

April 2, 2023



HOSANNA

in the highest!

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

Matthew 21:9



MT. ZION

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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. In Your name we ask this, Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 443 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

The Invocation

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

P 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 On Palm Sunday, the crowds entering Jerusalem waved their palm branches and worshiped Jesus as the King who comes in the name of the Lord. On Good Friday, the crowds in Jerusalem rejected Jesus as their King and called for His crucifixion. On

Pentecost, the crowds in Jerusalem were cut to the heart to hear from Peter that they had crucified the Lord of Glory. As we worship King Jesus today, let us flee to the Lord for mercy, humbly confessing that is our sin and guilt that caused His death on Good Friday.

C Hosanna, Son of David, Son of God. Lord, save us. We need Your salvation for we are sinful by nature and have sinned against God. We have dishonored God with our sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful actions. All too quickly our lips go from praise to grumbling, from blessing to cursing. Not our palms, or praises, or anything we lay before You can make up or atone for our sins. Yet you come to us in the Name of the Lord, to be our Merciful Savior. You alone can save, must save, or we perish. Save now, Jesus, Savior, Christ our King.

P Be of good cheer, children of God, for Jesus Christ, the King of kings, humbled Himself and rode into Jerusalem to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might reconcile us unto the Father. Therefore, by the command of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Response: *(sung to the tune of Hymn 443)*

C *Come, wave your palms and branches In honor of your King!
Bedeck His sacred altars With tributes of the spring,
And sing of His salvation, His glorious victory,
His royal exaltation Through all eternity!*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, When shall Thy day appear,
The day of our redemption From all our sorrows here?
O guide us to the mansions, The homeland bright and fair,
And crown our weary waiting With endless glory there!*

The Prayer for the Day

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

P Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, 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,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but made himself nothing, 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.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 24 Select Verses*

- P** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
- C** For he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- P** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- C** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- C** Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!



The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:1-17*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me."³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is

coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant,¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: *Augsburg Confession, Article III*

We boldly confess what we believe.

C It is also taught among us that God the Son became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to propitiate God's wrath.

The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures, that through the Holy Spirit He may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in Him, that He may bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that He may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead, as stated in the Apostles' Creed. Amen.

From Luther's Small Catechism

A refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

P What is the tenth commandment?

C You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his workers, nor his animals, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

P What does this mean?

C We should fear and love God that we do not sinfully desire to use tricks or force, or do anything that might cause our neighbor to lose his wife, workers, or animals; but we should urge them to stay and do their duty.

Hymn 444 *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

*1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"*

*2 And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"*

*3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"*

**4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"**

The Sermon: Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Theme: THERE IS POWER IN THE NAME OF THE KING!

- I. The name with the most power of all.
- II. The name that gives power to the powerless.
- III. The name that overpowers every foe.

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 549 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

**7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all. (2x)**

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. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's Sçashtag is "Şclcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(WS 788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

Prayer of the Church – The 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.

The Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

☩ Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You gave salvation to all mankind that, when death arose, by the fault of one man, then also life might arise by the obedience of one Man; and that even as Satan overcame by a tree, likewise by a tree he was overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

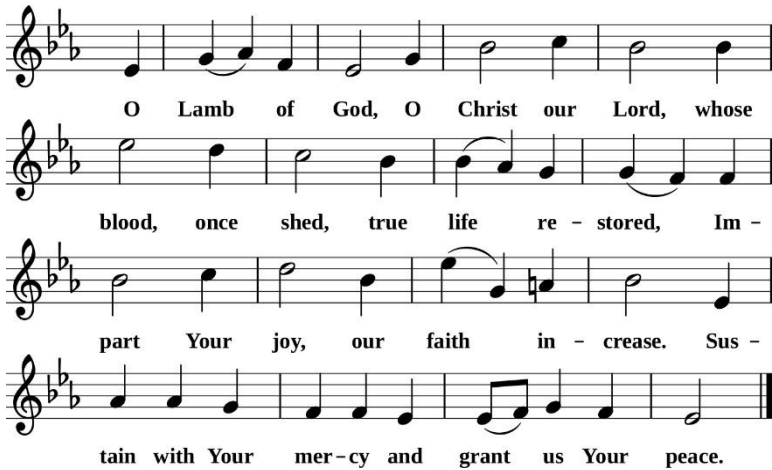
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for “Now Dismiss.” Simeon’s words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De - part in heav'n-ly
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the
peace, For I have seen the glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in -
grace: A light to lead the Gen - tles Un - to Your ho - ly
One; For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er
hill, The glo - ry of Your peo - ple, Your
be, God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through
cho - sen Is - ra - el.
all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

My heart has now be come Your dwelling, O blessed ho - ly Trin - i -
ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in
joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your bod - y and Your
blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 442:1 *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 Blessèd One. [Refrain]*

Hosanna!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God’s Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you’ve found it with us. Ask Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

A CLEVELAND WORSHIP SERVICE is this afternoon at 4pm. May God grant safe travel to Pastor’s family and Mt. Zion’s Ohio/Pennsylvania members.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: In the early church, the celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter were considered to be one continuous service. Good Friday was a continuation of the Maundy Thursday service and Easter was the culmination of both! We hope you will join us for this three-day service:

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 6 at 7:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 7 at 7:00pm

(Easter Sunday Brunch, April 9 at 10:00am)

Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 9 at 11:00am

May the LORD bless our meditation and “service” throughout these days as we celebrate all that our Savior has done for us through His sufferings, death, and resurrection!

EASTER BRUNCH INVITATION AND SIGNUP (MEN COOK): All are invited to attend our annual Easter Sunday Brunch on April 9 at 10:00am – Pancakes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, fruit, bacon, and sausage! Any able-bodied men willing to help are encouraged to do so. Please see the signup sheet on the hymnal rack.

EASTER LILIES: We have the Easter Sunday tradition of decorating the altar/chancel with Easter lilies. If you can share a lily for the service, please bring it Easter morning!

UPCOMING MT. ZION EVENTS

Today	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Thu. 4/6	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Fri. 4/7	7pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun. 4/9	10am	Easter Breakfast Potluck (Men Cook)
	11am	Easter Worship Service
Tue. 4/11	7-9pm	Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach Meetings
Sun. 4/16	11am	Q2 Voters Meeting
Sun. 4/23	11am	Congregational Meeting: Update from BoE on Christian Day School planning
Sun. 8/6	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Matt Fobear Church Cleaning: Matt and Susan Fobear

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 31; Bible Class/Sunday School = 18

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$25,750.00	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$34,427.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$4630.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):		\$3442.78	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:		\$70,552.99	

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Wittorps** are expecting a baby girl in April. **The Ryans** are expecting a baby in September. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma (cancer).

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

P What is the First Article?

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life.

He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA *is considering the call* to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> The dual parish of Redemption, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension, Tacoma, WA *has called* Pastor Chad Seybt of the quad parish of the CLC churches in Onalaska, Fairchild, Millston, and Melrose, WI. <> Pastor Norman Greve, St. Peter's, Iron River, MI, *has accepted* the call to serve as vacancy pastor at Calvary, Marquette, MI. That congregation *is requesting* a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor. <> Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI *has returned* the call to be teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI.