

Palm Sunday

Hosanna: Blessed is the
King of Israel that cometh
in the name of the Lord.

John 12:13, KJV



Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

March 24, 2024
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3

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PRELUDE

Ride On, O King Ride On

Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and
examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we
have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Stand/Kneel)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

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.

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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

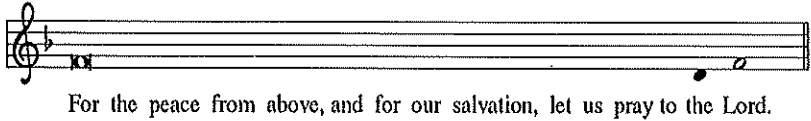
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

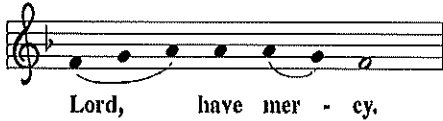
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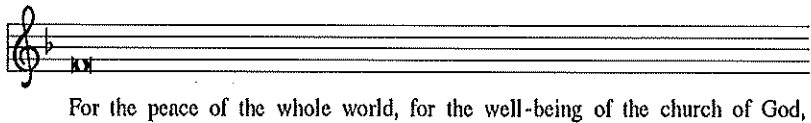
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



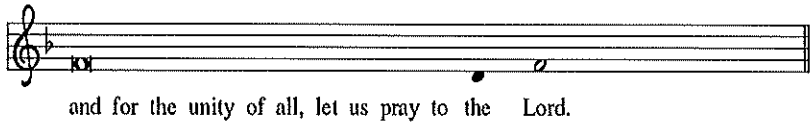
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



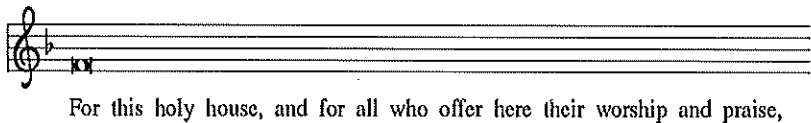
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



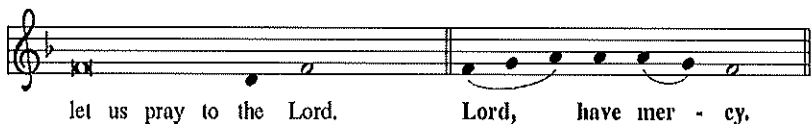
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



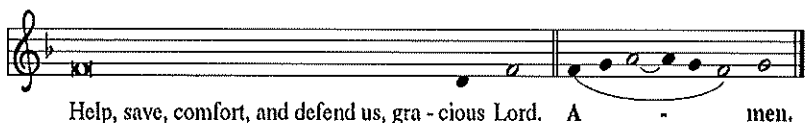
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Insert

PSALM 118:19-29

Insert

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The holy gospel according to Saint John twelfth chapter.

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

GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"*

#345

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:00 CHOIR: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
10:30 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* Powell

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



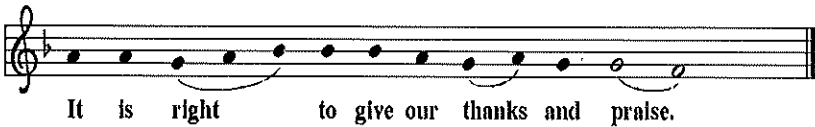
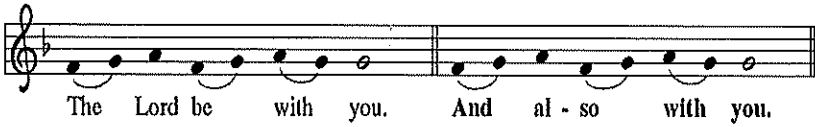
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

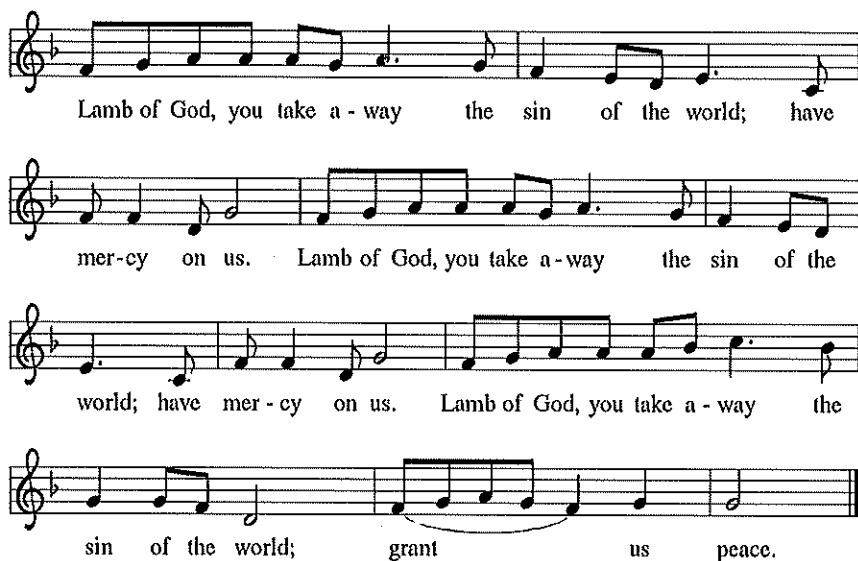
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

#468

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

#469

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son, our Lord; forgiven us and wiped away the shame of our sins. Make us bold to go out in the world proclaiming your love and mercy so all may be fed with this Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”* #339

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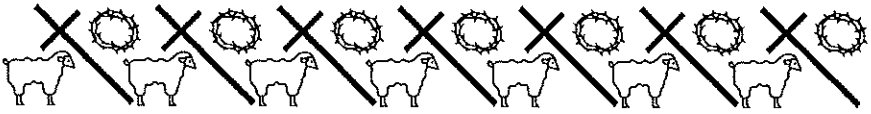
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March

Saint-Saens



Memory Verse:

Zechariah 9:12

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.



Happy
Anniversary!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of John & Donna Ankerman's 33rd Wedding Anniversary on March 21.

Today, March 24*

Acolytes: 8AM: Colton Ankerman
10:30am: Cason Meinerding

Communion 8AM: Jeanne Wurster

Assistants: 10:30AM: Ann Maki

Crucifers: 8AM: Genevieve Brown
10:30AM: Calianna Bond-Awls

Ushers: 8AM: Deb Henning, Doug Stetler,
Rhonda Weaver, Jeanne Wurster
10:30AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Dana Cook,
Keith Fledderjohann, Darl Bishir

Fellowship 8AM: Joyce Ross
Table: 10:30AM: Debbie & Stan Brown

Greeters: 8AM: Vic Von Blon, Chris White
10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Joni Immenschuh

Readers: 8AM: Linda Decker
10:30: Darl Bishir

Next Sunday, March 31*

Acolytes: 7AM: Zoey Lampert
10:30am: Maylee Fischbach

Communion 7AM: Jeanne Wurster
Assistants: 10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem

Crucifers: 7AM: Makenna Meinerding
10:30AM: Megan Miller

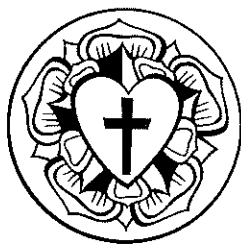
Ushers: 7AM: Ryan, Brandy, Eliza & Zaila Yahl
10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Stan & Debbie Brown,
Darl Bishir

Fellowship 7AM: Ruth Ann Merriman
Table: 10:30AM: Deb Henning

Greeters: 7AM: Becky Harvey, Judy Schultz
10:30AM: Sandy Wierwille, Joni Immenschuh

Readers: 7AM: Steve McAfee
10:30: Dan Macklem

* Subject to change, correct as of time printed



Zion Lutheran Church is a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). www.thenalc.org

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| ATTENDANCE | Last Wednesday: 68 |
| Sunday 8 a.m.: 53, 10:30 a.m.: 45, Total for the Day: 98 | |
| | Total for Week: 166 |
| DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION | |
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| MINISTERS..... | All Members of Zion |
| CHURCH WEBSITE | www.zionstmarys.org |
| CHURCH OFFICE..... | 419-394-3115 |

Calendar for March 24—April 7, 2024

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| S/24 | 8:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday Worship+* |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Palm Sunday Worship* |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Seder Meal |
| T/26 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Workshop |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Dorcas Quilting |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Anniversary Meeting |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Bulletin Information Deadline |
| W/27 | 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Th/28 | 6:30 p.m. | Foot Washing |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday/First Communion/ Striping of the Altar |
| F/29 | 12 Noon | Office Closes |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Service of Shadows |
| S/31 | 7:00 a.m. | Easter Sunrise Worship* |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Easter Breakfast |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Easter Worship* |
| M/1 | | Office Closed |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Troop #360 |
| T/2 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Workshop |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Dorcas Quilting |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Bulletin Deadline |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Council Meeting |
| W/3 | 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Book Club |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Worship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class |

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| T/4 | 11:30 p.m. | Middle Class Bible Release |
| S/7 | 8:00 a.m. | 50 th Anniversary Celebration Worship+* |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Cookie Fellowship for Confirmation Classes 2000 to 2009 |
| | 10:30 a.m. | 50 th Anniversary Celebration Worship* |

**Holy Communion*

+Livestreamed on www.zionstmarys.org & on WCSM 96.7 Radio

We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Ronald Suchland, Vicki Bishir, Emily Henkle, Faith Williams, Don, Warren Hoenie, Bill & Carolyn Slemmons, Vicki Homan, Markham Hodge, Ed Morris, Allie Gross, Margaret Miller, Donna Maynard, Janet, Bill Fuller, Alan Bishir, Analisa Bouscaren, Carol Eshelman, Forrest Cooper, Kelsey, Anthony (Tony) Hardeman, Lisa Suchland, Eileen Zimmerman, Kate Elsass, Dyne Hoenie, Vic Von Blon, Don Applegate, Sandy Hasis, Deb, Julie Vogel, Teresa Roode, and the people affected by the recent tornadoes.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Daniel C. Lukac IV, Michael Franklin, Kyle Schmehl and Wyatt Duncan who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Congratulations to Caleb & Amber Yahl on the birth of their son, Alexander Edward Yahl.

Thank you to the Boy Scout Troop #360 for taking care of this week's soup supper.

Our loose offering each Sunday/Wednesday in March is for the 20/20 Vision which provides the pathway to ensuring a legacy of faith today, tomorrow & forever in all NALC congregations through four primary objectives: Grow, Serve, Renew and Fulfill. More details can be found at: <https://vision.thenalc.org> Our Easter Sunday loose plate will go to Zion's current expenses.

Mindy Thiebeau and Ann Maki have resigned their positions here at Zion. As a show of thanks for their years of service, let's shower them with cards of thanks. The cards may be sent to the church office or their respective homes.

The trustees are looking for individuals to help with mowing the church cemetery or the lawn around the church. If you are interested in one or both, contact the church office or Dana Cook.

Reminder to those who signed up: Our Seder Meal will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 5 p.m., **today**.

Holy Week & Easter Services

- Maundy Thursday Service with students receiving their First Communion and Stripping of the Altar will be held on **Thursday, March 28**, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary with Foot Washing at 6:30 p.m.*
- Good Friday Service of Shadows will be held on **Friday, March 29**, at 7 p.m., in the sanctuary. This is a Non-Communion Service.
- **Easter Sunday, March 31:**
 - Easter Sunrise Traditional Service will be at 7 a.m.*
 - Easter Breakfast will be from 8-9 a.m., in the Auditorium. If you plan to attend, please sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" or call the church office with the number attending.

- Sunday School will be at its usual time of 9:15 a.m.
 - Easter Worship Service will be at 10:30 a.m.*
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Reminder: The Lenten Fundraiser envelopes need to be turned in **Easter Sunday, March 31**. Please place them in the offering plate. Thank you for supporting the women's mission projects and programs.

The church office will be closed at 12 noon on **Good Friday, March 29**, and all day on the Monday after Easter, **April 1**. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m.

The Sanctuary's 50th Anniversary will be recognized on **Sunday, April 7**, during the services. We will be celebrating 50 years since the building of our Sanctuary, Chapel, Lounge and Offices in 1974. We welcome, Mark Brodbeck, as guest speaker. Mark is the son of Onnolee & Eugene Brodbeck and brother to Joyce Finke. He and his family and wife, Barbara, were members of Zion.

Our next Zion Lutheran Confirmand Reunions for 175th Anniversary will be **Sunday, April 7: Classes 2000 through 2009**.

We are inviting the classes in this 10-year group to be either at the 8 a.m. and/or the 10:30 a.m. services on this Sunday. Each will be recognized at the service. At 9:15 a.m., after the 8 a.m. service, there will be refreshments in the Narthex to encourage fellowship among the confirmands and other members of Zion at that time.

The 2024 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the **Tuesday** before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and *contact the church*

office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Upcoming dates: **April 21 & 28.**



Sunday school classrooms in the 1908 brick church were full thanks to the baby boom generation of the 1950's. One youth class even had to meet in the old churches' bell tower where the bell pull rope presented a lesson in temptation to the students. To address the growing church an additional education building was constructed behind and was dedicated in 1956. Today we call this the education wing.

We will be collecting new or good used Bibles, to will be given to the NALC warehouse, they will hand out the Bibles to those who have experienced a natural disaster. We will no longer collect ink cartridges.

Would your child like to be more involved in church services? Does your child enjoy "performing"? If so, the new group "Act Up" may be exactly what they are looking for.

"Act Up" will perform short skits periodically during church services. There is no memorization required, the skits are short (5 to 8 minutes long) and involve 2 to 8 characters. The skits have uplifting themes based on scripture. Practices will be held during Sunday School time. Depending on the number of children interested, there may be a choice of service preference.

Skits are already picked out waiting for your child to "Act Up" in church. Please checkmark on "I Worship Today" if you are interested.

For questions or more information please text or call Dianne Uhlenhake, 419-305-5387.

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this ministry.

Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

| Weekly Budget | 12 Week Budget | 12 Week Income | Received 3/17 |
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| \$6,271--Current | \$75,252 | \$59,920 | \$6,131 |
| \$290--NALC Offering | \$3,480 | \$1,657 | \$113 |