

**Passion Sunday**

**With the Procession of Palms**

 **09 April** **+ 9:00 a.m.**

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**Welcome to Zion!**

Guests please record your attendance on a *pink* pad in the pew rack and let us know how we can be of service to you.

***Holy Communion at Zion***

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to 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. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

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, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord’s Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

**Service Note: Why do we use the Processional Cross?**

Palm Sunday is a Festival Sunday.  So, like many Lutheran congregations, we begin and end this service with a procession. To begin we turn to face the back of the church and follow the cross as the crucifer carries it to the chancel. At the end of the service as the cross is carried down the middle aisle we turn to face it when it passes by until the crucifer exits the sanctuary.  Then the congregation turns to face the front of the church.

When the cross passes by you are welcome to bow your head slightly (as we also do when we enter the altar area).  We do not worship the cross itself, but the One Who died on the cross for us.  We bow in humble adoration of Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His own life to save all mankind. We also bow to show reverence to Jesus because we believe that He has risen victorious over death and is truly present among us today.  The High King of Heaven graciously visits us in His Holy Word and Sacraments to give us *heavenly fruit from the tree of His cross*—forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and rescue from death and the devil.

**Pre Service Music Handbells –“Festivity”**

# PROCESSION WITH PALMS

**The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession with palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveal that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the Passion narrative sets before the people of God all that our Lord did on our behalf. We are thus prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the church year.**

*The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.*

**⇧ GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord 🞦 Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

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

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King, and when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."**

*(John 12:12–19)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace

**C In the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN:** **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” # 442**

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

**C Hosanna in the highest!**

# Service of the Word

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *Insert*

*Please be seated for a time of silence, which highlights the contrast between Jesus’ triumphal entry and His Passion.*

**⇩ OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 50:4-9a** *Insert*

**GRADUAL** *Insert*

**EPISTLE READING – Philippians 2:5-11** *Insert*

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| **HYMN #438 (v. 1):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |
| **The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew** |
| **Matthew 27:11-26** | ***Jesus Sentenced by Pilate***  |  |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 2):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |
| **Matthew 27:27-37** | ***Jesus Mocked and Crucified*** |  |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 3):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |
| **Matthew 27:38-56** | ***Jesus’ Suffering and Death*** | *Insert* |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 4):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |
| **Matthew 27:57-66** | ***Jesus Buried in a Guarded Tomb*** | *Insert* |

**HYMN:**  **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna # 443**

**SERMON**

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**⇩ THE SHARING OF THE PEACE & OFFERING**

**During the offering the Choir sings “O Bride of Christ Rejoice”**

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# Service of the Sacrament

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 **HYMN: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary # 423**

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 **HYMN: The Death of Jesus Christ our Lord # 634**

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**HYMN: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty # 441**

**Serving Today –**

Elder: Craig Nuttelman

Acolyte: Peter Kreutzer Crucifer: Allison Wilkens

Usher Captain: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge

Announcer: Lonna Gronewaller Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Special Music: Adult & Bell Choir – Sunday School Choir

Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier and Rachael Burger

**Opportunities to Worship during Holy Week**

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| **Thurs. April 13** | **Maundy Thursday** **Divine Service** | **7:00pm** |
| **Friday, April 14** | **Good Friday** **Divine Service** | **2:00pm** |
| **Friday, April 14** | **Tenebrae Service** | **7:00pm** |
| **Saturday, April 15** | **Easter Vigil Service** | **7:00pm** |
| **Sunday, April 16** | **Easter Festival Service** | **7:00am** |
| **Sunday, April 16** | **Easter Festival Service** | **9:00am** |
| **Prayers for Our Members** |
| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden *(Mother Hull)* | Healing |
| Ron DeLaet | Healing |
| Dawn Dulitz | Healing |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Vi Fox | Healing |
| Ruby Hatfield | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson | Healing |
| Geraldine Roeder | Healing |
| Jerold Saathoff | Dying |
| Brienne Splittgerber | Law Enforcement |
| Norbert Smith | Healing |
| Hazel Stickney | Healing |
| Don Trampe | Healing |
| Evelyn Wuehler | Healing |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| Rebecca Voller (*Steve and Fran Junge’s daughter)* | Expectant mother |
| Becci Koopman (*Todd & Ellen’s daughter-in-law)* | Expectant mother |
| Don Berg ( Evelyn Heiden’s brother) | Healing |
| Jerry Billings (Lewis and Carolyn Westman’s friend) | Healing |
| Phyllis Canfield (*Pam Uhlir’s Aunt)* | Healing |
| Hazel Devine (*Pam Uhlir’s Aunt)* | Hospice Care |
| Patty Ellis (*Fran Junge’s sister)* | Chemo |
| Ken Erickson (*Friend of Richmond’s and Florang’s)* | Cancer |
| Marcella Esslinger *(Marilyn Fuqua’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Jeweldine Gaibler *(Joyce Hartman’s mother)* | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Healing |
| Carol Haubold (*Don Helmbrecht’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Family & friends of Ralph Herrera (*Seth Long’s grandfather)* | Grief |
| Jess Hinz (*Friend of the Bates’ family)* | Healing |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Ron Koch (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Sharon Mulhair ( *Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Barry Rich (*Bruce & Ann Fattig’s Brother-in-law*) | Healing |
| Floyd Stutzman *(Friend of Bruce & Joni Brooks)* | Healing |
| Debbie (*Judy Tadlock’s daughter)* | Healing |
| Theresa Tonn (*Lavern and Elaine's daughter)* | Healing |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam’s nephew*) | Healing |
| Betty Wilken (*Carol Florangs’s mother)* | Healing |
| Sharon Wilkens (Carolyn’s daughter-in-law) | Healing |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Rev. Kuddes | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Trent MacKley | Military |

**Holy Week at Zion**

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| **SUN** | 9:00a | Divine Service |
| **4/9** | 10:15a | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
|  | 11:30a | Palm Sunday Dinner (Gym) |
|  | Birthdays | Brynne Fisher |
| **MON****4/10** | 7:00pBirthdays | Mary Martha CirclesChelsea Cook |
| **TUE** | 1:30p | Sleeping Mats |
| **4/11** | 7:00p | Elders & Trustees |
|  | Birthdays | --- |
| **WED** | 8:25a | Chapel |
| **4/12** | 6:00p | Bells |
|  | 7:00p | Choir |
|  | Birthday | David Hartman |
| **THU** |  | **MAUNDY THURSDAY** |
| **4/13** |  |  |
|  | 7:00p | Divine Service |
|  | Birthdays | Sarah Burger, Lorelie Hanneman, Jami Helmbrecht |
| **FRI** |  | **GOOD FRIDAY** |
| **4/14** | 2:00p | Divine Service |
|  | 3:00p | Fellowship Hour  |
| 7:00pBirthdays | Tenebrae ServiceLinda Johnson, Lisa Splittgerber |
| **SAT** | 7:00p | Easter Vigil Service |
| **4/15** | Birthdays | --- |
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| **SUN** |  | **EASTER SUNDAY** |
| **4/16** | 7:00a | Festival of Our Lord’s Resurrection |
|  | 8–8:45a | Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) |
|  | 9:00a | Festival of Our Lord’s Resurrection |

**Palm Sunday Luncheon – Today**

All are invited to join us for a Palm Sunday Dinner today at 11:30 in the gymnasium. The food will be provided by the Mary Martha ladies who have prepared delicious hot dishes, salads and desserts. Please join us. There will be a freewill offering with proceeds going to support LWML missions.

**Good Friday Communion Service**

We will have a communion service at 2:00 pm on Good Friday, April 14. If there are any who need a ride to this service, please call the church office at 234-3410. Also, if anyone is willing to bring one of our members to the service, please let office staff know.

![MC900021565[1]]()**Easter Morning**

Next Sunday we will have Easter Worship services at 7:00 am and 9:00 am. These services will be the same.

**Easter Breakfast**

The youth will be serving breakfast next Sunday morning from 8:00-8:45. Please join us for egg casseroles, sweet rolls, and fruit. The freewill offering will support the Zion Youth program.

**Office Closed**

Please note that the office will be open from 9:00-12:00 on Maundy Thursday, and closed on Good Friday and Monday following Easter. Please make arrangements in advance if you will need to get into the church these days.

**Special Music**

Thank you to the Adult Choir, Sunday School choir and the Hand Bells for assisting in our worship today.

**Easter - Sunday School**

There will not be Adult Bible class or Sunday School on Easter.

**Voters Meeting**

There will be a voters meeting Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thank You**

A special thanks to the hand chime choir directed by Kim Wilkens for playing for playing for our Wednesday evening services the past two weeks.

**Midweek**

Please note that Wednesday midweek class will not meet this week.

**Lutheran Witness**

It is time to renew our Lutheran Witness Subscription. For those of you who ordered through Zion last year, there is a note in your mailbox asking if you wish to renew. If you would like to be included in in the Zion subscription please notify the office staff. Cost is $15.96 per year.

**School News**

* The annual Plant sale is now in progress. Any of our school children would be happy to take your order. Last date to order is this Tuesday, April 11. Plants will be available for pick-up on April 28 & 29.
* School will be closed Thursday-Monday in observation of Easter.

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**Serving Maundy Thursday– April 13 - 7:00pm**

Elder: Craig Nuttelman Acolyte: Allison Wilkens

Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Usher Captain: Fred Flessner/Keith Nuttelman

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Denae Kuhl

**Serving Good Friday 2:00pm**

Elder: Craig Nuttelman Acolyte: Jessica Zehendner

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Usher Captain: Bob Glanzer/Roger Riekenberg

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Denae Kuhl

**Serving Good Friday 7:00pm**

Elder: Craig Nuttelman Acolyte: Kiara Clark

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Usher Captain: Fred Flessner & Keith Nuttelman

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Denae Kuhl

**Serving Easter Vigil Saturday April 15 7:00pm**

Elder: Craig Nuttelman Torch Bearer: Zach DeLoach

Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Usher Captain: Dan Oertwig

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Denae Kuhl

**Serving Next Sunday – April 20 - 7:00am & 9:00am**

Elder: Jeff Halvorsen Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Acolyte: 7:00 Harry Strong 9:00 Alexandra Splittgerber

Crucifer: 7:00 Gabe Bates 9:00 Reilly Fisher

Usher Captain: Roger Riekenberg & Bob Glanzer

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer Special Music: Adult & Bell Choir

Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier and Rachael Burger



**Stewardship Note**

**Matthew 21:3** If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

The **Altar Palms** today are given to the Glory of the Lord by Mary Martha LWML.

The **Radio Broadcast** today is given to the Glory of the Lord by Lucille Fiddelke memorials.

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 4/2/17

Attendance: 210

Offering: $9,170.75

Weekly Need: $6,852.37

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**Hours**: Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm

**Radio Broadcast:** Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. on 1460 AM