

Sunday, March 24, 2024



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or 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

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.

PRELUDE

Ride on, Ride on in Majesty
Linda Holt—Trumpet

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.

P: 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***
- 2. The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *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***
- 5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *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.

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act*
Composer: Robert J. Powell

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 wakens—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.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

R: ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

C: ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

R: ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C: ¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

R: ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C: ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

R: ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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 15:1 - 39

Pastor will read the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Sally Padgett

HYMN Red hymnal #350

They Crucified My Lord

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

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.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.)*

AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #347

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 your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Arr: Cherwien

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by May Fischvogt & sons in memory of Norb's birthday.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Sally Padgett
Acolyte	Hannah Kessler
Reader	Mitch Tayse
Communion Assist	Brad Kennedy
Ushers	Matt & Madison Dorn
Greeters	Dale & Debbie Rudisill

Total Attendance: 3/17 & 18: 86
Unified Giving: \$4,552.00

Sunday School: Adults 13
Youth/Kids: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

March 28	Maundy Thursday 7 pm worship
March 29	Good Friday 7 pm worship
March 30	Saturday Easter Service 5 pm worship
March 31	Easter Sunday 10 am worship

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Little Kindness*

We will be collecting items for ***Little Kindness*** during the month of March. Pam Hale (sister of Terri Darrah) heads up this non-profit which provides Chemotherapy Care Bags through *Pink Ribbon Girls* to local hospitals and churches. Pam's motto is "Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed." Please take one or two shamrocks from the easel in the narthex. Purchase the item(s) and return them to the mission box by Easter. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please write it out to *Women of Zion*. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Kids/Youth will NOT have Sunday School TODAY or Easter
Adult class will be held on Palm Sunday but NOT Easter.

SOLAR ECLIPSE BLOCK PARTY: On Saturday, **April, 6th**, downtown Tipp City will be holding a Solar Eclipse Block Party. There will be food, entertainment and kids' activities. **Weather permitting**, Zion will be providing popcorn and bottled water during the kids activities from 10:00 to 2:00. We need Zion volunteers to sign up for a shift of one or two hours during this time. Please see the sign up sheet in the fellowship hallway.

WELCA NORTHWEST CONFERENCE of the Southern Ohio Synod is having their 12th Annual Spring Gathering here at Zion on Sunday, **April 14th** at 5:00 pm. **CHALK TALK** by Elva Hurst will follow at 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend the Chalk Talk.