

**March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday**



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**The assembly gathers in Luther Hall with palm branches.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Behold your king comes! Humble, yet mighty; exalted of God!

**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!**

Look, people of God! Your king comes! The Christ of your salvation is  
with you!

**Hosanna to Christ our King! Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the Lord!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

(Mark 11:1-11)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany,  
near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,  
“Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you  
will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If  
anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord  
needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and  
found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying  
it, some of the bystanders said to them,

**“What are you doing, untying the colt?”**

They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.  
Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he  
sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others  
spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who  
went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had  
looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Betha-  
ny with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*The assembly follows the minister and children into the worship space singing and waving their palms.*

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring.

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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

Let us pray.

**Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

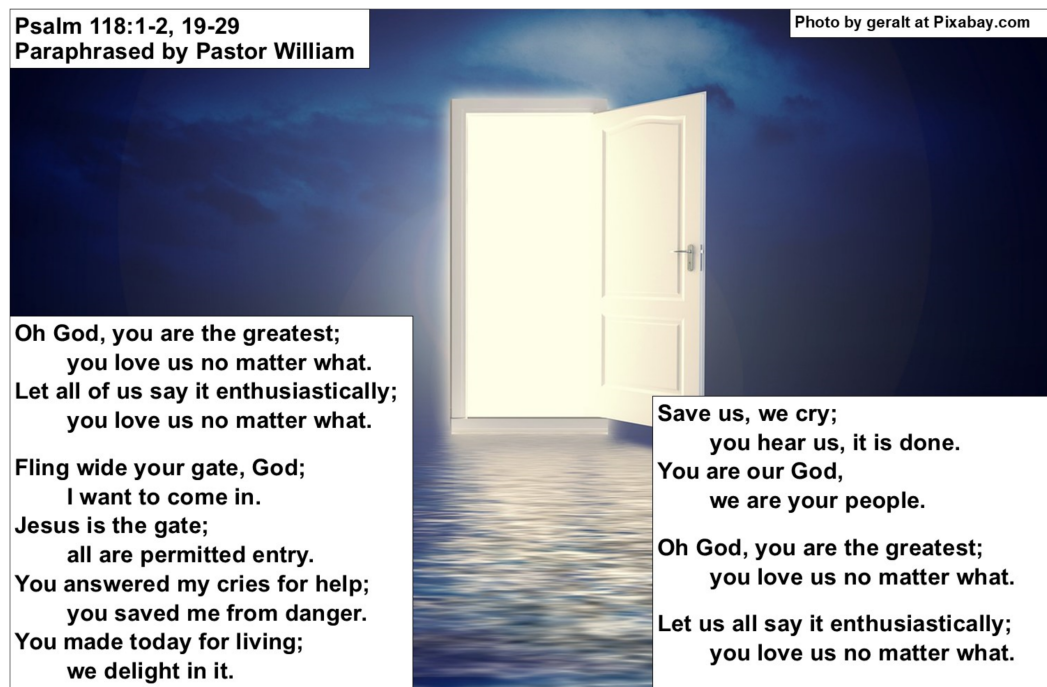
A reading from Isaiah:

(Isaiah 62:6-12 Pew Bible, page 536)

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm Paraphrase  
(Read responsively  
the indented lines)

<p>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Paraphrased by Pastor William</p>		<p>Photo by geralt at Pixabay.com</p>
<p>Oh God, you are the greatest; you love us no matter what. Let all of us say it enthusiastically; you love us no matter what.</p> <p>Fling wide your gate, God; I want to come in. Jesus is the gate; all are permitted entry. You answered my cries for help; you saved me from danger. You made today for living; we delight in it.</p>		<p>Save us, we cry; you hear us, it is done. You are our God, we are your people.</p> <p>Oh God, you are the greatest; you love us no matter what. Let us all say it enthusiastically; you love us no matter what.</p>

A reading from Zechariah:

(Zechariah 9:9-17 Pew Bible page 687)

*Please stand as you are able*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The holy gospel according to St. John (John 12:12-16, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 81)

The gospel of the Lord  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

The reading concludes with:  
The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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AM: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence for personal prayer*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together.

**Gail and Joe Vogt**

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,

**Corlene Coulter**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

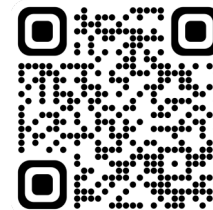
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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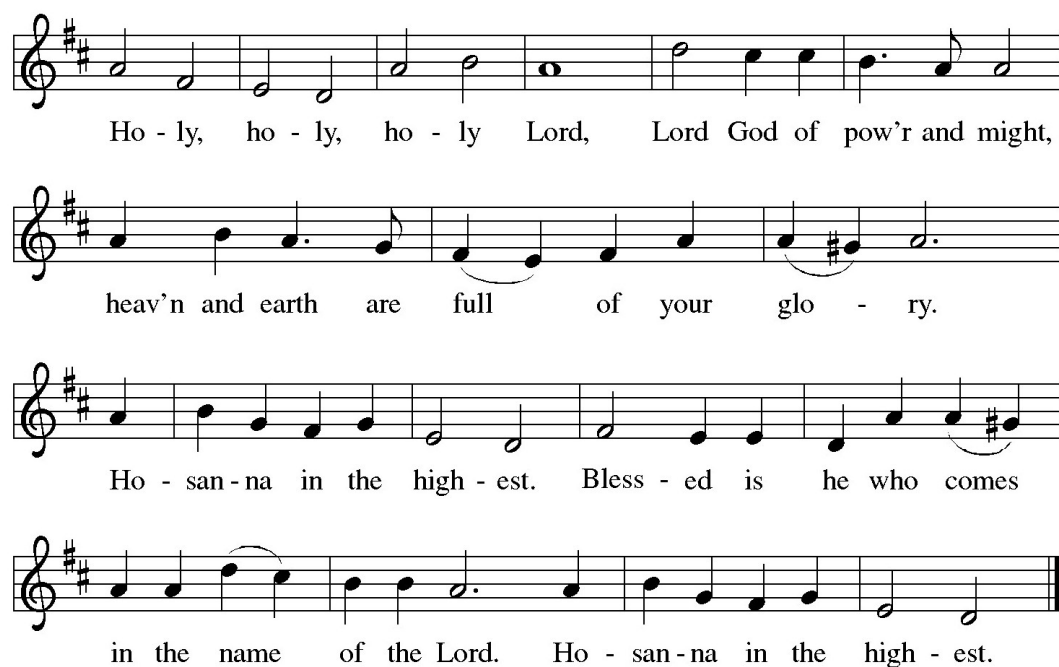
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I  
have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

*Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

Let us enthusiastically and boldly pray as Jesus taught us,

**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.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

AM: Let us pray,

**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.**



AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,  
**Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
 Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

### We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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AM: Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**We will, with God's help!**

Postlude

### Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Cindy Bagocius

Acolyte: Ava Medina

Accompanist: No Organist

Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson and Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Jayne Schrader and Beth Shaheen

Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek

Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.

Reader: Nick Cignetti

Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers by: Carol Snyder and Becky Drakulich in loving memory of husband, father and grandfather, Bud Snyder

### March 31, 2023 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Darlene Milavickas

Acolyte: Ben Keith

Accompanist: Steve Moore

Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas and Sally Bunyan

Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek

Presiding Minister: Rev. William C. Weidenbach Jr.

Reader: Randy Cizek

Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

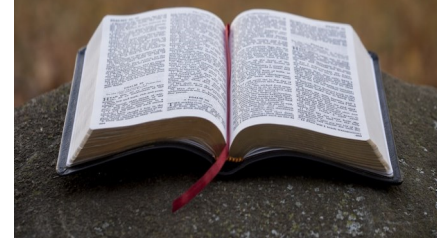
Flowers By: Beth Shaheen & Family in celebration of Betty Boettler 94th birthday

### Bible Readings for March 31

~Acts 10:34-43

~1 Corinthians 15:1-11

~Mark 16:1-8



Today's gospel reading starts with; "The next day". We know that this day Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, with people waving palms wanting to make him king. But, the day before, he raised Lazarus from the dead. The people were amazed and the church leadership were fearful. Both groups saw his power, but they reacted in different ways. Neither of their ways was what Jesus wanted. He wanted them to follow him, to do as he did, to care for the oppressed, the overlooked, the alien and the enemy. Are you willing to follow Jesus in his way of caring?



John 12:12-16  
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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We pray this week for Marty, Tina, Dani, Eleanor, Christopher, Russ, Denise and those affected by war. Contact Jayne Schrader at [prayer@zion-nc.com](mailto:prayer@zion-nc.com)

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**Today, 10:15 - 11:15 am**

*The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church*



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 chocolate bar with adorable bunny  
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**Sewing for comforters**  
 Every Monday 10:00 am to noon  
 Contact office for more info on how to join!




**Food  
 Pantry**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
 9:00 am—Setup  
 12:00 pm—Hot Meal  
 1:00 pm—Distribution



**Comfort Givers**  
 Lap and full comforters made  
 2nd & 4th Thursdays—10:00 am to noon  
 Contact office for more info

John 12:12-16  
 Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



*Dwelling in a world  
 created with love and  
 entrusted to our care*

**Stewardship in the Gospel**  
 Jesus enters Jerusalem for the last time. The people wave palms and implore him to save them. They want to be saved from fear, worry and despair. Jesus wants to free them too. But he wants to free them, not just from those debilitating actions, but free them to serve.

**Stewardship in our Community**  
 Too many in our community live in fear and worry. They worry about their food insecurity. They worry about their lack of adequate housing. They worry about how they are oppressed and scorned. Jesus frees us from those worries, not for our benefit alone, but so that we can benefit others.


**Stewardship in practice**  
 This week, look around your life; how are you comfortable? What do you have that can be used to benefit others? Can you give a kind word? Can you give away some of your good clothes? Can you skip a coffeeshop purchase or two and give the money away to a charity? Can you take some of your free-time to serve your community? Of course, you can; that's why Jesus freed you.



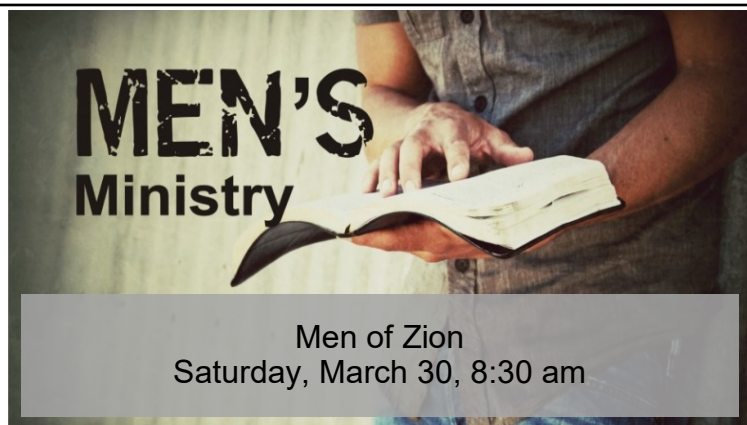
**Easter  
 Worship  
 Service**

**Sunday  
 March 31  
 9am**

*The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church, continued*

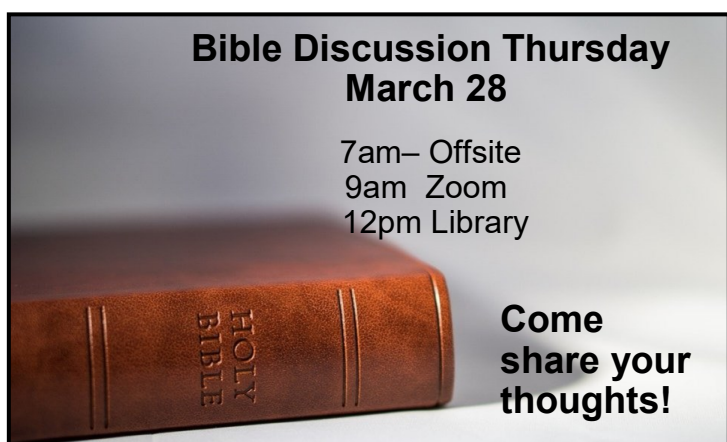


**NO**  
Wednesday Casual  
Worship Service 7PM  
March 27



**MEN'S  
Ministry**

Men of Zion  
Saturday, March 30, 8:30 am



**Bible Discussion Thursday  
March 28**

7am– Offsite  
9am Zoom  
12pm Library

**Come  
share your  
thoughts!**



Mark your calendars for the Stark Hunger Walk  
Sunday, May 5. Info on bulletin board in hallway  
All proceeds benefit the Stark County Regional  
Foodbank!



**Property Ministry Meeting  
Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm**

*Easter Lily  
Deadline  
Monday,  
March 25  
\$12.00 Each*



*Memorials will  
be inserted  
in Easter Sunday Bulletin and in  
April Newsletter*



**Holy Week  
Begins**

No 7pm Wednesday Service  
Maundy Thursday Service  
7pm  
Good Friday Service  
7:30pm

**TIME TO SIGN UP!**



**APRIL 14  
10AM—2PM**