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# Palm Sunday



**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, yet David's Lord, with the people of Jerusalem we also join in singing to You: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" We praise You, dear Redeemer, for Your painful journey to the cross. We are sorry and ashamed that our sins caused Your great suffering, but we truly rejoice that You have redeemed us by Your blood. Keep us steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and make us finally partakers of Your glory. Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 160 (red hymnal):** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

**The Invocation** *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

**The Confession and Absolution of Sins** *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest Gloria in Excelsis

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to become human like us and to suffer and die on the cross for our sin and remove our guilt. Help us to be humble as he was humble, to be patient as he was patient and grant that we by faith may share in the triumph of his resurrection. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and

under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Gospel Reading: *John 12:12-19*

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> 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!" <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup> "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### The Apostle's Creed

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

**I** believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn 162 (red hymnal):** *Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty*

**The Sermon:** *Psalm 118:19-29*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **The LORD's Doing is Marvelous Every Day**

I. Palm Sunday

II. The days of Holy Week

III. Good Friday

## The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Hymn 387:1-5 (red hymnal):** *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

## Prayer of the Church – The 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.

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen!

**Closing Hymn 161 (red hymnal):** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

## Announcements

*"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a FREE "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE:** On this coming Friday at 7pm we will be holding a special Good Friday Tenebrae service. In the early Christian Church, a Tenebrae Service was held in remembrance of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. During this ancient service a candle was extinguished after each Scripture reading was completed - symbolic of the isolation and suffering of our Lord, and of the dark evil of the sins for which He died. In our worship this Friday we continue that ancient tradition with an adaptation of such a service. During the second half of the service one candle will be extinguished after each of the seven readings are completed, progressively darkening the church. At the end of the service, one candle will remain burning. This is the Christ candle. This candle will remain lighted at the end of the service to symbolize the assurance of His resurrection after three days in the tomb. Our Savior was not overcome by death, but rather He overcame sin and hell through death. Please join us for this special service!

**EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND SERVICE:** Our schedule for Easter Sunday begins at 10:00am with an Easter brunch. Omelets and eggs cooked to order, pancakes, waffles, bacon, and sausage! Any able-bodied men willing to help are encouraged to do so. The Easter worship service will begin at 11:00am. There will be no Sunday school or Bible class. Come and worship the Risen Jesus! Be sure to use the ancient greeting with your fellow Christians: "He is risen!" answer: "He is risen, indeed!"

**EASTER LILIES:** Mt. Zion has the Easter Sunday tradition of decorating the altar/chancel with Easter lilies. If you would like to share a lily or two for the service, please bring it Easter morning! After the service, the lilies will go home with their owners so you can continue enjoying it at home.

**BLESSING BAGS:** Mt. Zion's womens group L.I.F.T. and the Outreach Committee are coordinating an effort to put together "blessing bags" for the congregation to distribute. The concept is pretty simple: we are collecting donations of a variety of non-perishable items that might be useful to a person living on the street (i.e. bottled water, toiletries, nuts, granola, pretzels, dried fruit, etc.). The donation box is located in the fellowship room. These items will be bagged along with a small, Gospel-driven devotion booklet and made available for our members to hand out to persons who might appreciate it. Please speak with Susan Fobear if you have questions about what to donate. Lord willing, this can be a nice way for our congregation to practically and spiritually help people

in need. *Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.*

**“PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST” MOVIE REVIEW:** This past weekend a movie on the life of the Apostle Paul and the early church in Rome was released in theaters. CLC Pastor Nathanael Mayhew wrote a nice review of the movie discussing the pros and cons. It has a good cast (Jim Caviezel from Passion of the Christ) and includes some good producing and acting. There were several things Pastor Mayhew didn't like about the movie, but he still feels that it is worth seeing and discussing. It is rated PG-13 for a couple of beating and death scenes, although it is more "situational" and not "sensational" as most movies today are. Copies of his review are available in the back of church.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called Mrs. Erin Radichel to teach kindergarten part-time in the afternoons. <> The Rev. David Schierenbeck, pastor of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has announced his plan to retire from the ministry and from his call to Berea at the end of June. <> Collette Krause has accepted the call to be principal and K-8 teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

**Important Dates at Mt. Zion**

**Today** 11am LIFT Meeting  
**Thu. 3/29** Maundy Thursday (no service)  
**Fri. 3/30** 7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Communion  
**Sun. 4/1** 10am Easter Sunday Brunch (Men Cooking)  
 11am Easter Sunday Service  
**Tue. 4/3** 8pm Outreach Committee Meeting

**Serving Today**

Organist: Zaiga Hauserman <> March Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Muellers

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Attendance March 18: Worship 25; Bible Class 16 <> 6<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lent 13

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