

Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021



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INTRODUCTION

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Arr. Labenske

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David.**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. In your mercy come to our assistance, O God of our Salvation,

C: **that we may enter this Holy Week with joy as we contemplate the mighty acts through which You have given us eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS *(The congregation raises their palm branches.)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank You for redeeming us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Today we recall that He entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acknowledged as the Son of David and the King of kings by those who scattered their coats and their palm branches in His path. We ask now that You bless these palm branches and bless us who carry them that they may remind us that Jesus is King and Lord of our lives and that we may follow with full and fervent faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SONG #344 (vs. 1,3,4) All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 Blessed One. *Refrain*

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer 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*

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader Linda Holt

R: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my

face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Reader Linda Holt

R: ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #264 (vs. 1)

C: **Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-25

P: ¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show

kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #629 (vs. 1,3,5)

Abide with Me

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

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.**

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG #186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

BLESSING

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #347 (vs. 1-3)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

DISMISSAL

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: “Serving Christ through serving others.”**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Arr. Keesecker

The altar flowers are given in honor of Holy Week.

Prayer concerns for Zion’s prayer chain may be called in to the church office between the hours of 8 am until noon at 1 (937) 667-3110.

Total Attendance March 20 & 21: 76

Total Unified Giving: \$4,717.00

Total Building Giving: \$ 486.00

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Unified Giving: \$21,581.52

Expenses: \$20,908.45

January 2021

Building Fund Giving: \$1,688.31

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

Building Fund Balance as of January 31, 2021: \$28,648.29

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of January 2021 on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

Staff

Pastor Jeff Glawe, *Pastor*; Terri Darrah, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jackie Glawe, *Christian Education Director*;
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BULLETIN INSERT

Please fill out the insert in today's bulletin as soon as possible. We need to have an idea of how many to expect for Easter worship services. Thank you.

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: OESTERLIN SERVICES FOR YOUTH

There are 15 residents at Oesterlin between the ages of 12 and 18. There are 8 guys and 7 girls. Below is a list of items they could use.

- ◆ Gift cards: \$10 used as behavior incentives—McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, Jimmy Johns and \$25 at Walmart.
- ◆ Ear buds - Plastic plates, bowls, and cups - Towels & Wash Cloths
- ◆ Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash (Axe, Dove, Old Spice)
- ◆ Adult coloring books with detailed designs & colored pencils with a sharpener
- ◆ YARN to crochet with (many girls crochet as a coping skill)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES & EASTER

April 1 Maundy Thursday 7 PM

April 2 Good Friday 7 PM

April 3, Sat. / Easter Vigil 5 PM

April 4, Sun. / Easter 8 AM & 10 AM

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Faith. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.