

**6th Lent Service**  
**April 6, 2022**  
**“CRUCIAL HOURS”**



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

CRUCIAL HOURS

6TH LENT WORSHIP, APRIL 6, 2022

OPENING HYMN: CW 333 (vs. 1-5)

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

CLOSE OF SERVICE

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Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
with your Word And thus now and here -  
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615, alt.

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

**All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am a repentant sinner. I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

*Silence for private confession.*

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C: Yes, I believe.**

P: Because of this promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### **Prayer**

P: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,\*  
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas\*  
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?\*  
Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,\*  
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

*Refrain*

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you 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 you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?\*  
The LORD Almighty—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 beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## PASSION HISTORY LESSON 6

Pastor: Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.”

**Congregation: They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.**

**Men: They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

**Women: Now it was the third hour<sup>1</sup> when they crucified him.**

**Congregation: Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”**

**Men: Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.**

Pastor: So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, “I am the King of the Jews.””

**Men: Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”**

**Women: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.**

Pastor: So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.<sup>2</sup>

**Men: So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.**

**Women: People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”**

Pastor: Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him.

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<sup>1</sup> 9 AM

<sup>2</sup> Psalm 22:18

**Congregation:** They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”<sup>3</sup>

**Men:** One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

**Women:** But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

**Men:** Then he said, “Jesus, remember me<sup>4</sup> when you come in<sup>5</sup> your kingdom.”

Pastor: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”<sup>6</sup>

**Women:** Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

Pastor: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.<sup>7</sup>

**Congregation:** It was now about the sixth hour,<sup>8</sup> and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,<sup>9</sup> while the sun was darkened.

Pastor: At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>10</sup>

**Men:** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

Pastor: After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

**Women:** A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:33-43; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-38; John 19:16-24

<sup>4</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Lord. . . .”*

<sup>5</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *into*.

<sup>6</sup> Luke 23:39-43

<sup>7</sup> John 19:25-27

<sup>8</sup> Jewish time began with sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.

<sup>9</sup> 3 PM

<sup>10</sup> Psalm 22:1

Pastor: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"<sup>11</sup> When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Congregation: Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus' resurrection and appeared to many people.**

Pastor: When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God."

**Men: When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests.**

**Congregation: All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance.**

**Women: Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.**

Pastor: Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day).

**Congregation: They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away.**

**Men: So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.**

Pastor: But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."<sup>12</sup> Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."<sup>13</sup>

## **Response**

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

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<sup>11</sup> Psalm 31:5

<sup>12</sup> Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44- Zechariah 12:10; John 19:28-37;

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Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see.  
 life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from his  
 Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
 Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

SERMON TEXT:

Luke 22:31 & 32

31 The Lord said, “Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.” (EHV)

SATAN HAS ASKED TO SIFT ALL OF YOU

Pastor Nate Fager, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,  
 Monroe, MI





**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M:** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

**M:** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING



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**ZION SCHOOL:** Zion School Kindergarten Round-up is on Tuesday, April 5th from either 10-11:00 a.m. or 1-2:00 p.m. Please call the school office to reserve a spot so Mrs. Sordahl can plan her activities accordingly.

**FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE:** We have had two very interesting and successful sessions! Thank you to Bryan and Deanna Schneck and Jim Miller for sharing their life experiences! Because of conflicting schedules and Easter activities, our fellowship experiences will resume in September. If anyone is interested in presenting their life's blessings, please let Mark Fuerstenberg, or one of the Pastors know so we can set up a schedule for the fall.

**KILLARNEY NOTES:** Zion continues to be a strong supporter of the camp. We are presently leading in the number of boosters per congregation of the association of churches. Trinity of Saline is close behind us. For the current year 2022 Zion has 30 Booster memberships and Zion also has twelve lifetime boosters. Linda and Dennis Jaskot were the winners of the \$25.00 gift card which was to Panera Bread. Congratulations!

A special thank you to everyone who supported the fish fry. Thanks to the kitchen help and Dawn & Mel White, Ken & Sue Vagt, Cindy & Pastor Ulrich and Sherry & Dan Fuerstenberg. We raised \$1667, a record for Zion. The Lord continues to Bless Camp Killarney!

### **Stewardship Update:**

Dear Members of Zion,

Did you know you can give your offering to the church through your phone or tablet? It's pretty easy! The company is Vanco and we have been using their service for about two years. In fact, we have many members who make their offering through this method. Simply search for the **Vanco Mobile** App in the Google Play or Apple Store. Once installed, you will be able to search for "Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School" and you will only get ONE result. But be sure to search for the entire name, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and School. From there, either sign in or set up an account! It's pretty simple and you can donate one time or set up recurring donations. Currently, the options are General Fund and Missions.

This is a fast and easy way to donate. Please reach out to Rob Krueger, Stewardship Chairman if you have any questions at [robertgkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:robertgkrueger@gmail.com) or 734-770-1149.

Attention GivePlus+ users: You may have noticed that Vanco has updated their app! The app is now **Vanco Mobile**. Your account information should still work. This transition took place on February 1, 2022.

Thank you from the Board of Stewardship

### **CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS**

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13

years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl ([sjsordahl@gmail.com](mailto:sjsordahl@gmail.com)) or the office for more information.

**SPRING IS COMING WHICH MEANS THE ZION RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING:**

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. We are happy to take gently used items for the sale but please hold onto them until the Middle of May. Zion School needs to use the gym for school activities and we don't have a lot of room to store items. Thank you in advance for your support.

**COMING UP AT ZION ....**

- Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class  
4:00-6:00 p.m. – BIC #5
- Monday 7:00 p.m. Board of Ed
- Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
- Wednesday No Worship Service
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service (IC)
- Friday 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
- Next Sunday 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship  
8:30-9:30 a.m. Light Easter Breakfast  
NO Sunday School, Youth Group, or Adult Bible Class  
NO BIC

**APRIL VOLUNTEERS**

	Mar. 30 & Apr. 3	April 6 & 10	April 14 & 15	April 17	April 20 & 24	April 27 & May 1
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Deanna	Schneck		
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><u>Mar. 30</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>Apr. 3</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u>April 6</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p> <p><u>April 10</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>April 14</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>April 15</u> <u>1:00 p.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>April 17</u> <u>7:00 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé</p>	<p><u>April 20</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>April 24</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>April 20</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p> <p><u>April 24</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>