

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Partita on Now Thank We All Our God
Fanfare, Chorale, Trio, Adagio, Postlude*

Arr. Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Meditation from Partita on Now Thank We All Our God*

Arr. Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus**

Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #727 *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth*

KYRIE Music on page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Music on page #140

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . .

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHANCEL CHOIR Director: Bill Jones
Composer: Gilbert M. Martin

Lord, Lead Me, Lord

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

P: ¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

P: ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his

glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal #512

C: **Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace
Is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When
my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead
me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my
heart be good soil.**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **Luke 23:33-43**

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

P: ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #838

Beautiful Savior

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, his 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 (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

C: Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain: **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #432

The Head That Once Was Crowned

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. Be a blessing in the world.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Soon Very Soon

rr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Randy & Debbie Turner in memory of Leslie.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
by using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer	
Greeter	Dale & Debbie Rudisill	
Reader	Chris Frame	
Communion	Chris Frame	Assistant
Ushers	John & Jill Greer	

11/12 & 11/13 Sunday School: Adults: 13 Kids: 2
Confirmation: Youth: 7 Adults: 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On December 4, 2022, we will have a congregational meeting after the 10 o'clock service for the purpose of authorizing the purchase of a new boiler and air conditioning units for the sanctuary area. The proposed cost is \$54,162. We have the money and the contractor says all the necessary parts are available, so he can complete the work in seven to 10 days. Kervyn Mach

INQUIRERS CLASS

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a member of Zion Lutheran Church? Join Pastor Dale Schaefer on Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 AM in the Conference Room for an informational meeting.

POINSETTIA ORDERS—Red, White and Pink plants can be ordered now through tomorrow. They are \$8.00 per plant. Order forms are available in the back of the church and in the church office. No late orders will be accepted due to availability issues with the supplier.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Adopt-A-Family

A Christmas tree, decorated with paper ornaments, will appear in the lounge area just outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) written on the ornament(s), and return them to the tree by the designated date. The gifts for children should **not** be wrapped as the parents enjoy doing that for their children.

WOMEN OF ZION CHRISTMAS DINNER

When: Thursday, December 1

TIME: 6:00 Gathering, 6:30 Dinner

Where: Fellowship Hall

COST: \$18.00 paid in advance

The deadline to make reservations is tomorrow.

Make checks payable to: **Women of Zion**

Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway, indicating your entrée choice. Place your payment in the envelope on the table in the office work room. If you wish, you may bring a children's book, which will be donated to either Children's Medical Center and/or Miami County children Services.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Monday, Nov. 21	11:00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, Nov. 22	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, Nov. 23		No choir rehearsal
Thursday, Nov. 24		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 25		Office Closed
Saturday, Nov. 26	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, Nov. 27	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School / Christmas Program Practice for Kids & Youth
	10:00 am	Worship
	1:00 pm	Randall House outreach
Monday, Nov. 28	6:00 pm	Long Term Planning Meeting

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*
Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*