

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
*April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015*

# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday. Good Friday. Easter Sunday.

Notice something missing? Anything at all? Monday. Tuesday. And Wednesday. Jesus comes into Jerusalem on the Sunday before he is crucified, institutes the Lord's Supper on Thursday, is tried and executed on Friday, rests in the tomb on Saturday, and is raised to life on Sunday. But what about Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week? What did Jesus do then?

This evening, we are going to take a look at what Jesus did during the first half of his week in Jerusalem, giving special attention to the devotion of an un-named woman who prepared his body for burial.

I hope that, as we unpack what Jesus said and did during the first three or four days he spent in Jerusalem you will see why the authorities thought it best to put him to death. After all, Jesus had some pretty incredible things to say about those who opposed him, as well as for those who demonstrated faith in him. His teaching during the week leading up to his death mirrored that of his first public sermon to his disciples, the Sermon on the Mount: allegiance to him is the deciding factor on the Day of Judgment.

We'll take a look at what Jesus did Monday-Wednesday of that first "holy week," as well as answer several questions from last Sunday. And, just a reminder, we'll have services this Thursday and Friday at 7:00. We will have Communion at tomorrow's service, and Friday will be a "Tenebrae" service. Invite your friends and bring your family as we celebrate and remember the death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Duncan McLellan

**Rev. Duncan McLellan, Pastor**

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# Service of the Word

## *The Prelude*

## *Announcements*

(please stand)

**Opening Hymn:** Not All the Blood of Beasts

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## *The Invocation*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## *Confession and Absolution*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## *The Absolution*

## *The Prayers*

**Pastor:** ...Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Reading: Matthew 26:1-16**

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

***Sermon Hymn:*** I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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***Sermon***

***The Offering***

***The Lord's Prayer***

***Benediction***

**People: Amen!**

***The Recessional:*** Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise 917

***The Postlude***

**† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Elders:	Bill Bishop & David Hutula
Acolyte	Elder
Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland, Jim Oelschlager & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse & Carrie Lemonvich