

PALM SUNDAY
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDAL
10:30 AM, APRIL 13, 2025

Prelude

“The Palms” - Faure

Scott Schroeder

Welcome & Announcements

The Box

(Juniors will exit to the Narthex to process with palms)

Special Music

“Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!”

Chancel Choir

*Note: Today we begin and end facing the baptismal font, the place of death and life, with the words of the gospel.
We mark movement, from honor and life, to suffering and death, as we begin this Holy Week.*

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing.

Let us gather under the wings of God’s mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Assistant: Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into powers that are not your own. We repent and turn back toward you. In your compassion forgive us for the things we have done and things we have failed to do. Return us to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free.

Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free.

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Pastor: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace. **Amen**

Gospel - Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O God.**

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near

Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,³⁰ saying, '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.'³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?'³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.'³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.³⁷ As 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,³⁸ saying, 'Blessed is the ruler who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Assistant: 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.**

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One,
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise,
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

*Juniors Explore leave following
 (children ages 4-5 through middle school)*

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, and of the ✠ Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Assistant: Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Savior 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.**

*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16

⁹Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress;

my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰**For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,

an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;**

I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—

as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O God;**

I say, 'You are my God.'

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love.

Choir Anthem

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Bode

Hymn

“Before the Waters Nourished Earth”

(ACS 1049)



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - in³ed morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Apostles' Creed

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 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Intercession

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

Stay with Me (ELW 348)

Musical score for the hymn "Stay with Me" (ELW 348). The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Stay with Me

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially those we bring to you now.... God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Stay with Me

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Stay with Me

Pastor: 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.**

Offertory:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn 188

Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Ways to give -

- Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)
- Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)
- www.zionlutheranmi.org
- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
- Mail to church mailing address

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

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

We come before you in all humility and joy, praising your name and joining in the unending hymn of your blessed creation....

(Hymn 190)

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

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

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry,

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior 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.

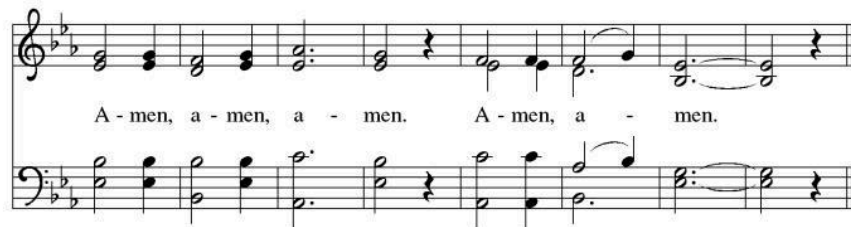
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Pastor: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Hymn 494

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Pastor: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Creator, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Hymn 337

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - reign die?
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Pastor: By the grace of God we seek the courage to walk the final steps with Christ through his unjust conviction and lawless crucifixion. Our hearts shift from the “Hosannas” to “Lord, have mercy”. We enter this Holy Week in humility, with the cross of Christ before us and the power of the Spirit at our backs.

Gospel - Luke 22:47-71

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O God.**

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’ ⁴⁹ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, ‘Lord, should we strike with the sword?’ ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit?’ ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!’

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ ⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ ⁶⁰ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴ they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, ‘Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?’ ⁶⁵ They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷ They said, ‘If you are the Messiah, tell us.’ He replied, ‘If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.’ ⁷⁰ All of them asked, ‘Are you, then, the Son of God?’ He said to them, ‘You say that I am.’ ⁷¹ Then they said, ‘What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!’

The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Assistant: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Assistant Minister: Judy Arthofer

Lector: Neil Koivu

Cantor: Matt Northcott

Cross Bearer: Louis Johnson

Juniors Teacher: Cecelia Mac-Smith/Eric Podolsky

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