

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 9, 2017

Connecting Through Grace — Celebrating in Worship and Song

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IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome!



WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org/bulletins Child Care Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

Hearing Devices Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.



Worship Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Education Hour
- 10:30 am Worship, Palm Sunday

Church Events

- Monday, April 10th
 - 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
 - * LMS on spring break
 - * David organ work all week
 - * 6:30 pm Cong Council Mtg
- Tuesday, April 11th
 - * 6:30-9 Ger/Am Chorus
- Wednesday, April 12th
 - 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Thursday, April 13th
 - 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship
- Friday, April 14th
 - 9 am Yoga-based exercise
 - Noon Good Friday Worship
 - * 7 pm Worship
- Saturday, April 15th
 - 10-11 am terrace room
 - 11 am Youth decorate for brunch
- Sunday, April 16th, Easter Sunday
 - 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 8:30-10:15 am Easter Brunch
 - * 10:30 am Worship

For more information on these and other events go to www.zelc.org

GATHERING

The assembly gathers outside the usual worship space, so that all may enter in procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew, Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

The palms with which we celebrate Christ as king in this Palm Procession will be the ashes of our confession on Ash Wednesday.

The verb 'to bless' is a circular word: God blesses the world with life, and in gratitude we bless God. On this Sunday, we bless God for the palm branches and ask that through them God bless us all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

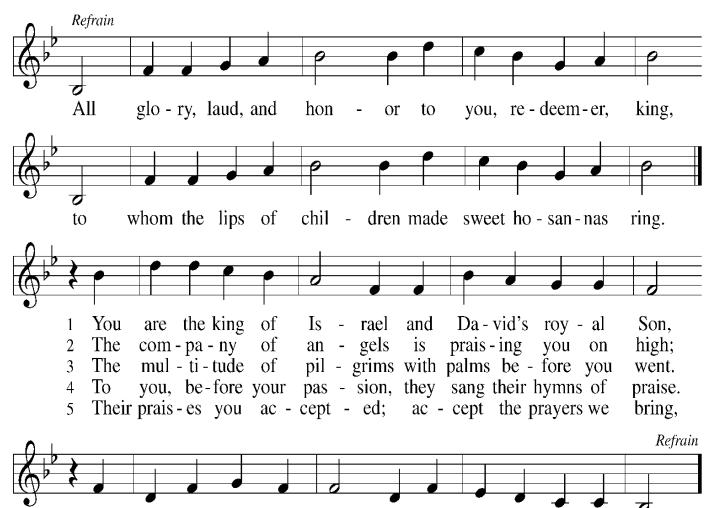
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

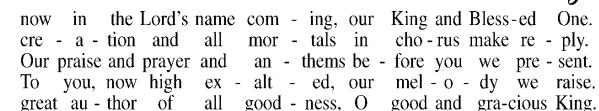
Amen.

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the minister, as the Processional Hymn is sung.





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

Zion's Children's Choirs

"Lift Up the Gates"

Uri Shelevsky

Prayer of Day

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. *Amen.*

Zion's Children's Choirs

"There's No One in This World Like Jesus"
"Hail the King Who Comes a Riding"
"To Arrive"

trad.,Shona, Zimbabwe Carl Orff Jamaican tune

WORD

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a
The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon.
This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's lector, Alyce Gross, is a passionate teacher of the Word 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;

*he 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?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11
Paul uses an early
Christian hymn to help
us comprehend Jesus'
obedient selflessness on
the cross and how God
has made Christ lord
over all reality. The
perspective of the cross
becomes the way we
rightly understand God,
Christ, our own lives,
and fellowship within the
community of Christ.

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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.

NARRATOR: The Passion Gospel according to St. Matthew

PEOPLE: Glory to you, O Lord.

PASTOR: When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

JESUS: ²You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

NARRATOR: ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said,

PEOPLE: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: ⁶Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said,

PEOPLE: "Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor."

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:14--27:66 In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

NARRATOR: 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

JESUS: "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said,

JUDAS: "What will you give me if I betray him to you?"

NARRATOR: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

PEOPLE: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: ¹⁸He said,

JESUS: "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."

NARRATOR: ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

NARRATOR: ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

PEOPLE: "Surely not I, Lord?"

NARRATOR: ²³He answered,

JESUS: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

NARRATOR: ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said,

JUDAS: "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "You have said so."

NARRATOR: ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS: "Take, eat; this is my body."

NARRATOR: ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

NARRATOR: ³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: 33 Peter said to him,

PETER: "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

NARRATOR: 34 Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: 35 Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And so said all the disciples. ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

NARRATOR: ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR: ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR: 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

NARRATOR: ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

NARRATOR: ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS: "Greetings, Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: Then Judas kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

NARRATOR: 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. ⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said,

WITNESS: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

NARRATOR: ⁶²The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: 63 But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

HIGH PRIEST: "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

NARRATOR: ⁶⁴Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

NARRATOR: 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?"

NARRATOR: They answered,

PEOPLE: "He deserves death."

NARRATOR: ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying,

PEOPLE: "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: ⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

SERVANT: "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

NARRATOR: ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying,

PETER: "I do not know what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

SERVANT: "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

NARRATOR: 72 Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man."

NARRATOR: 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

PEOPLE: "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

NARRATOR: ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know the man!"

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said,

JUDAS: "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

NARRATOR: But they said,

PEOPLE: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

NARRATOR: ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

PEOPLE: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

NARRATOR: ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR: ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While 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." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them,

PILATE: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

NARRATOR: And they said,

PEOPLE: "Barabbas."

NARRATOR: ²²Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR: All of them said,

PEOPLE: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: ²³Then he asked,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

PEOPLE: "Let him be crucified!"

NARRATOR: ²⁴So 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,

PILATE: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

NARRATOR: ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered,

PEOPLE: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

NARRATOR: ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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,

PEOPLE: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

PEOPLE: "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."

NARRATOR: ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

PEOPLE: ⁴²"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. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

NARRATOR: ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

PEOPLE: "This man is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: ⁴⁸At 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. ⁴⁹But the others said,

PEOPLE: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

NARRATOR: ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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,

PEOPLE: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: ⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said,

PEOPLE: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

NARRATOR: 65 Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

NARRATOR: ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection Music

"Mary at the Garden" Soloist: Lauren Furst with Joyful NOIZ

Shirley McRae

The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

We ask for strength of healing with Bruce Sigvardt, Teddy and Gwen Butson & the Butson family, Alane Boyd, Rod Schroeder, Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost, Carol Thompson, Alice Schroeder, Mark Brown, Dorothy Nielsen, Hal Sinn, Erin Grussendorf. We pray for Tiffany Klemz, Heidi Helstad, Pr. Genny Rowley and all mothers with child. We pray for the care of your good creation. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Kyler Hardy, Fritz & Barbara Reed, Lori Davidson & Kevin, Jamie, Patty Dahlin, Larry Harper, Sue & husband, Beth, Michael Rusnack, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Amy, Cheryl, Matt, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Deena & Vlodney, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Carla, Susie, Mike, Kelly, Duane, Christian, Mary; for families in troubled marriages; for those in mental distress and their caregivers. For the ministries of Sunday School, Let Me Shine, and seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For all military personnel and their families. We pray for Paul, Kent, Rowan, Christian and Bryce our brothers in Christ in prison. We pray for our nation. We lift up our commitment to 'Connecting through Grace — Celebrating in Worship and Song.' We pray for families vulnerable to detention or deportation. We raise up congregational council leaders. Prayers of thanksgiving on the birth of Andrew Peter to Leah Staks, grandson to Peter & Reb Staks.

Each petition concludes, "God of Love", and the people prayerfully respond, "hear our prayer."

Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office (office@zelc.org) or Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org).

The Sharing of the Peace

John 20 More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

Gathering of the Gifts



MEAL

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to http://www.zelc.org/giving or scan the code to the left.

Anthem

David Chamberlin

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into Thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert. *Thanks be to God*.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

<u>Newcomers & Visitors:</u> You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

"Come to the Table"
"Were You There"
"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Hymn No. 481 Hymn No. 353

Hymn No. 349

After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.

Table Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

Please stand.

Benediction

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you +peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" vs. 1 & 3

Hymn No. 339

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

SERMON NOTES:		

Lessons for next Sunday, April 16, 2017
The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

- Acts 10:34-43
- **♦** Colossians 3:1-4
 - John 20:1-18

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross, Shepherd.

Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We are using the book 'Grounded' by Diana Butler Bass for our discussion. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying "The NAG Hammadi Scriptures", an updated translation of the gnostic texts.

Men's Bible Study-meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the lesser known books of the bible; currently it is Amos & Obediah.

Lydia Circle-meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11am in the church library. All are welcome. The group will study the weekly lectionary.

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study—An open forum on the lessons of the day, with a focus on the Gospel, will be held in the lounge from 9:15--10:15. Whether there is a leader or not, discussing scripture is one way to help it become the living word. All are welcome.

Adult Bible Study—Pastor Steve leads this class which meets in the atrium, 9:15-10:15. The word for April: PEACE; we will explore our prayer: "...give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts." All are welcome.

Thursday Adult Bible Study—Join Pastor Steve at 11:00 AM in the church library. All are welcome. *Exploring the L Word*. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

YOUTH NEWS: April 30 at 10:45 am Our Savior's Lutheran Church

The High School and Middle School youth will continue their Amazing gRace tour of ELCA church visits. We hope to connect with other Evangelical Lutheran youth throughout the valley. Parents please encourage your youth to attend and be sure to send them with some money for lunch.



YOUR TIME & TALENTS NEEDED

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 There are many ways to help out at ZELC. Contact info is given or signup sheets can be found at www.zelc.org, or in the main hall.

- Greeters Needed! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.
- Name tags. Remember to wear your name tag! Don't have one?—grab a blank tag and fill in your name. They are located on the tall kiosk in the Narthex. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance

Attendance for Lenten Worship April 5th: 26

STEWARDSHIP

Each of you must give what you have decided in your heart, not with regret or under compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.

• Yearly Operating Budget 2017: \$447,462

• Weekly Operating Budget: \$8,605

• Last Week's Offerings: \$5,978.00 = 64% of weekly

• Total Received this year: \$82,656.00 = 68.6% Yearly Budget

• April 2, 2017 @ 8:15: 26 @ 10:30: 90

• Sunday school attendance: 80

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Episcopal Church, 1700 S Foothill Dr., is hosting Family Promise from April 30 to May 7. Zions' volunteers are covering Wednesday May 3rd for the evening meal and night time host until the overnight person arrives. Please let Doris Mason know if you are available to help out on May 3rd; dorismildred05@msn.com.

Easter Egg Decorating: Saturday, April 15th 10-11:00 AM in the terrace room. Bring your own eggs and we will provide the decorating supplies. You may also purchase eggs from the youth for \$5/doz. All proceeds go to ELCA World Hunger. See the sign-up sheet by the library.

THE STORY CONTINUES THIS HOLY WEEK:

April 13th Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM April 14th Good Friday Worship Noon & 7:00 PM Child care available for the evening services.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday April 16th Worship at 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM

Easter Brunch with Easter Egg Hunt begins at 8:30 AM

JPCOMING EVENTS





TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Steven Klemz—Preacher & Presiding Minister David Chamberlin - Organist | Dianne Krehbiel - Music Director Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director Ann Marie Mogren + Denny Gross, Altar Guild Coffee hour hosted by Tanya Foster

8:15 AM Worship

Rachel Kibler, Cantor

10:30 AM Worship

Denny Gross, Assisting Minister Kurt Kragthorpe, Marsha Gilford + Volunteers, Ushers

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