



GOD ON TRIAL

Palm Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

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March 24, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Our Savior rides into Jerusalem, in majesty, to die.

This is the sixth Sunday in the season of Lent. The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord! Even though the Church's Lenten worship is muted and quiet, the focus of the season is not Good Friday, but Easter! Sunday worship in the season of Lent is designed to be islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Here is refreshment for the Lenten journey: Your Savior has defeated the devil and his temptations for you. The promise comes by faith and is meant for all people. Though you were born in the blindness of sin, the light of the world shines upon you and lets you see. New life in the light of Christ leads you to selfless service until the day he makes good on his greatest promise—the resurrection. What can we say in response to love so great? Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

LITURGY: Common Service

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school.

Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system.

Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

HOLY WEEK

The week before Easter has become known as “Holy Week.” One of the reasons for this name comes from the fact that the Bible has more details about the events that took place in Jesus’ life on these days than any other moment in his life. The Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have a total of 89 chapters, and there are nearly 30 written about the last week of Jesus’ life. What was so important about what happened on these days? It was the culmination of God’s plan to save sinners from the eternal punishment of hell and win for them eternal life in heaven.

Three of the days during Holy Week have been given special names because of a significant event that took place on that day. The three days are...

Palm Sunday... This was the day when Jesus made his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. Jesus would not leave the city alive, yet upon his arrival there were crowds of people who gave praise to him and claimed that he was their Savior. He entered the city riding on a gentle donkey while people sang, “Hosanna,” which means, “The Lord saves!” As part of his royal treatment, the crowd spread palm branches as part of his procession.

Maundy Thursday... This was the day when Jesus celebrated the last Passover with his followers. Together they ate a meal of lamb and unleavened bread. It was during this meal that Jesus celebrated the first Lord’s Supper in which he gives his true body and blood. After all, Jesus himself is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The word “maundy” comes from the Latin language and means “mandate” or “command.” It was during the evening meal when Jesus also said to his disciples, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Good Friday... This was the day that we call “good,” but it was horrific for Jesus. It should have been horrific for us. If you want to know how God feels toward someone who sins, look at how Jesus suffered and was crucified. That is how God should treat all sinners. Yet, the punishment that brings us peace was upon Jesus, and by his wounds we are healed.

PALM SUNDAY

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
 3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
 an ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.*

ANTHEM BY: Zion Adult Choir with Sunday School

“Hear the Children Sing, “Hosanna!”

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

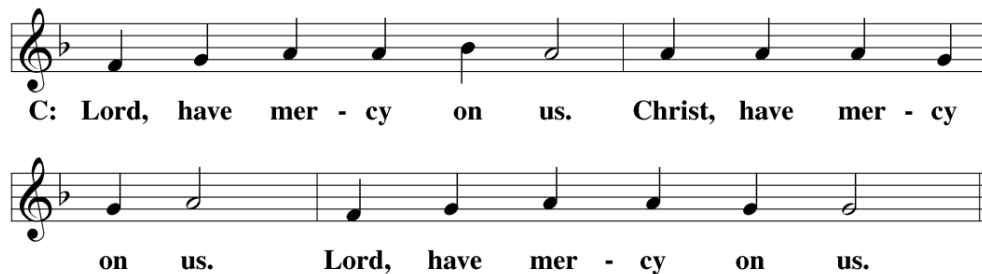


CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

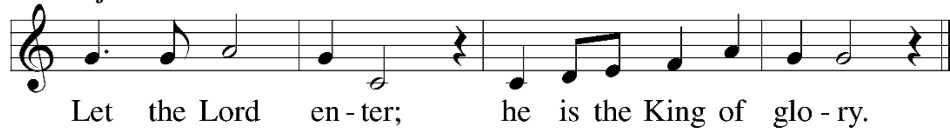
Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth. (EHV)

Refrain*Psalm tone*

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

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶ Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷ but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10

11 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’” ⁴ They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. ⁵ Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. ⁷ They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest! (EHV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - d'ring eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON TITLE

Jesus Is The King!

CREATE IN ME

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bar lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

C: 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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING: *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

REDEEMER

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The King of Glory Comes

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes; the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him; lift up your voic - es.



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry? How shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 He gave his life for us, the lamb of sal - va - tion;
- 4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Refrain

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 He goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, alt. © 1966, 1985 Willard F. Jabusch (admin. OCP Publications).

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Tune: PROMISED ONE (12 12 with Refrain) Israeli melody, 20th century.

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

PALM SUNDAY

716 No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers’ march - ing feet With
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow’rs his road a - dorn; The
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals’ sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic’s
 palms his path is strown. With ev - ’ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant’s



mar - tial beat: “The King of glo - ry comes!” To
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry’s throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry’s crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt he pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The
 san - na to the Sav - ior’s name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en’s raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 stones would cry, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 mob re - plies, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
 host pro - claim, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926 © 1984 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Tune: NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS’ MARCHING FEET (CM D) David W. Music, b. 1949 © 2006 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—Zion extended a call to Pastor Frank Italiano Jr. Please keep Zion and him in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please come join us for an Easter breakfast provided by the Church Council after our Easter service on March 31st! It's a wonderful way to celebrate and enjoy fellowship with your church family. For planning, there's a sign-up sheet in the West Foyer. We look forward to sharing this special morning with you!

KILLARNEY CAMP BOOSTER DRIVE:

Dear members of Zion,

What a great start on our annual booster drive. As of now we have 24 boosters and 2 of those have become Lifetime boosters.

My family and I have been Killarney supporters for over 40 years. Since my son, Dan, has become the manager 8 years ago, I feel even more devoted to Camp.

As of right now, Zion is the leader with the most boosters, BUT Trinity, Saline is right behind us. Let's try to be #1 again this year!

Another way to support Killarney is if you're a Thrivent member you could chose to direct your choice dollars to Camp. Please take a drive out there and see all the improvements that have been made.

I'll be collecting for 2 more weeks and then I'll announce the winner of the \$25.00 gift card to Applebee's. On behalf of Camp Killarney and myself, Thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,
Sherry Fuerstenberg

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

Planning Ahead:

Mother/Daughter Tea: Zion will be hosting a Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 14th. There is an attached flyer with more information and additional information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Coming up at Zion

- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
- Tuesday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class
5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. NO Worship Service
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- Friday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café
1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
NO Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class



The poster features a light pink background. At the top center is a large green teapot silhouette. Inside the teapot, the words "Mother Daughter Tea" are written in a white, cursive font. Below the teapot is a decorative floral arrangement with pink, purple, and yellow flowers and green leaves. The text "Zion Lutheran Gymnasium" is centered below the flowers. Underneath that, "Sunday, April 14" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the date, "2:00 – 4:00pm" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A block of text follows: "Mothers, daughters and all other ladies welcome to join us for entertainment, fellowship, treats and tea. Suggested donation \$5 per person". This text is centered and in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, there are two more decorative floral arrangements, identical to the one above. Below these, the text "RSVP for guaranteed seating through the church office by April 12 or call Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638" is written in a black, sans-serif font.

*Mother
Daughter
Tea*

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March Volunteers

	Feb. 28 & March 3	March 6 & 10	March 13 & 17	March 20 & 24	March 28, 29 & 31
Altar Guild			Liz Seibert & Deanna Schneck		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	<u>March 28</u> Miller Sordahl <u>March 29</u> Steve Sordahl <u>March 31</u> Ryan Roth
Ushers	<u>Feb. 28</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>March 3</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner	<u>March 6</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner <u>March 10</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	<u>March 13</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>March 17</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>March 20</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Mathew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>March 24</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	<u>March 28</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>March 29 1:00 p.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale <u>March 29 7:00 p.m.</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner <u>March 31</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner
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