

**Passion Sunday**

**With the Procession of Palms**

 **25 March** **+ 9:00 a.m.**

**Zion Lutheran Church & School**

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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 once again.

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.

# 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 FOR PALM SUNDAY**

**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 – Zachariah 9:9-12** *Insert*

**GRADUAL** *Insert*

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

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| **The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Mark** |
| **Mark 15:1-5** | ***Jesus Delivered to Pilate***  | *Insert* |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 1):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |  |
| **Mark 15:6-15** | ***Jesus Delivered to be Crucified*** | *Insert* |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 2):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |  |
| **Mark 15:16-32** | ***Jesus Mocked and Crucified*** | *Insert* |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 3):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |  |
| **Mark 15:33-41** | ***Jesus’ Suffering and Death*** | *Insert* |
| **HYMN #438 (v. 4):** | **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** |  |
| **Mark 15:42-47** | ***Jesus is Buried*** | *Insert* |

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

**SERMON**

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

**During the offering the Choir sings “Hosanna!”**

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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: Nathan Gaunt

Acolyte: Alexandra Splittgerber Crucifer: Zach DeLoach

Usher Captain: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Special Music: Adult Choir – Sunday School Choir

Altar Guild: Mary Fiddelke & Lyn Hoffman

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 Lennis Hodgson.

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 3/18/18

Attendance: 187

Offering: $6,941.98

Weekly Need: $7,302.65

**Opportunities to Worship during Holy Week**

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| **Thurs. March 29 – 7:00pm** | **Maundy Thursday- Divine Service** |
| **Friday, March 30 - 2:00pm** | **Good Friday - Divine Service** |
| **Friday, March 30 - 7:00pm** | **Tenebrae Service** |
| **Sat., March 31 - 7:00pm** | **Easter Vigil Service** |
| **Sunday, April 1 - 7:00am** | **Easter Festival Service** |
| **Sunday, April 1 - 9:00am** | **Easter Festival Service** |
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| **Prayers for Our Members** |
| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Amy Hodgson, Amy Nuttelman, Ashli Florang, Jade Florang | Expectant mothers |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Elaine Buss (Cambridge Court) | Healing |
| LaRae Crow | Healing |
| Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court) | Hospitalized |
| Vi Fox | Healing |
| Verleen Gentry | Healing |
| Wanda Glanzer | Healing |
| Ruby Hatfield | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Bernard Kuhl (Lakeview G.I.) | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson  | Healing |
| Jane Schmid | Healing |
| Roland Trampe | Healing |
| Carolyn Westman | Healing |
| Merle Wuehler | Healing |
| Kim Vos | Cancer |
| Brienne Splittgerber | Law Enforcement |
| ***Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends*** |
| Will Brennemann (*Jami Helmbrecht’s father)* | Memory Care |
| Don Berg (*Evelyn Heiden’s brother*) | Healing |
| Sherry Campbell (*Judy Ahren’s cousin)* | Healing |
| Jeweldine Gaibler *(Joyce Hartman’s mother)* | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Healing |
| Norman Hockemeier | Healing |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Miles Margritz (*Wanda Glanzer’s nephew)* | Healing |
| Howard Quandt *(Helmbrecht’s Brother-in-law)* | Healing |
| Barry Rich (*Bruce & Ann Fattig’s Brother-in-law*) | Healing |
| Ashli Tolle ( *Todd Willers’ friend)* | Healing |
| Elisabeth Weatherly (Norbert & Margaret Smith’s granddaughter) | Healing from Surgery |
| Betty Wilken (*Carol Florang’s mother)* | Healing |
| Patty Ellis (*Fran Junge’s sister)* | Cancer |
| Marcella Esslinger *(Marilyn Fuqua’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Barb Gillion (*Shirley Helmbrecht’s friend)* | Cancer |
| Carol Haubold (*Don Helmbrecht’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Margarete Huebner (*Marion Allwardt’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Ron Koch (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Sharon Mulhair ( *Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Christiana Rieker (*Lonna Gronewoller’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Tyrone Uhlir(*Pam’s nephew)* | Cancer |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Rev. Clausing | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Trent MacKley, Scott Catterson | Military |

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**Holy Week at Zion**

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| **SUN** | 9:00a | Divine Service |
| **3/25** | 10:15a | Sunday School & Adult Bible Class |
|  | 11:30a | Palm Sunday Dinner (Gym) |
|  | Birthdays | Kiana Clark, Charles Marienau |
| **MON****3/26** | Birthdays | Kay Banner, Tiffany Hartman, Jessica Zehendner |
| **TUE** | 1:30p | Sleeping Mats |
| **2/27** |  |  |
|  | Birthdays | --- |
| **WED** |  |  |
| **3/28** | 6:00p | Bells |
|  | 7:00p | Choir |
|  | Birthdays | Sheryl Fox, Kim Nelson |
| **THU** |  | **MAUNDY THURSDAY** |
| **3/29** |  |  |
|  | 7:00p | Divine Service |
|  | Birthdays | Carter Splittgerber |
| **FRI** |  | **GOOD FRIDAY** |
| **3/30** | 2:00p | Divine Service |
|  | 3:00p | Fellowship Hour  |
| 7:00pBirthdays | Tenebrae Service--- |
| **SAT** | 7:00p | Easter Vigil Service |
| **3/31** | Birthdays | Carol Florang |
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| **SUN** |  | **EASTER SUNDAY** |
| **4/01** | 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 our “Roof Replacement” fund.

**Good Friday Communion Service**

We will have a communion service at 2:00 pm on Good Friday, March 30th. 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. There will be a fellowship hour following the service.

**Layne Riley Jordan Harwick**

Laynewas baptized yesterday at Zion. Parents are Joshua Harwick and Jessica McKillip. Sponsor was Travis McKillip.

**Easter Morning**

![MC900021565[1]]()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.

**Special Music**

Thank you to the adult choir for singing today, with special thanks to Masie Dulitz and Hunter Runge, who played bongos and triangle for the choir.

**Easter - Sunday School**

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

**Midweek**

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

**Zion Friends in Christ**

God Bless You Four Kindness!

 I’ve been overwhelmed by all the cards, thoughts, and prayers and visits that came my way following my Christmas Eve adventure. Thank you!

Thanks also for all the “things” that were “given” (tracfone cards, devotion books, clothes, word hunt books, flowers and snacks.)

My appreciation to Mary Martha and Ken Hockemeier for the “step rails” by my doors. Craig – where would my critters be without you coming by every afternoon? Bless You!

Last-but not least- I thank Our Lord for being with me and for sending Keith out to “find” me.

What a great family to be a part of! I’m truly blessed!

In Christ’s love,

Miss P

**Thank You**

* Thank You Pastor DeLoach and Pastor Gaunt for the visits and prayers during my hospital stay. Wanda Glanzer
* Thank you to the Board of Stewardship for providing treats at Adult Bible Study last Sunday

**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 Tuesday, April 10. Plants will be available for pick-up on April 27 & 28.
* School will be closed Monday, March 26 - Monday, April 2 in observation of Easter.

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

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Acolyte: Kia Clark

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Usher Captain: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

**Serving Good Friday 2:00pm**

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Acolyte: Zach DeLoach

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Usher Captain: Fred Flessner & Lennis Hodgson

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

**Serving Good Friday 7:00pm**

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Acolyte: Peter Kreutzer

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Usher Captain: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

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

Elder: Dan Oertwig Torch Bearer: Allison Wilkens

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Usher Captain: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

**Serving Next Sunday – April 01- 7:00am & 9:00am**

Elder: Dan Oertwig Engineer: Peter Kreutzer

Acolyte: 7:00 Jessica Zehendner 9:00 Harry Strong

Crucifer: 7:00 Allison Wilkens 9:00 Reilly Fisher

Usher Captain: Fred Flessner and Lennis Hodgson

Announcer: Brooke Fisher Special Music: Adult & Bell Choir

Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier and Rachael Burger



**Stewardship Note**

**Zechariah 9:9** – *“Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life and to make us His own people.

**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.

**District Pastors’ Conference**

The Nebraska District Spring Pastors’ Conference will be April 9 & 10 in Kearney. Zion will host the opening worship on Monday, April 9 at 10:00. The congregation is invited to join us.

Zion will also be hosting reception preceding the service. If you would be willing to provide a pan of rolls or coffee cake please speak with Shirley in the office. We will also need a couple of members who would be will to serve the coffee and rolls. Please call the office or speak with Shirley to volunteer.

 **Office Closed**

Please note that the administrative assistants will not keep regular office hours during Holy Week. Please make arrangements in advance if you will need to get into the church.

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

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