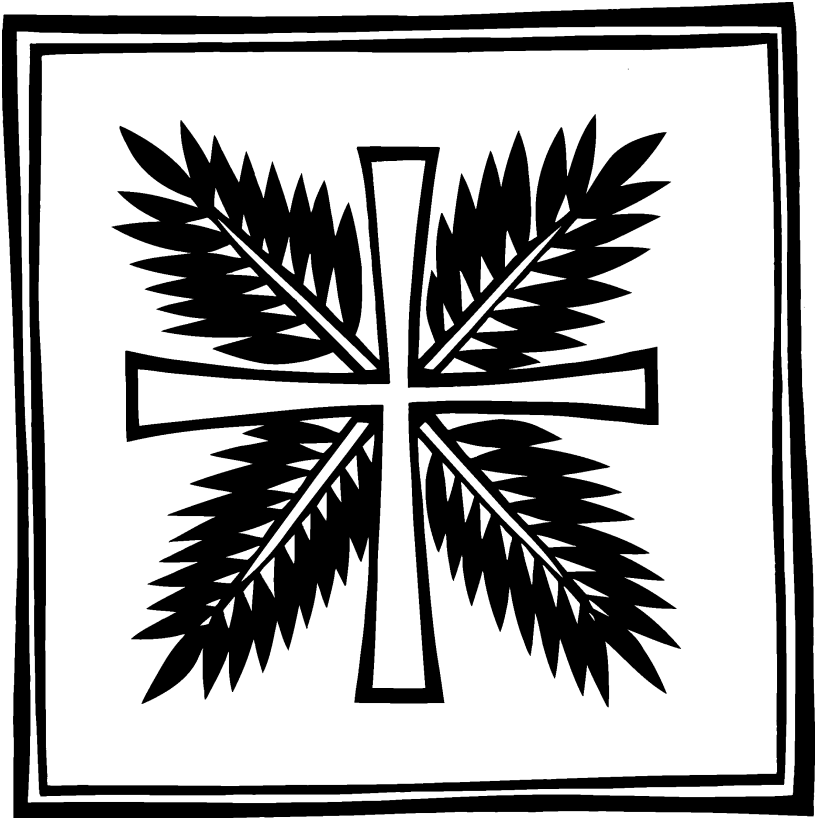


Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Pave the Way with Branches”

The choir & children will sing verse 1 & the refrain then the congregation will join starting with verse 1. The congregation can join the parade if you so desire.

Verse 1:

Jesus is coming! Pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming! Hosanna! (repeat verse)

Refrain:

Hosanna, Jesus is coming! Hosanna to the Prince of peace! (repeat refrain)

2. Release for captives! Pave the way with branches.

Release for captives! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

3. Hope for the downtrod! Pave the way with branches.

Hope for the downtrod! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

4. Land for the landless. Pave the way with branches.

Land for the landless! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

5. Debts are forgiven! Pave the way with branches.

Debts are forgiven! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you
sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer
death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his
obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his
resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31: 9-17

Sung to the hymn melody
“He Leadeth Me”

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress and grief.
My soul and body fill with grief; my eyes with sorrow do grow weak.
My life's consumed by anguish and my years by groans as You I seek.
My strength fails from affliction and my very bones grow sick and weak.
Because of all my enemies, my neighbors pour contempt on me;
I am a dread e'en to my friends—when they see me, they turn and flee.
I am forgotten as though dead; I'm like old broken pottery.
I hear their slander; I'm in dread; for they conspire and plot 'gainst me.
But I will trust in You, O Lord; I say, “You are my God indeed.”
My times are in Your hands for sure; deliver me from enemies.
Let Your face shine upon Your child; in Your unfailing love, save me;
And let me not be put to shame, for I have cried out, Lord, to Thee.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:1-39

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

HYMN OF THE DAY#347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
verses 1-3

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
arranged by Stan Pethel

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

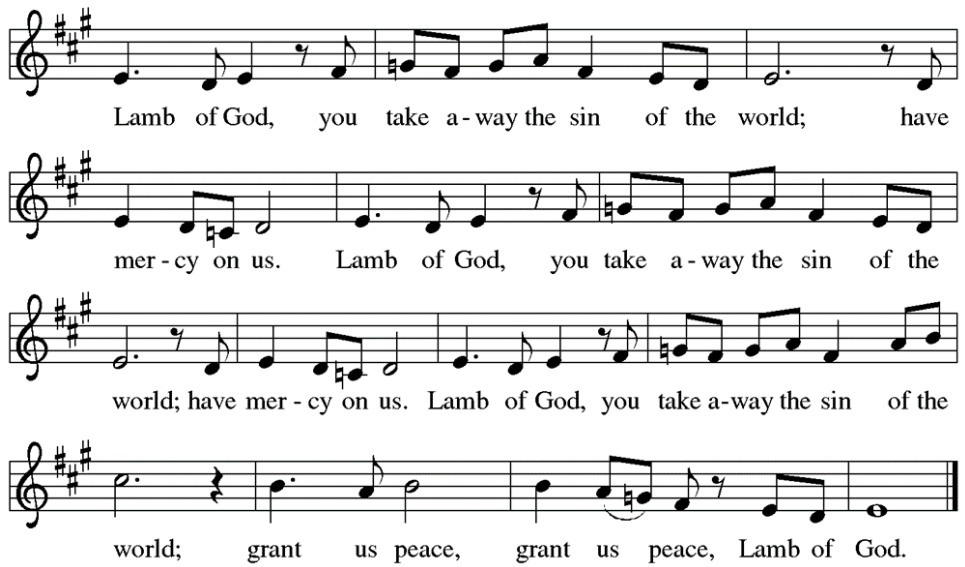
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#494

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#345

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“ The Old Rugged Cross”
arranged by John Carter

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in
the collection basket. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today after the church worship, we will be gathering for our second annual Palm Sunday Brunch. All are invited for this intergenerational family event. We hope to see you there!

We will be having a service on Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm. Good Friday we will have an Ecumenical service at noon at Zion. Other churches will be joining us. There will also be a service at 6:00pm. Our Easter Sunday service will be at 9:00am.

The 2024 Combined Oshkosh/Appleton Conference Spring Event will be held on **Saturday, April 20**, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. We are located at 1860 Wisconsin Street. The conference will run 9:00 am-1:00 pm with registration from 8:00am-9:00am. The price for material and lunch this year will be \$20.00. Registrations should be postmarked by **April 8th, 2024**. Please make checks payable to "Women of Christ Our Savior Church". The registration form is in the narthex. We are excited to share that our theme is "Good Neighbors", based on the experience we have had over the past year of sponsoring a Syrian family.

Sunday, March 24

Isa 504-9a, Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday School & Confirmation

Palm Sunday

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Ava Dorn

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens: Gwen Schwandt

Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Wednesday, March 27

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Thursday, March 28

Worship Service 6:00 pm

Exod 12:1-4[5-10]11-14, Ps 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Cor 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Maundy Thursday

Pastor Kathryn Schreitmuller

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: William Surtees

Opens and Closes: Jim Schley

Friday, March 29

Ecumenical Worship Service 12:00 pm

Worship Service 6:00 pm

Isa 52:13-53:12, Ps 22

Geb 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

Good Friday

Pastor Ryan Eikenbary (12:00 pm Ecumenical Service)

Assisting Ministers: Wendy Sachs, Tom Meltz (6:00 pm service)

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: William Surtees

Sunday, March 31

Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24, Rom 6:3-11

1 Cor 15:1-11, John 20:1-18, Mark 16:1-8

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Easter Sunday

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Deb Reis

Acolyte: Charlee Weiland

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Tammy Mossholder