

Sunday, April 2, 2023



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church offers many opportunities to enrich your spiritual lives from Saturday and Sunday worship, social ministry and fellowship in youth and women's groups. If this is your first visit, please sign the guest registers in the pews. Our mission statement includes this phrase: "Serving Christ through serving others". Our Saturday service is informal. If you have any prayer requests, please make us aware of them. We hope your worship experience is meaningful. Let us praise the Lord!

INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

PRELUDE

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor
with Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Teschner
arr. DeCesare

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

P: 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.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG #344

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story
Composer Hankey

arr. Whitley

Adena Brass: Trumpets: Doug Albright, Linda Holt
French Horn: Julie Swank
Trombone: Don Greiman

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

P: 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?

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

P: 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Pastor will read the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #343

My Song is Love Unknown

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 . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH 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: God, the giver of love,+ Christ, the resurrection and the life and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #347

Go to Dark Gethesemane

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. Serve in love

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Palms

Arr. DeCesare

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Ken and Judy Bailey in memory of their parents.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeters	Kari Kennard & Pat Walker
Acolyte	Marissa Kessler
Reader	Debbie Weprin
Communion	Doug Jacobs Assistant
Ushers	

Total Attendance 3/25 & 3/26/2023: 106	Sunday School 3/26
Unified Giving: \$1,785.00	Adults: 14 Youth: 3
Building Fund: \$ 260.00	Children: 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 5	7 pm Choir Rehearsal
April 6	Maundy Thursday 7 PM worship
April 7	Good Friday 7 PM worship
April 8	9:00 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
April 8	Sat. Easter Vigil 5 PM worship
April 9	Sun. Easter 8 AM & 10 AM worship

MISSION OF THE MONTH / OESTERLEN SERVICES FOR YOUTH, INC.

was founded in 1903 as an orphanage by Amelia Oesterlen. It currently is a mental health treatment and social service agency serving youth and their families. It is located in Springfield, Ohio. Please take an egg or two from the display in the back of the narthex. Many items are needed to help these kids and their families. The display will be available April 10-30 for bringing in items. Any questions, Call Judy Bailey (937-845-0380).

CEMETERY LAWN MOWING

A sign-up poster is available for those who can help with the **Zion lawn mowing** and the **Cemetery lawn mowing**. A trailer is available in the Zion garage for transporting equipment to the cemetery. If you have any questions, please

contact Bob Keppel at 689-3892. See Bob for the garage key.

11th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING /Northwest Conference of the Southern Ohio Synod—Saturday, April 15, 2023 “Easter’s Over—Now What”? *Tomb Dweller or Resurrected Christian? John 3:16, Acts 1:3-4m Psalm 51*

Where: St. John’s Lutheran Church, 248 Wood St., Piqua, Ohio - Hospitality Brunch, Exhibits & Registration from 8:30-10:00 AM, Open assembly in sanctuary 10:00 AM with presentation at 10:30 AM. A brief business Meeting will follow. Gathering closes at approximately Noon.

Please sign up on the sheet at the Walnut Street entrance.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of Miami County will be held **June 17, 10 am-11 pm** at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Our team, Holy Walkamolies For the Cure, would love to have some more members. Our next team meeting will be **April 16, 3 pm** in the adult Sunday school room. If you don’t want to join the team, you can still help by: **Making a donation.** You can donate online at <http://www.RelayForLife.org/MiamiCounty>. When asked who you are supporting, select the team Holy Walkamolies For the Cure. Checks payable to American Cancer Society may be given to Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

Purchase a luminaria in memory of a loved one, in honor of a cancer survivor, or in support of someone currently battling cancer. These will be placed around the track during the event. Luminarias are \$10 each. For an order form see Debbie Rudisill, Erma Swanson, or May Fischvogt.

LAST SUPPER DINNER / Community Dinner / April 6, 6:30—8:30 pm

Our Maundy Thursday service is from 7:00-8:00 that evening, but we would like to contribute with help for tear down. There is a sign up sheet in the Walnut St. entrance if you would like to volunteer.

Main St. will be closed between 2nd & 3rd so plan your drive accordingly.

Staff

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