

# Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:15 A.M. Services



PRELUDE "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It" arr. Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Red Hymnal #344

*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.

## PALM SUNDAY LITANY

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**Amen.**

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin. Merciful God, **we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. Amen.**

We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

**Amen.**

Cry aloud! Shout your joy!	<b>The King of glory now draws near!</b>
Cry aloud! Sing your welcome!	<b>The Son of David from on high!</b>
Cry aloud! Spread the wonder!	<b>The Servant of the Lord draws near!</b>
Cry aloud! Tell the triumph!	<b>The Savior of the world is here!</b>

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “With Our Glad Hosannas”

(Tune to: Onward Christian Soldiers)

1. With our glad hosannas, all God’s children sing,  
Glory Laud and honor unto Christ the King!  
Hail the true Messiah, David’s royal Son,  
in the Lord’s name coming, God’s own Blessed One!  
With our glad hosannas, all God’s children sing,  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

2. Glory, laud and honor, happy pilgrims sang,  
Pillared court and temple with the anthem rang.  
Cloaks were spread before him; palms were waved with glee,  
As the sov'reign entered in humility.  
With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

3. Angels in the heavens raised their song on high,  
Saints on earth in chorus make their glad reply.  
Glory in the highest to the Prince of Peace.  
With our palms and praises, let the song increase.  
With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

4. Onward, all God's children, join the happy throng,  
Raise to Christ your voices in exalted song.  
Sing aloud his glory; tell his praise about,  
For if we were silent, lo, the stones would shout.  
With our glad hosannas, all God's children sing,  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King!

#### PRAYER

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALM 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay  
to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute  
me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast  
love."**

SONG

"Stay With Me"

Red Hymnal #348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE PASSION READING

## SERMON

Pastoral Intern Rachel Perkins-Gama

## SERMON HYMN "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" Red Hymnal #659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

## APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand

**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 CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**  
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC “Via Dolorosa” by Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion.

The Offering Box is near the back, pulpit side and you can also go online at [www.zionrockford.com](http://www.zionrockford.com), or you can click on the QR code.

The Prayer Table is available for you to write a prayer request and place on the cross on the table.

Prayer requests will be shared with a group of people who pray at Zion.

You may take a prayer shawl from the worship space if you would like.



## TABLE BLESSING “This Is Christ’s Body”



This is Christ’s bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ’s bod - y,



bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**



4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”

Red Hymnal #338

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock, within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and burdens of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one, who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, your shadow, for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than, the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you  
send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of  
life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's  
resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world. Through  
Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**



## PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## SENDING HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane” Red Hymnal #347

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

*(Please remain silent when exiting)*

## Palm Sunday Passion Participants

Narrator 1	Debbie Gortowski
Narrator 2	Brad Roos
Jesus	Nathi Perkins-Gama
Peter	Ron Simmons
Pilate	Jim Rasch
Criminal 1	Deb Raymond
Criminal 2	Jane Burden
Centurion	Michael Beert

### PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

\$10 Adults \$8 Children (under 12)  
**Sunday, April 13 at 10:30AM-1:00pm**

Sponsored by the Multicultural Team of Zion Lutheran Church  
 Held at Zion Lutheran Church  
 925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL 61104  
 Proceeds benefit the Bahai Temple Trip Scholarships

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Easter Bunny & Candy**  
**Saturday**  
**April 19 - 1:00pm**  
 (UP TO AGE 12)  
 Meet Outside Patriots Gateway Center  
 615 South Fifth Street



Sponsored by Patriots Gateway Center and Zion Lutheran Church

**April 17, 2025 at Noon**  
**Quiet music and reflection**  
**Maundy Thursday**

### Good Friday Swedish Service

Friday, April 18, 2025 at Noon  
**Zion Lutheran Church**  
 925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**TENEBRAE MUSIC WORSHIP**  
**April 18, 2025 at 7:00pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**APRIL 20, 2025**  
**9:15am Service**  
 Zion Lutheran Church

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Communion Assistant	Connie Heden
Cross Bearer	Nathi Perkins-Gama
Media	Cameron Kellermann
Musician	Jodi Beach
Sound	Deangelo Brunson
Usher	Charles Dahlberg & Kamyra Brunson
Fellowship	Breakfast Fundraiser

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

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## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Mosaic Community Sharing  
the Grace of Christ with All”*

### WELCA & Food Pantry!

Cornucopia Food is very grateful for your donations we will continue with the grocery cart in the back of the worship space for donations or you can leave them in the church office. April items: **Peanut Butter & Jelly**. Thank you!

**WELCA/WOZ—SAVE THE DATE!** We are planning three wonderful, fun activities this Spring.

Contact Karen Kermgard, 815.398.4460, to register for events.

April 17th—Quilt Presentation by Phyllis Campbell

May 15th—Retro Salad luncheon

June 19th—Presentation by Jeff Dahlberg

Details will follow in the Grapevine and bulletins for Save the Date updates! Hope you can join us!

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## PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

Sunday	9:15am	Worship
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Breakfast (tickets \$10 for adults and \$8 for children)
Monday	9:30am	Book Study—Multipurpose room
Tuesday	8:30am	RVC Class—Marander Room
	4:00pm	Eliminate Racism Health Team—Marander Room
Wednesday	8:00am	Book Study—Stockholm Inn
	8:30am	RVC Class—Marander Room
	4:00pm	WOW—Fellowship Hall
Thursday	8:30am	RVC Class—Marander Room
	Noon	Maundy Thursday Taize Worship Service in the Atrium
	1:30pm	WOZ Quilt Presentation by Phyllis Campbell—Fellowship Hall
	2:00pm	Finance Committee
	3:30pm	Building and Grounds
Friday	Noon	Good Friday Swedish Service
	7:00pm	Good Friday Music Tenebrae
	8:00pm	Jesus Christ Superstar Singalong at Katie's Cup (free—donations at door)
Saturday	1:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt (Gateway Park) - Donations welcomed
Sunday	9:15am	Easter Sunday Worship

### UPCOMING

April 27	10:30am	Forum: Wabongo Leadership Council Joshua Patterson
April 28	1:00pm	Bag Fluffing
May 3	9:00am	Cars and Coffee—RPS Parking Lot across from Katie's Cup
	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen
May 8	9:00am	Rachel's Circle - Fellowship Hall
May 10	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen by United Church of Byron
May 13	11:00am	Memorial Committee
	5:00pm	Katie's Cup Open Mic Night
May 14	11:00am	Mission's Team—Multipurpose Room
May 15	11:30am	WOZ Salad Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
May 17	8:30am	Church Council Retreat
	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen by Youth Service Day
May 31	8:00am	Baha'i Temple Trip

### PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:

- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, Student Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka Parish (Tanzania)
- ◇ Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Pastor Mytch Dorvilier in Senegal.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones: Family of Bob Campbell
- ◇ For healing: Eloise Anderson, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Jim Duhigg, Jolyn Hess, Megan Libey, Deb Tolodxi, Neal Tolodxi, Linda Reinhardt, Betty Jo Rodey, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder, Jeanne Thomas, Brian Veitch, Mary Wedel, and Gary Wegner, Jr.



If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Student Pastor Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.