

Zion Lutheran Church



***9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Passion/Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

*GATHERING

The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40

(After the reading of the gospel, the pastor and congregation will respond by saying)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*BLESSING OF THE PALMS (☩ Amen.)

*PROCESSIONAL

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers to the church saying responsively:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

During the walk back into the Sanctuary, the band will be playing Hosanna (Praise is Rising) as the congregation enters the church. Once we have returned to our pews, we'll all join in song.

*OPENING SONG

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Worship Team

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (☩ Amen.)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE: PART 1

Luke 23: 1-25

SONG

Lead Me to the Cross

Worship Team

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE: PART 2

Luke 23: 26-49

HOMILY

***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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 (🙏 Amen.)**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile or a message.

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

Wonderful Cross

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.

Worship Team



***OFFERTORY PRAYER (🙏 Amen.)**

***THE 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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (℞ Amen.)**

***THE 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. When you come forward for communion, the pastor or assisting minister will say similar words: "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Your response to each is "Amen." There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Know that Christ is fully present in the bread and the wine. If you are only able to receive one kind (such as only the host or only the wine), know that you will receive the same benefits as receiving both. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Chris Derr

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℞ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℞ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℞ Amen.)**

***SENDING SONG**

How Great Thou Art

Worship Team

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended, now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and



Zion Prayer List 4-13-2025

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Beverly Smith, Jimmy Nichols, John Lettire, Pastor Anita Disbrow, Pastor Diane Day, Dana Carmichael, Leslie Lent-Santora, J. Richard Staples, Brenda Ward, Gwen Bowlus, The Gunsallus Family, Christa Grunwald, All Federal Workers, Kathi Hayter, Junior Wiles, Samn Huffer, Ruth Ann Derr, Barry B., Katana Lewis, Mike Fath, Ursula Powell, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Tristan Vail, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

Servants in God's House

April 13, 2025

9 a.m.

(Greeter)

(Lector)

(Head Usher)

(Sanctuary Usher)

(Comm Asst)

(Power Point)

(Livestream)

Servants in God's House

April 20, 2025

9 a.m.

(Greeter)

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(Sanctuary Usher)

(Comm Asst)

(Power Point)

(Livestream)

Servants in God's House (S.I.G.H.) sometimes gets edited and changed after the bulletin is printed. For the most correct S.I.G.H. Schedule, always visit our website at www.ZionMiddletown.org and click on the Members Area tab. Scroll down to the middle of the page and you will find a link to the most up-to-date schedule! And thank you for volunteering to be a Servant in God's House today

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

2025 Ministry Priorities

Leadership

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and future-thinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

Communication

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

Relationship Building

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



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