

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Mark 11: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE

LORD

Matthew 21:9





Good Morning and Welcome to Zion's Reformed Church!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit today! Thank you for being here!

The Altar flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank and Frances McClimans, by Ann and Family.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Vanessa Saylor, Liam Adams and Ann Fowler.

Children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is welcome to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee hour.

Large Print Bulletins, seat cushions and copies of the sermon are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

Next Sunday is Easter Sunday. There will be no Sunday School, Church Happening or coffee hour.

COMING UP!

Good Shepherd Center Executive Board meeting at 7:00 on Tuesday, March 26.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service on March 28 at 7:00. Choir rehearses at 6:00.

Good Friday Service at Johnson Memorial Chapel at Thiel College beginning at 1:00. The theme is "Were You There?"

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE March 31 at 10:30

Monday, April 1 the office will be closed.

Good Shepherd Center Full Board meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2.

The Good Shepherd Center request for April is

Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Canned beans

Barrells are located at both entrances of the church for your donations.

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Playing with Bubbles"

ANTHEM "Sing Hosanna Forevermore" Patti Drennan

SCRIPTURES (back of bulletin)

Hebrew Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11

THE SERMON "Not What the World Expected"

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory "Sing Hosanna!" Stan Pethel

*The Doxology, #780

*The Unison Prayer of Dedication

Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 216 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Chancel Choir

"Hosanna!" Words and Music by Susan Stevenson Tressa

*TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Jason W. Krug

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*If you are able, please stand

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

10:30

*Where the past and the future with Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly*

Meditation: "Open for me the gates of righteousness:
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord."

--Psalm 118:19

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tina Suntheimer, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for
worship as we are gathered in the name of God the
Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

THE PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Edward Broughton

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Alleluia"

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hosanna, child of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **The Savior has come!**

Leader: Jesus is the One who saves us and teaches us how to live.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: During this final week of Lent we look to the cross and contemplate death.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: We see death and are reminded that life is frail and fleeting.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: We rejoice that because of the cross, death has forever lost its power.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: For it is through death that we enter into eternal life.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, it is through pain and death that you provided the path for us to joy and life. You plunged yourself into darkness so that we may live in the light. Be with us as we journey through the darkness of Good Friday in order to arrive at the light of Easter. All glory, honor, and thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE**

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord has come into our presence.

People: **We are beloved ones of God.**

Leader: Know that God walks with us through this parade and time of celebration.

People: **We know that God walks with us in all the times ahead.**

***HYMN "The Palms"**

1. **O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
are strewn this day in festal preparation;
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.**

Refrain.....

**Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!**

2. **His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light.**

Refrain.....

3. **Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Bring faith and hope to Thee forevermore.**

Refrain.....

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you"