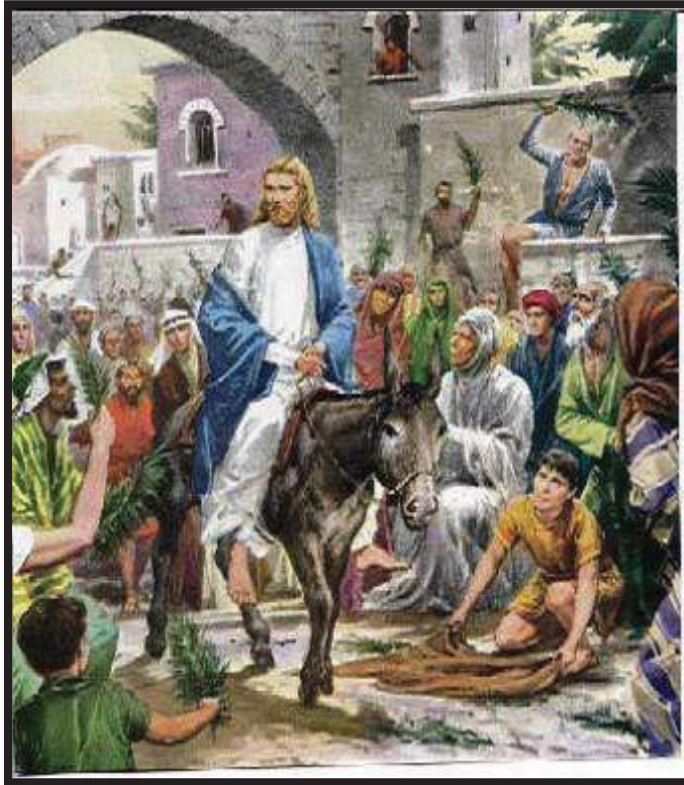


# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Palm Sunday*  
*March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Joseph DePalma in Memory of his parents, Margaret & Joseph DePalma and Carol Ann & Joe Prancel in Loving Memory of William R. Armstrong & for the Glory of God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Brian & Megan Pasquini in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** have arrived. Please pick your directory up in the narthex (1 per household).

**“ALL IN.”** That’s the theme for the upcoming men’s retreat at Camp Pioneer. Mark your calendars for April 16-19<sup>th</sup>; registration forms and a sign-up sheet are in the Narthex area.

**IT’S A WR@P.** Mark your calendar today for our first **Women’s Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Planning is underway for this event. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending! Any questions contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan or email [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org).

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We’ll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Zion is once again supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills through the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. You can help this pro-life ministry by taking a baby bottle from the table in the church narthex and filling it with your loose change or bills. Please return your filled bottle no later than **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. For more information on the ministry of the PRCSH see the insert in your bulletin.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Volunteer spots are going fast! Stations available are Games and Opening/Closing skits. Crew leader/helper positions are also available. Contact Katie Gielarowski or email [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org)

**GOT CARE?** Life is full of unexpected events that catch us off guard, make us grieve, shake our understanding of how the world works, leave us feeling lonely, or take us to any number of places we simply don’t want to go. If you need the hand of a brother or sister in Christ to help you get through the difficult seasons of life, we can help! Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill to see if Stephen Ministry is right for you!

**???????** If you have questions about what you heard in this morning’s sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday’s service and posted online.

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlc.org/sermons](http://www.zlc.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

What do you talk about in church and to your Christian friends? Do you talk about outreach? The difficulties in walking the walk? What's going on at church? How the sanctuary looks for the next major holiday or festival? How the last major event went? A new Christian song you like? Who you are praying for? What do you talk about in church and to your Christian friends?

Do me a favor over the next week. Notice what you talk about when you have a "Christian" conversation with someone. And then notice how often the conversation is about something other than the Savior. I've started noticing how infrequently we speak the name of the One who died for us, intercedes for us, and will call us out of our graves on the glorious day of his return. It's as if we're playing a game: how long can you go and not say the name that is above every name. It's weird; disturbing, actually.

This morning, we are going to talk about the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Messiah, the Christ. We'll take a look at the Old Testament lesson to see who it was God's people were looking forward to. The New Testament lesson will show us the praise and honor he receives. And the Gospel lesson will show us why he came into the world. We'll also take a look at the traditional Palm Sunday reading from the Gospel of Matthew to see some parallels between that text and the New Testament lesson, Revelation 5.

The study of God the Son, called Christology, is my favorite area of theology; I hope you will enjoy the next several weeks as much as I know I will. We've got a lot to cover as we begin taking a look at and speaking the name of Jesus!

God bless your time in worship!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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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 of Sins*

**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.**

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

**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.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

*Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins!  
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!  
Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment did the  
world redeem!*

*Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon  
cries.*

*Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel hosts rejoicing make their glad  
reply.*

*Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the  
precious blood!*

## **The Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:12-17**

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

### **The New Testament Reading: Revelation 5**

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its

seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its sea for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel Reading: John 3:13-18**

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

### ***Children’s Church (10:30)***

(Children ages Preschool - 6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children’s Church)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The Apostles’ Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**People: 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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Rob Oelschlager & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Jennifer Fitzgerald (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) Darren & Jennifer Elikor & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/22) – 203

Wednesday Attendance (3/25) – 46

Offering (3/22) – \$5,323.00

Wednesday Offering (3/18) - \$365.50

# Week of March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 3/29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class &amp; Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion &amp; Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 3/30</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 3/31</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4/1</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Midweek Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 4/2</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 4/3</p>	<p>7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 4/4</p>	
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 4/5 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Brunch 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>