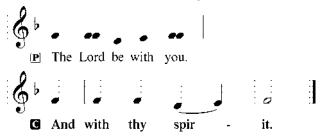
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! We bless you from the house | of the LORD.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### P Let us pray.

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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Old Testament Reading -- 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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Faith Bell Choir -- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (10:30 am)

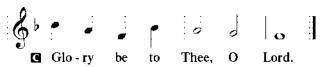
#### Epistle Reading -- Philippians 2:5–11

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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **Holy Gospel**

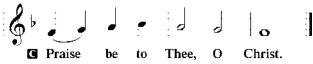
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought

the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"





#### Nicene Creed

C 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.

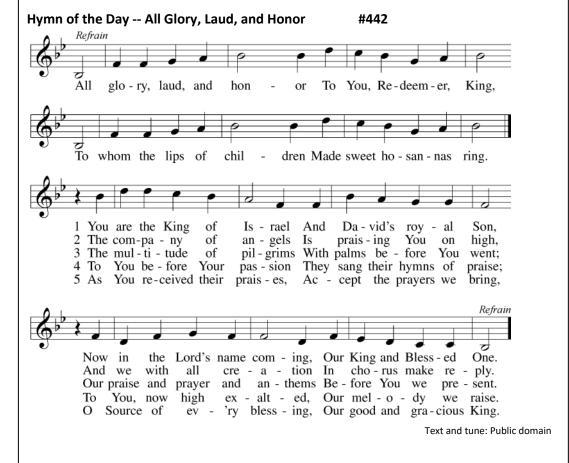
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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.



#### Sermon

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

#### **Gathering of Offerings**

Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.

#### Reception of New Members (8 am)

Jonathan & Jacqueline Dever Rick Valentino Allan Stewart

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.

C ... Lord have mercy.

#### **Service of the Sacrament**



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





■ 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 cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

#### **Lord's Prayer**

P 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.

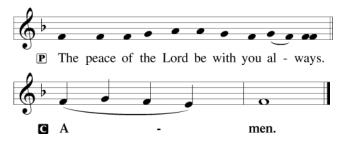
#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat;

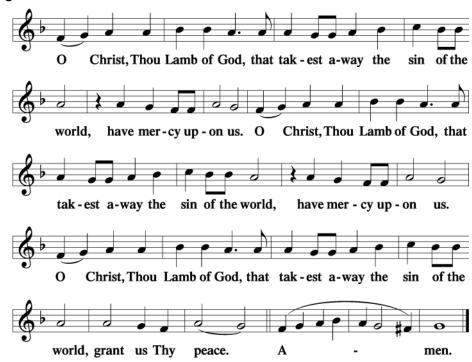
this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

#### **Pax Domini**



#### **Agnus Dei**



#### Distribution

If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

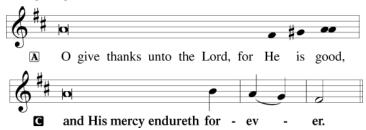
#### **Distribution Hymns**

Prepare the Royal Highway #343
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty #441
Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come #350

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

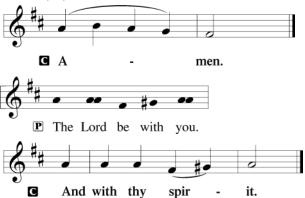






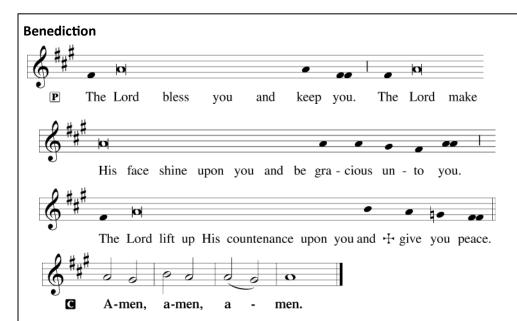
#### **P** Let us pray.

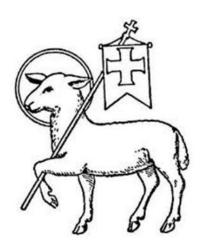
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



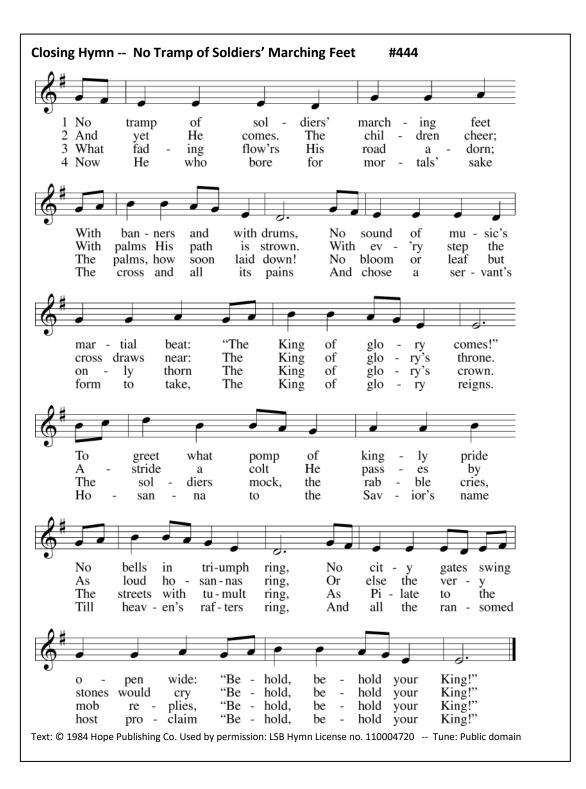
#### **Benedicamus**







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#### Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

#### The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Florence Boehme.
- -Healing & Strength for: Timothy Emmett Fitzgerald, Marianne Miller, Jill Berardelli, Amy Eastman (sister-in-law of Connie Canale), Celia Evans, Amy (niece of Jodi Fitzgerald), Michelle Hopkins (sister of Mark Killinger), Tabitha Riley (friend of Bobbie Hoelle), Kim Erbrecht, Mary Lou Neill, Dante and Elijah (family of Maryann McClure), Pastor Ernest Knoche, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Joanne Garloff, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis & Esther Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.
- For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

#### The World:

- -For peace in Ukraine and Israel.
- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

#### Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.



#### Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Bob Schmidt & Mike Kroeger (8:00)

Jim Neill & Tom Erbrecht (10:30)

Acolytes: Claire Schrag (8:00); Madison Killinger (10:30)

Ushers: Wayne & Barb Oechslein, Megan & Decklan Pasquini (8:00)

Bob & Christian Bonacci, Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)

Altar Guild: Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Brian & Megan Pasquini in celebration of their wedding anniversary; and by the Fitzgerald family in honor of Tim & Kami's 1st wedding anniversary.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Jane Kozak in memory of loved ones.

VBS WEEK IS SET FOR JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> ... please mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is a church-wide ministry of Zion and everyone's support and prayers are needed. There are many ways to get involved; hands-on roles with children (all 5 days OR part-time) and behind-the-scenes tasks! Contact Karen Kress (kkress5@gmail.com) to join the team!





PARENTS ... children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the concepts and themes for that week's worship service in a kid-friendly format. Also, be sure to guide your child through the "Kids in the Divine Service" page found on the last page of each bulletin

#### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/17) -- 60 (8 am); 79 (10:30 am)
Plate Offerings (3/17) -- \$2044 Online Offering -- \$945



Online giving is available on Zion's website - www.zlcb.org/donate



# This Week at Zion

Sun 3/24 PALM SUNDAY	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship
MON 3/25	6:30 PM Faith Bell Choir 7:00 PM 2nd Yr Confirmation
TUE 3/26	6:15 PM Grace Bells 7:15 PM Choir
WED 3/27	
THU 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY	2:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
FRI 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY	2:00 PM Good Friday Worship (prelude begins at 1:30) 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship (prelude begins at 6:30)
SAT 3/30	
Sun 3/31 EASTER	8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast Buffet in Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship



At our January Voters' Meeting, voters authorized the formation of a Call Committee to review candidates and make a recommendation to voters for a Deaconess/Director of Family Life at Zion. Zion's Constitution (II.A.6) states that any communicant member may nominate a candidate for any called position to the Call Committee.

Accordingly, the Deaconess Call Committee invites Zion members to nominate candidates for the called Deaconess position. Contact Committee Chair Mike Kroeger with your nomination (michael.k.kroeger@gmail.com) . The Committee will then request information from the Synod for those candidates in order to evaluate them.

The first meeting of the Call Committee was held Saturday 3/10. Progress was made in reviewing written materials from seven candidates, and identifying three who have the qualifications and skills needed to fulfill Zion's Deaconess Position Description. The Committee plans to interview the three candidates in the next several days.

LCMS deaconesses are women who are professional churchworkers, trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the Christian faith. "Deaconess," from the Greek word diakonos, means "servant."



## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th — 2:00 & 7:00 pm

### **Good Friday**

March 29<sup>th</sup> — 2:00 & 7:00 pm (Prelude Music begins at 1:30 & 6:30)

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31st—8:00 & 10:30 am

Buffet breakfast btwn services -- see flyer on opposite page

<mark>Join</mark> us for the ...

# zion Easter Breakfast!

Easter Sunday March 31st Join us in the Fellowship Hall in between services

Where do you fit? Volunteers are needed:
make egg casseroles (recipe & pan provided),
make fruit salad (bowl provided), help set up,
help clean up, help serve

RSVP on the sign up at the back of the church or email events @zlcb.org

If donating an egg casserole, please drop off cooked on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am -- Noon



# Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!



There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate Palm Sunday, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; Maundy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross; and Holy Saturday, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!











#### Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"



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