

Palm Sunday + April 17, 2011 AD + 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us grace so to contemplate the Passion of our Lord, that we may find therein forgiveness for our sins and renewal of life; through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Welcome. Today begins the Holiest of Weeks! Today you begin to walk with Jesus into suffering and death as you celebrate the mystery of your redemption, the time of your salvation; for, the hour has come for the Son of Man to be lifted up and glorified for you.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

Unless the Church can learn to identify herself with Christ in His death and resurrection, unless she can, on Palm Sunday, approach His victory through death, die with Him on Good Friday and rise with Him at the culmination of the Paschal Vigil, she cannot accomplish Her mission, which is not only to proclaim the good news but to embody it and to make it the pattern of her corporate life, even as Christ Himself not only proclaimed the Gospel but was and is the Gospel.
~J. Gordon Davies,
1963 A.D.

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

... Kaufmann

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn to face the back of the nave.

GREETING

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Let us pray . . . Mercifully guide us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

All raise their palm branches.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great deeds of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” green hymnal #108

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

After the procession, the children may proceed to their classes: pre-K through grade 4 to the church hall, and grades 5 & 6 to the conference room by the church office. Please reclaim your children after the divine service.

Of the glorious body telling, O my tongue, its myst'ries sing, and the blood, all price excelling, which the world's eternal King, in a noble womb once dwelling, shed for us this world's ransoming.
~Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274 A.D.

Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross and offering, patient, meek, though guiltless, forsaken in your suffering! You died our guilt to banish that none in sin need perish! Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.
~Nikolaus Decius 1490-1541 A.D.

Please be seated.

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:00 a.m.)

“The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, 6th century

Melody: Sarum Plainsong, 6th century

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

Introduction

Part One: Our Lord Is Arrested

Hymn: “My Song is Love Unknown” blue hymnal #661; st. 1, 2

Part Two: Our Lord Jesus Is Denied, Tried, and Beaten

Hymn: “My Song is Love Unknown” blue hymnal #661; st. 3, 4, 5

Part Three: Our Lord Is Crucified and Dies

Hymn: “My Song is Love Unknown” blue hymnal #661; st. 6, 7

SERMON

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

VOLUNTARY

“My Song is Love Unknown”

... Burkhardt

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence; and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it.

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who receive his body and blood be filled with heavenly benediction.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

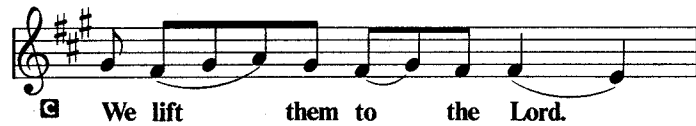
P: The Lord be with you.

☞ And al - so with you.

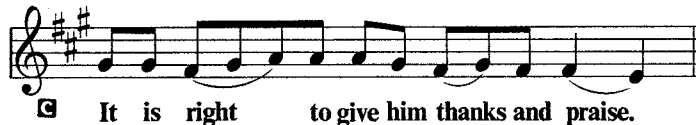
Holy Father, you received Mary's gift of tears at the passion of her Son. Receive these offerings as the fruit of our sincere affection and grief for Him who love not Himself but us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Word made
flesh, by word
ordaining
very bread
His flesh to
be; we, in
wine Christ's
blood obtain-
ing, and, if
senses fail to
see, faith
alone will
wake those
straining to
behold the
mystery.
~Thomas
Aquinas
1227-1274
A.D.*

P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 for-

give 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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” green hymnal #98
- “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” green hymnal #115
- “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” green hymnal #107

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*Lord Jesus Christ, as you took possession of your city on a beast of burden so you have now entered our hearts through the humble forms of bread and wine. Inspire us to discern you in your coming and to hail you as our King. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.
 ~Eugene Andrew Lehrke, 1999 A.D.*

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

... Pachelbel

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

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**A Prayer
Upon Leav-
ing Church**
Grant, O
God, that I
boast in
nothing but
in the cross
of Your Son.
Amen..

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city on the card, we will mail it to that church.

Today's Participants:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Virginia Giese

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolytes: (9:00) Clark Kittel; Erin Lemmer; Hunter Thorn

(11:00) Teague Layman; Dylan Vaughn; Sam Zastrow

Passion Reading: (9:00) Jacob and Mitchell Kaczmarowski

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf; Gary Gisselman

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Bob Thomas

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Rita Falk; Mark and Shelley Gehrke;

Grace Mueller

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Tom Olson; Steve Zeinemann

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Pam Hoppe; Wendy Sternberg

For You This Week

April 16—24, 2011

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's bulletins are sponsored by Orlin and Delores Kottke in thanksgiving for the many blessings received through the years, and in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary on April 12.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., 2 Corinthians 5:21, Final Class
- No Tuesday Bible Study this week
- Wednesday, noon and 7:15 pm., Spirituality of the Cross
- Thursday, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Holy Week Worship:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday: 12 noon to 3 p.m. "The Seven Words From the Cross"

Easter Vigil: 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

Easter Volunteers: Could you help with a few tasks in Holy Week?

- The Board of Elders will deliver flowers from our colorful Memorial Garden to homebound members on Easter Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help deliver, whether you wish to deliver to one or several homes. Come immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service, and spread Resurrection cheer.
- Our Easter Vigil service needs two volunteers to tend the New Fire (the symbolic fire lit each year at the start of the Vigil) and make sure it is properly extinguished. Please speak with Pastor Gjerde if you are interested.

Good Friday Outdoor Procession

This year's Good Friday outdoor procession will circle Zion's entire block in symbolic proclamation of Christ's saving death to the four corners of the world. Worshipers who are unable to walk this far are encouraged to remain in the church in silent prayer until the procession returns.

Ladies Aid Spring Rummage Sale: Saturday, April 30

... from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Kindly bring items for donation to the gym on Friday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. WE COULD USE MORE HANDS with marking items for sale and putting them on tables. Come to the gym on Friday anytime you can help! We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers who give so freely of their time.

Merrill Tornado Relief

If you would like to help the people of Merrill in the aftermath of the tornado, you may drop off the following items at St. Paul's UCC, 426 Washington St., Wausau, for distribution in Merrill: non-perishable food items, gently-used clothing—all sizes, monetary donations for gas and perishable food items, cleaning products, hygiene kits. And, please pray for them!

One Speaker: Two Times!

Gene Edward Veith, Jr., author of the book for Zion's Lenten study, will be speaking *twice* at Zion, on two different subjects:

1) Wednesday, April 20, at 7:15 p.m.

for the "Spirituality of the Cross" class. He will speak on the Christian's involvement in society. There is no cost. Anyone is welcome.

2) Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 a.m.

for the Men's Prayer Breakfast (tickets, \$6, are available in the church office). He will speak on the trial of Jesus. All men are encouraged to attend.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school class on April 24 (Easter).

Classes resume on Sunday, May 1.

Parents: please bring your children to Holy Week services. These services have their own way of “planting” the faith.

Quarterly Voters Meeting— Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall

Learn how Zion’s ministry is reaching out to you and others in the community. Be informed with team reports and the latest financial reports.

April Mission of Zion

Greater Wausau Christian Services is a local Christian Ministry to those folks living in institutions, primarily at the five large nursing homes in the Wausau area: Mt. View, Kennedy Park, Marywood, Colonial Manor, and Wausau Manor. Group devotions are held weekly, Holy Communion is offered monthly, and pastoral visits are made as requested by family or staff. With your support these ministries are offered to those in our community who have spiritual needs beyond what our own congregation can provide. Your offering to missions is appreciated. Zion’s mission goal for April is \$3,750.00.

First Communion Class

“O taste and see that the Lord is good!” A First Communion class for children in the 4th grade will begin on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:15 p.m., following evening prayer. It will continue every Wednesday through May 18, with the children receiving First Communion at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 22. This class is required for a child to participate in the Sacrament. To sign up your child for the class, please contact the church office (715-848-7286).

17-Year-Old International Concert Organist to Perform at Zion

Donald M. Verkuilen, 17, will perform an organ concert at Zion on Saturday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. Mr. Verkuilen was the first place winner of the Oklahoma National Organ Competition, and he placed second in the National Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition. Mr. Verkuilen is a native of Appleton, Wisconsin. He is currently head-organist at First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay, and he is the accompanist for the Badger State Girl Choir.

Easter Decorating Fund

Please refer to the bulletin insert. Donations are welcome to this yearly fund. The deadline for your gift is this Monday, April 18.

Spaghetti Supper Financial Report

Tickets, Bread Sales, and Donations:	\$2,125.12
Expenses:	<u>515.12</u>
Total Profit:	\$1,610.00

Proceeds distributed as follows:

- Zion Missions (15 %) \$ 240.00
- Carpeting for the church office area \$1,370.00
- Water Heater (any remaining funds after carpeting paid for)

“Lord Jesus, thank you for your Spirit at work in us so we can do the work you have given us to do. Amen.” True words to all who came to eat and enjoy—the donations—the desserts—and all who helped—without any of you, nothing can succeed. Thanks. . . . Phyllis Bliese

THIS WEEK AT ZION: April 16—24, 2011

- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **PALM SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Communion Service
- Mon. **HOLY MONDAY**
 10:00 am Matins
 6:30 pm Vespers
- Tues. **HOLY TUESDAY**
 No Adult Bible Study this week
 10:00 am Matins
 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Child Care Team
 6:30 pm Vespers
 7:00 pm Church Council
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Weds. **HOLY WEDNESDAY**
 10:00 am Matins Service
 12:00 pm “Spirituality of the Cross” Class
 6:30 pm Vespers Service
 7:15 pm “Spirituality of the Cross” with Gene Edward Veith, Jr. speaker
- Thurs. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 6:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
 10:00 am Communion Service
 6:30 pm Communion Service
- Fri. **GOOD FRIDAY**
 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Tre-Ore Service, broadcast on WRIG Radio
- Sat. **HOLY SATURDAY**
 6:30 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **EASTER SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
 10:15 am Fellowship in church hall
 11:00 am Communion Service

<u>ATTENDANCE: 4/9, 10 & 13:</u>	
<u>Saturday 5:15 pm:</u>	56
<u>Sunday:</u>	
9:00 am	159
11:00 am	51
<u>Wednesday:</u>	
10:30 am	62
6:30 pm	75
Total:	403

Alone this Easter?

Why not join the owners and staff of the Wausau Mine Company for a free Easter Dinner, to be held at the restaurant, located at 3904 W. Stewart Ave., Wausau. The doors will open for seating between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Wausau Lyric Choir concert: “Seasons of Life “

... Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 2822 6th St., Wausau. Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$10 Students/ Seniors. Tickets are available at the door, from Choir members, or at the PAF (715-842-0988).

Holy Week Liturgies

April 18, 19, 20: Holy Monday through Holy Wednesday, Litany Services,
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

April 21: Maundy Thursday
Stripping of the Altar
10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

April 22: Good Friday—Three-Hour Service
20 minute intervals: The Seven Words From the Cross
12:00 noon—3:00 p.m.

April 23: The Great Vigil of Easter
6:30 p.m.

April 24: The Resurrection of Our Lord
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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