

# Zion Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Texas

**Palm Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

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P=Presider **R=Responses**

## BELLS

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please prepare your heart and mind for worship)*

### PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

*"The Trees of the Field"* by Stuart Dauermann & Steffi Geiser Rubin; based on Isaiah 55:12

*(The congregation gathers outside the front doors.)*

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

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

**R Hosanna in the highest!**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

P After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BENEDICTION

P Wherever you go, may God go with you: may he go before you to show you the way...behind you to encourage you...beside you to befriend you...above you to watch over...and within you to give you peace. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

**R Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* (vs.1,2,6) **HYMN NO. 343**  
**to tune NO. 640**

**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?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!  
Who at my need his life did spend!**

**Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!  
I all my days could gladly spend!**

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*"King of Kings"* ~Music: Ancient Hebrew Folk Song; Lyrics: Sophie Conty & Naomi Batya

*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to share the body and blood of Jesus that are present in the bread and wine of communion. If you do not wish to participate, you may still come forward for a blessing. As you come forward, please have your hands open to receive a wafer (the body of Christ). **If you desire a gluten free wafer and/or white grape juice, please hold up two fingers to the server.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*“Lamb of God”*

**HYMNAL p. 154**



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.

*“Lead Me to Calvary”* by William J. Kirkpatrick & Jennie E. Hussey

*“Just As I Am”* by William B. Bradbury & Charlotte Elliott

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**R Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**R Amen**

**BLESSING OF THE PALM BRANCHES**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

*(The people raise their palm branches.)*

**P** 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.

**R Amen**

*(The congregation enters the Sanctuary during the Gathering Hymn, waving their palms.)*

**GATHERING**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

**GATHERING HYMN** *“Ride On, Ride On in...”* (vs.1,2,3) **HYMN NO. 346**  
**to tune in Old Service Book & Hymnal NO. 73**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, your road pursue,  
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

**GREETING**

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

**R And also with you.**

## LITANY

A O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**R His steadfast love endures forever!**

A This is the day that the LORD has made;

**R Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

A Jesus Christ, you were the stone we rejected,

**R Yet you have become our Cornerstone,**

A The one we look to as the best example of God's Love;

**R The one we exalt above all others.**

A We are spreading our cloaks out on the path.

**R Laying palm branches at your feet.**

A We offer every good thing we have:

**R Every talent.**

A Every blessing.

**R Every moment.**

A Every word and thought.

**R Every thing of value that we claim.**

A Help us to remain in your steadfast love -

**R Rooted in gratitude and grounded in your presence;**

A To stay - no matter what the crowds around us do-

**R Steeped in compassion and centered in mercy.**

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

**R Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**

P Hosanna to the King of Kings!

**R He is the King of glory.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

**R Amen**

*(Please remain standing as you are able)*

## DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

**R And also with you.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world. Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**R Amen**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**R Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**R 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**

P When we eat this bread, we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Welcome to the table of the Lord.

## HOLY COMMUNION

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**R 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

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R And also with you.**

## RESPONSE

*(Please be seated)*

## OFFERING

*"Blessed Redeemer"* by Harry Dixon Loes & Avis B. Christiansen

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## OFFERING SONG

*"As the Grain of Wheat"* (vs.2) **HYMN NO. 465**

### **Refrain:**

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain**

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638

*(Please be seated)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Hosanna"* by Dallas Holm

**Chancel Choir**

*(Depicting Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem)*

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I 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. <sup>7</sup> The 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; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

**R Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"Jesus, Remember Me"*

**HYMN NO. 616**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Repeat**

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community; Text © 1981 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Chapters.

**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**                      **Matthew 26:14--27:66**

*(See insert for full Gospel reading)*

**P**     The gospel of the Lord.

**R**     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kay Johnson*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“O Living Bread from...”* (vs.1,2,4)

**HYMN NO. 542**

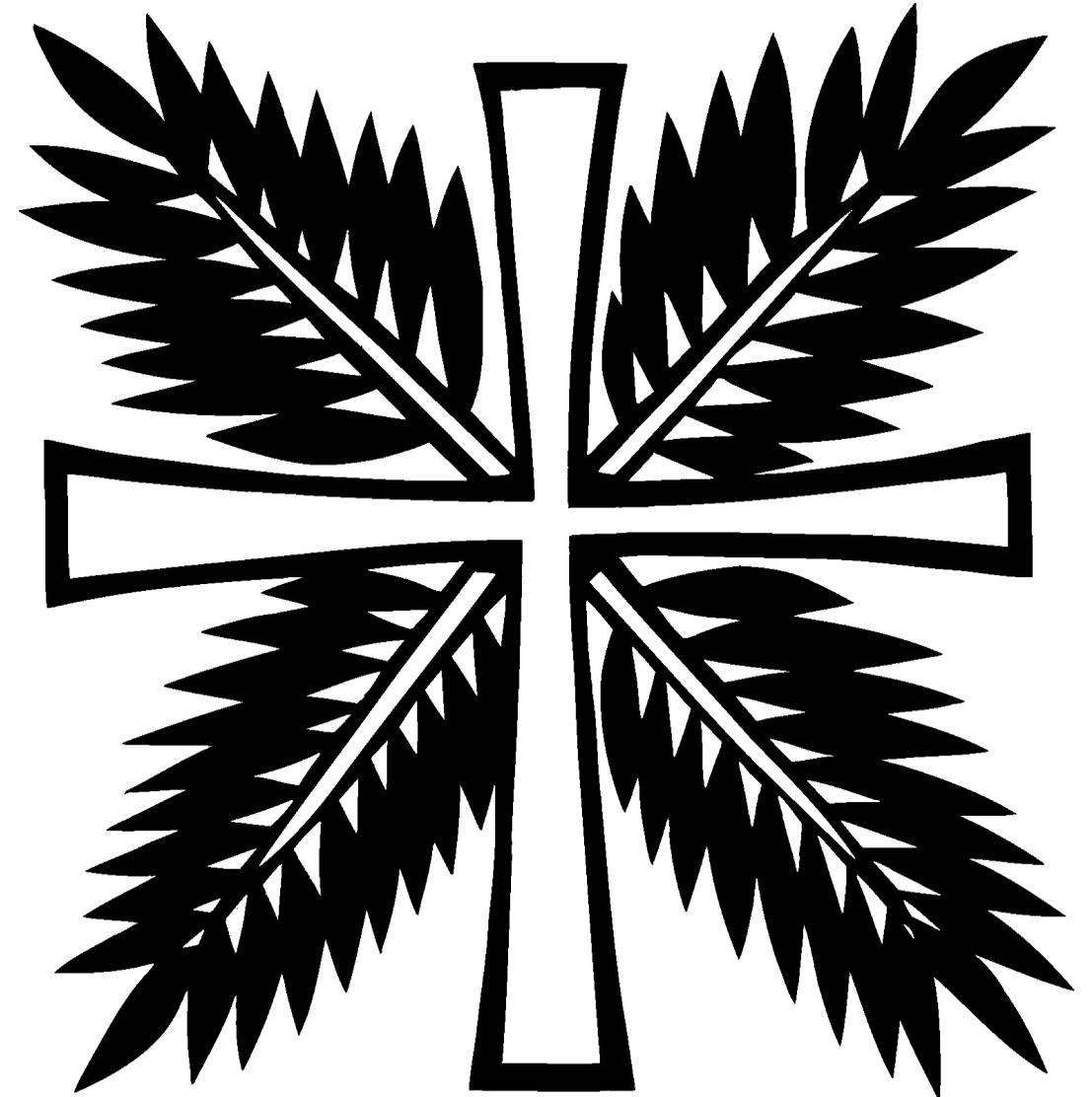
**O living Bread from heaven,  
how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given  
have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing!  
O cup that heals our woes!**

**My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.**

**My Savior, you have led me  
within your holiest place,  
and here yourself have fed me  
with treasures of your grace;  
for you have freely given  
what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**

**Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened  
with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened,  
to serve you, free from fear;  
and bring me home to praise you  
where none can peace destroy,  
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In our Hearts and Prayers:** Kathy Haley, Dot Jenkins (mother of Susan Otto), Memorial Presbyterian (the GCMA Church of the Week), our homebound and shut-ins, our Fredericksburg community, our nation, and the military.

**The April Special Concern** is Disaster Response for the tornadoes that hit the Mississippi area.

**Easter Schedule – see below under ministries for the week!**

**Easter Treats Needed:** We need small treats (candy, band-aids, hair twisties, stickers, etc.) to put inside the youth Easter eggs. There will be gray tubs in the Narthex and the Atrium that you can put your contribution in.

**A Youth Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 8. Meet at 9:15am in the Atrium. Don't forget your basket. **Volunteers are needed** to help with the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, please be here by 8:00am.

**Please bring** fresh cut flowers to church on Easter to add to the Crosses during the service.

**You're Invited** to a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch on Sunday, April 30 at 11am to honor our High School Graduates, Emily Beyer and Cade Lehne. If you wish to bring a dish to share, please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium. Gifts for our seniors may be placed in the laundry basket in the Atrium.

**Thank you** for your Lent Contributions of \$440 on 3/23. **Attendance:** 6pm – 31

**Thank you** for your Contributions of \$1,217 given last week. **Attend:** 9am – 54

**ASSISTANT & LECTOR** – Margaret Solbrig & Leslie Kneese

**USHERS** – Wilfred Crenwelge, Arleen Crenwelge, Darlene Hartmann  
Ron & Aleks Gant, Arthur Haun, Audrey Mayer

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

TUES – April 4

NO Choir Practice

WED – April 5

8:00am Men's Breakfast – Sewing Rm

9:30am WELCA Bible Study – Conf Rm

7:00pm Property Mtg – Library

THURS – April 6

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service w/Comm – Sanctuary

FRI – April 7

6:00pm Good Friday Service – Sanctuary

Office Closed

SAT – April 8

9:15am Easter Egg Hunt (meet in the Atrium)

SUN – April 9

6:30am Sunrise Service on Cross Mountain

7:30-8:30am Breakfast – Fell Hall

9:00am Easter Worship with Communion & Flowering of the Crosses (Live on YouTube)

10:15am SS – Fell Hall & Adult SS – Sewing Rm



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### Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

**Video on Zion's YouTube Channel at 9:00AM**

(go to [www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube](http://www.zion-lutheran.com/youtube))

**Broadcast on KNAF (910AM) at 10:30AM**

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Transitional Pastor – Rev. Kay Johnson

Pianist – Sheri Robinson

Choir Director – Rhonda Behrends

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