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TRADITIONAL SERVICE
MARCH 28/29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY



Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING

Katie Weiland, Pastoral Intern

ASSISTING:

5 PM Pr Connie Tiede

8 & 9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

OPENING LITANY:

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

Hosanna to the Lord.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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,
 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.

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 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.

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM)

CHILDRENS ANTHEM (9 AM):

“Jesus the King”..... Schram
Kids Choir, Callie Pendergrass, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world.

Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet.

Hear the good news: Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Lord of the Cross...

Hear our prayers.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MANY WAYS
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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (5 PM, 8 & 9 AM):

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” arr. Larter
Terry Elliot, violin; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

OFFERTORY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the One who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour white grape juice.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Ah, Holy Jesus

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE PASSION STORY ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

5 PM: Reader 1 - Judy Bendiske; Reader 2 Greg Bergeron

8 AM: Reader 1 - Marcia Wilson; Reader 2 - Joe Kyes

9 AM: Reader 1 - Ron Gray; Reader 2 - Kathy Quade

11 AM: Reader 1 - Jim Bauer; Reader 2 - Sylvia Goldman

MATTHEW 27:11-23

Reader 1: Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Reader 2: Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Reader 1: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

HYMN: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow, vs 1

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1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

MATTHEW 27:24-31

Reader 2: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

Reader 1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

HYMN: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow, vs 2

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MATTHEW 27:32-44

Reader 2: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

Reader 1: And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Reader 2: Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

HYMN: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow, vs 3

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MATTHEW 27:45-54

Reader 1: From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Reader 2: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

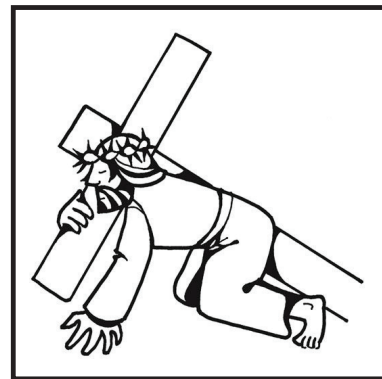
MEDITATION: Katie Weiland

SENDING ANTHEM (9 AM):

"Gentle Savior" by Taylor and Budda
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, O hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.
Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.
Savior, hear my humble cry, do not pass me by.*

*Trusting only in Thy merit, humbly would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.
Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven by Thee?
Savior, hear my humble cry, do not pass me by.*



SENDING

SENDING HYMN: *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1*

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Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

DISMISSAL:

We are now in Holy Week. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the Welcome Desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!

WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance
Units Available

*Hearing assistance units
are available at the
sound booth at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the
sanctuary where a wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are avail-
able outside the sanctu-
ary. We have two "pray
grounds" in the sanctuary
with plenty of places just
outside the sanctuary as
well where children can
sit and play.*

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JOIN US AS HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

April 2: Maundy Thursday.

WORSHIP AT 12 NOON & 6:30 PM

*Jesus proclaims, "I AM the Bread of Life. And we share
in that bread together in the gift of Holy Communion.*

April 3: Good Friday.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AT 12 NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

*"I AM" He...Jesus tells us that the one who sent him is with
Jesus and he has been sent to be lifted up for all people.*

April 4/5: Celebration of Easter.

SATURDAY WORSHIP AT 5 PM | SANCTUARY

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8, 9:30 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

We proclaim together Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!