

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon

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Order of Service

Prelude – “All Glory, Laud and Honour” – J.S. Bach

Welcome

Gathering – Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the Highest

Procession with Palms – Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Procession – Leader: Let us go forth in peace

All: In the name of Christ

Processional Song – “All Glory, Laud and Honour” – ELW #344 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Prayer of the Day – Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord 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.

Children’s Message

Song – “Hosanna to the Son of David” (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.
I 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.
The 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; he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It 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.

Psalm 31 with Refrain

Refrain

Father, Father, I put my life in your hands.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Choir Anthem – “Behold the King”

Homily – “From Palms to Passion – Walking the Holy Way with Jesus”

Hymn of the Day – “Amazing Love”

Confession & Absolution

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Song – “Lamb of God” – ELW #336

Communion Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

Benediction

The Passion Reading: **Mark 15:16-41**

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Death of Jesus

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Recessional Song – “Your Heart, O God, is Grieved” – ELW #602
(Congregation leaves in silence)

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibbs Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & her family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family, Lisa Jockims family and friends, Jack Magnell and family, Thor Kliev, Charles Hedlin

Announcements:

The Bible “Book of the Month” Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022384056?pwd=WTRYZGg4UEJZcVF4WnA0d29aQnJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 840 2238 4056 THEN Passcode: 509260

Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning by Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7976999702>

Meeting ID: 797 699 9702 (No Passcode)

Lent & Easter Food Bank Challenge: instead of collecting food for the Food Bank, let's collect money to donate to the Food Bank! Could we collect \$500? Since giving to the needy is one of the Lenten disciplines, and since we have drastically fewer people physically in the church due to Covid, it just seems like a good idea to try something different. To join in the challenge: place a monetary donation in your church envelope and be sure to note that it is for the Food Bank. Leave the donation at the church office. We will continue collecting through Easter Sunday as we have had a late start. ****Updated Total as of March 22 is \$565****

Lenten Mid-Week services are being shared by the 7 ELCIC Churches via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89600870712?pwd=YjlxOEE5bUFyUE81QUUp0bGJpQXNKdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 0087 0712 THEN Passcode: 093604

Phone: 1 647 374 4685 Canada THEN 896 0087 0712 THEN Passcode: 093604zoom

An opportunity to join in further discussions with Pastor Ron during Lent are being held Thursday evenings via Zoom. The **Next STEP discussion** link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85917198148?pwd=MThUaVFLRXdwaEdhRDVPNWpPWVRsZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1719 8148 THEN Passcode: 001204

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Maundy Thursday we are invited to join Bishop Sid Haugen for evening worship at 7:00 pm. The Zoom information is as follows: **Zoom link** for all [Holy week services](#) (**Meeting ID:** 843 1786 2145 **Passcode:** 306)

Parking Lot Communion will be available on **Maundy Thursday from 2-3 pm and 5-6 pm**. It helps in planning if you call ahead, but “walk-ups” and “drive-ins” are welcome!

A brief devotion for Stripping of the Altar will be held on **Maundy Thursday at 1:30 pm**. If you would like to participate, please call or email Kaylyn at the church office.

Good Friday Worship is at 11 am. Our maximum attendance is 60 persons; please register in advance. We are sharing The Triumph of the Cross service with all Saskatoon ELCIC congregations online.

Easter Sunday Worship is at 10:30 am. Our maximum attendance is 60 persons; please register in advance by calling or emailing Kaylyn in the office.