Worship Service

April 13, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD Palm Sunday zionlutheranaberdeen.org

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, we come to meet Jesus, waving our hands and palms to greet his majesty. Remove from us any unsavory behavior that keeps us from being excited about your entry into our lives. Break any bonds that keep us from dwelling in your presence. Turn us around to live life with you.

Hear this: God draws us near, breaks down barriers, and dwells with you. You are saved because of his triumphant entry into the world. From a baby in a manger to a king's reception, Christ + restores you.

Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:29-40

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



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BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray together:

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, sharing a grateful shout: Hosanna in the highest! In the name of 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 SONG

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise. Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Lord, we lift up Your name with our hearts full of praise. Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings. Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings. Lord we lift up your name with our hearts full of praise. Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings. Be exalted, O Lord my God, hosanna to the King of Kings.

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Hosanna, King, **blessed are you, our King, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

SONG OF PRAISE

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide; And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, Three In One, Father, Spirit, Son; The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God.

Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing how great is our God. Name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing how great is our God.

How great is our God! Sing with me, how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God. How great, how great is our God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19-23

(read responsively)

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Jesus, You Have Given Me

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly. I lift my hands and praise your name. Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary. I lift my heart into your hands.

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 19:41-49

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, "It is written,

'My house shall be a house of prayer';

but you have made it a den of robbers."

⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

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

SERMON

The Wonderful Cross

SONG OF THE DAY

When I survey the wonderful cross, On which the Prince of Glory died. My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did ere such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross, All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small. Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayer response: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this congregation possible. We encourage everyone to give. We encourage you to consider giving a gift online at zionlutheranaberdeen.org/giving or by mail as you are able. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online.



OFFERING SONG

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts we have gathered so that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LITANY

We come to the table of the Lord bringing our whole selves. We come to the table honest about who we are.

We come to the table as a community.

We come to the table with our neighbors, both known and unknown.

We come to the table standing in the mercy of God. We come to the table receiving forgiveness through Christ.

We come to the table for healing. We come to the table knowing we will find reconciliation through the gift of Christ for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the work of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Table is set. God's generosity is here for you: bread for the journey and a feast for hungry hearts. Come.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of The Lord's Supper bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION SONG

Communion

This is the body, this is the blood. Broken and poured out for all of us. In this communion we share in His love. This is the body, this is the blood.

I will remember everything Lord, That You've done for me. I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free. I hunger and thirst for Your love Come fill me today.

This is the body, this is the blood. Broken and poured out for all of us. In this communion we share in His love. This is the body, this is the blood.

I will remember everything Lord, That You've done for me. I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free. We hunger and thirst for Your love. And Your righteousness We long for your presence here Lord. Be with us again. This is the body, this is the blood. Broken and poured out for all of us. In this communion we share in His love. This is the body, this is the blood.

BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace and received your generosity. Like grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; sharing the gifts of God with our neighbors; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BLESSING

As we leave this place in silence Lord, contemplating the sacrifice you made on our behalf: Let our hearts beat to the rhythm of your pulse. Let our soul be empathetic to the desperate cry of your pain. Let our mind be attuned to the hard decisions you made. Let our strength never grow weary of carrying the gospel story with you. Let us listen for the music of God's grace upon the world. In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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