



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
Communion First and Third Sundays
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Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the “Communion” side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Service Notes: This morning we remember our Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem to the praises of the crowds and waving of palm branches. This welcome by the crowds began His saving work of Holy Week. Today’s worship starts with a processional hymn and then a narrative reading with songs from our Sunday School children.

Before the processional hymn starts Pastor will greet the congregation with any announcements. The congregation is welcome to wave palm branches during the singing of the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (congregations stands)* **LSB 443**

Palm Sunday Narration and Children’s Songs

Narrator 1: It was a beautiful day and the people of Jerusalem were doing their normal everyday chores, visiting with neighbors and friends. Little did the people know that this was no ordinary day, something exciting was about to happen! A special visitor was coming to town. Some called Him a prophet; others called Him the Son of David. Many people in Jerusalem heard stories of a man named Jesus and the miracles He had performed, like turning water into wine and raising a man from the dead. They were excited to see Jesus.

Children Sing: *Where is Jesus?*

Narrator 2: Not everyone had heard of Jesus, but they saw the crowds gathering, so they came out of their homes to see what was going on. The crowd told them about the lessons Jesus was teaching all across Galilee.

Children Sing: *Jesus Teaches the Word of God*

Narrator 1: Now Jesus didn't come alone. He had His disciples with Him. Just before they reached Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples ahead to get a donkey for Him to ride on. Jesus wanted to show the people that He was a humble man of peace. So, the disciples got the donkey and brought it to Jesus. He sat on the back of the donkey and made His way down the streets of Jerusalem.

Children Sing: *The Donkey Jesus Rode*

Narrator 2: As Jesus made His way into Jerusalem, the people who lined the street began to take off their cloaks. They laid them down on the ground, in the path that Jesus would travel, as a sign of respect for this man who they honored like a king.

Children Sing: *The People took their Cloaks*

Narrator 1: Then some people cut branches from nearby palm trees and passed them out to everyone in the crowd. Everyone held their palm branches in the air and began to wave them to celebrate the arrival of Jesus.

Children Sing: *The People Waved their Branches*

Narrator 2: The people cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus had arrived! He had come to bring the message of peace and love that God wanted everyone to hear.

Narrator 1: A day that started out just like any other day had ended in celebration, with the triumphant entry of Jesus on the back of a donkey and the people of Jerusalem celebrated this promise they had been waiting for...their King had finally come!

Children Sing: *Ho Ho Hosanna!*

Confession and Absolution LSB 151

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9 (*Congregation sits*)

4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

6 I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the
beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a
garment;
the moth will eat them up.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse (*stand and speak*)

LSB 205

ALL: These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12-43

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Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

Sermon

Offering Hymn

You Are the King of Israel

LSB 442

(Offering brought forward on verse 5.)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pardon and renewal, that the blessed Son of God would lift up the gates of our hearts and be glorified as the Savior of sinners, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the preaching of the Holy Gospel and the administration of His Sacraments would convert those who do not yet know Christ in every mission field around the world; that the Lord would bless and protect missionaries and their families, especially in hostile places; and that He would banish from us any prejudice that might hinder our mission work here or abroad, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian fathers and mothers, that receiving Christ and trusting His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in authority over us, that in the fulfillment of their duties they may have the same mind as Christ, our King, who laid down His life for His people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer illness and other weaknesses of body and mind, [*especially _____,*] that God would bless them according to His gracious will and that they would have peace and comfort in His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For worthy reception of Christ's body and blood, that as He entered Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so we may receive Him according to His promises for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna," in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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In Our Prayers – Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving (*sing*) LSB 160-161

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sing*)

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. **Amen.**

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| Lord's Prayer | LSB 162 |
| The Words of Our Lord | LSB 162 |
| Pax Domini and Agnus Dei | LSB 163 |
| P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. | C: (<i>sing</i>) Amen. |

**C: (*sing*) 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.**

Distribution *Tables*

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| Distribution Hymn | <i>Jesus, I Will Ponder Now</i> | LSB 440 |
| Distribution Hymn | <i>Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray</i> | LSB 623 |
| Distribution Hymn | <i>O Savior, Precious Savior</i> | LSB 527 |

(NOTE: The Pastor will commune the Communion Assistants and then the organist. Then those who commune in the pews will be served starting at the back of the church. Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)

Nunc Dimittis (*sing*) LSB 165

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction LSB 166

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith

toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: (sing) Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sing) Amen.

Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude, Depart in His Peace

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LENT and HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

| Date | Topic | Time |
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| Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday | “The Lamb of God Goes Willingly” Luke 22:1-71 (With Holy Communion) | 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm |
| Friday, April 7 Good Friday | “The Lamb, with the Spirit and the Father, Overcomes All for Us” John 16 and “The 7 Words from the Cross” | 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm |
| Resurrection Sunday April 9 | “God’s Peace is with Us for the Lamb of God Has Conquered” (With Holy Communion) | 10:00 am |

Zion Lutheran Church’s Belief and Practice of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.