

Zion & Silver Creek Lutheran Churches, ELCA
Thief River Falls, MN
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
March 28, 2021



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then 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 Bethany with the twelve.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" ELW #344

Refrain

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| All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring. | 3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. <i>Refrain</i> | 4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i> | 5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. <i>Refrain</i> |

Leader: As we begin our worship this sacred time of Holy Week, let us recognize before God and one another why the Passion of our Savior was necessary. Let us turn to God and confess our sins.

People: Almighty and merciful God, as we follow once again the way of the cross, we are faced with our sinfulness. That which you require of us we have failed to do. That which you forbid we have rebelliously done. We are guilty, blessed abundantly, and we have abused our privilege and strayed from your will. God, mercifully forgive us and do not forsake us.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

L: Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah & Savior of the world.

P: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

L: The people of the world shout Hosanna to the loving Christ!

P: **Hosanna to the son of David! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

L: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed the whole world. On this day, Jesus, your Son and our Savior, entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. Those who saw him, even little children, acclaimed him Son of David and King of Kings. They celebrated his coming by scattering their garments in his path and by raising palm branches. Today we remember this event and we raise and wave our palm branches together as we say:

Please hold your palm high above your head and say:

P: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We hail you as the Son of God, our Savior and King!**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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? *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 31:9–16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

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. *The word of the Lord...* **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Madison Crane

*(*please stand as you are able)*

***GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-39**

P The holy Gospel...
C 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." ...

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ale Tulu

HYMN OF THE DAY “Were You There” ELW # 353

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| <p>1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?</p> <p>2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?</p> <p>3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.</p> | <p>Were you there when they pierced him in the side?</p> <p>4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?</p> <p>5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?</p> |
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*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 into hell. 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

Congregational response: Your mercy is great

*PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Almighty God, we receive with joy and gratitude everything you give to us in trust. Your gifts in our hands will be used faithfully to do your will. All your gifts, with the increase you provide, we offer in worship and in service.
Amen.

***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.

***BLESSING** Response: **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG** “My Song is Love Unknown” LBW Hymn # 94 vs1-4

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend;
who at my need his life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise;
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The living Christ has set you free.

C: Free indeed!

WELCOME! ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician: Laura Rude *Worship assistant/ Cross Bearer:* Millie Reiersen *Ushers:* Arett Family
Reader: Dan Bartsch *Acolyte:* Megan Brevik *Tech assist:* Megan Peterson

OUR PRAYERS TO Desiree Bertilrud recovering at home

OUR SYMPATHY TO Judy Hams & family on the death of her husband Mitch Hams.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in memory of Loved Ones by Lylian Richards

ZION'S WEBSITE Sponsor for March is Zion memorials

REMINDER to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org. in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

HOLY COMMUNION -April 4 & 18. Home communion may be picked up at Zion.

EASTER LILIES—If you would like to bring an Easter lily for Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of someone, please let the church office know by **March 29th**.

THE 12TH ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL will be on Friday April 2nd starting at Noon. We will break for the Good Friday service and then continue after the service. There is a sign up sheet, but is not necessary. Please come as you are and when you can. The hope is to have someone in the sanctuary continually through out the day praying. With the year we have been through, prayer is more important then ever. This is an experience you won't soon forget and what a wonderful way to renew our mind, heart and soul! This is a time of mediation and prayer and booklets will be provided. There will also be a box for prayer requests. All are welcome! Questions please call Deb Holtan at 686-3758 or 449-4645.

LAY READERS : We are looking for lay readers for the 8:30 Sunday services. If you are interested, please call the church office at 681-3296 or Carol Narverud at 681-4805. We'd love to have you

ZION QUILTERS will meet Thursday, April 8 @ 1PM and Wednesday, April 21 @1PM Anyone interested in helping with this project is welcome to come. The usual spring pick-up for Lutheran World Relief quilts and care kits is May 1. Watch for information on work sessions for assembling various kits and final packing for shipment in April. If you have gathered items for kits during the past year, please bring them to church to be included.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS Sign-up sheets on Madison's office door to Acolyte, Read, or Tech Crew for Sunday worship.

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

March 15-21 income: \$6,748.

March 1-21 income: \$17,150.

Year to Date income Jan 1– March 21: \$73,185.

2021 budget \$350,940. / \$6,748 is needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, March 28: PALM SUNDAY

8:30 Zion worship; Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio;
9:30 Online Sunday School posted
9:30 6/7 Grade Zoom Devotional
10:00 Silver Creek Worship
11:30 First Communion Class in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 29: Parish Nurse available by appointment

Tuesday, March 30: 9:30 Staff meeting,
Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, March 31:

6:00 Confirmation Leaders meeting at Zion
7:00 Senior Choir
7:30 Sunrise service practice

Thursday, April 1: MAUNDY THURSDAY

11-12 or 1-2 Acolyte training
6:30 worship with students who completed the required classes to receive
their First Communion

Friday, April 2: GOOD FRIDAY

10-11 Sunrise service rehearsal
Prayer Vigil will begin at Noon
6:30 worship
Prayer Vigil continues following worship.

Sunday, April 4: EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM—Holy Communion Sunrise Service at Zion -Youth led
8:30 AM—Holy Communion Easter Worship at Zion
10:00 AM— Holy Communion Easter Worship at Silver Creek

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