



Sunday, April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

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HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

This morning, those who would like, are invited to gather outdoors, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement, we will gather in the lounge (overflow into the narthex).

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL READING: **Luke 19:28-40**

²⁸ After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.” ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

We process into the sanctuary.

HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (vs. 1-3) ELW #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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Welcome, in the name of Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.**

WORD

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

HYMN OF THE DAY "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

ELW 340

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (especially). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

MEAL

Please be seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Please kneel or sit

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right...

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

pg. 146

Please kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Now Behold the Lamb”

ELW 341

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”

ELW 357

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

SENDING HYMN "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" **ELW 326**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th at **9:00 a.m.**

Maundy Thursday, April 17th at **7:00 p.m.**

Good Friday Walk, April 18th at **Noon**, Starts at St. Mary's

Good Friday Service, April 18th at **7:00 p.m.**

Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. at Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton

Easter Sunday, April 20th at **9:00 a.m.**

Prayer List

For Health:	Family of	Milluzzo and	For Safety:
Clara W	Allen H	Neri families	Andrew C
Joyce G	Bud J	Shirley C	Todd S
Bill B	Marjorie F	Diane E	Michael C
Cathy L	Jessica A	Dick C	Tyler G
Marion B	Charlotte D	Karen R	Erik B
Lily V	Jonathan A	Stacey T	Justin Earl B
Holly N	Pauline N	Family of	Evan G
Dylan G	Curt R	Nick G	David P
Lisa A	Matthew S	Pat J	
Aiden J	Phil O	Lois B	
Helen A	Peter W	Bruce G	
Matthew A	Joan A		

SERVING TODAY

Cole Darby - Lector
Lee Nordstrom - Worship Assistant
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan
- Ushers/Greeters
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild
Sarah Dzialo - Organist

Grace Guild is meeting on **Monday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.** to order items being purchased with a Thrivent card and donated to the Ronald McDonald House and to assemble baskets for the basket raffle which will be held at the Italian Dinner on Sunday, April 27th. Carol Kapitzke and Brenda Bell are hostesses.



Life Line Screening will be here at Zion on **Tuesday, April 29th** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to register for an appointment call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

**Kenny Fletcher Memorial
Car Show at Valli's
April 26th 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

(Rain Date May 3rd)

22 Sand Hill Road, Portland

Show Car Entry Fee \$10 ~ Spectators Free ~ No Dogs

Dash Plaques to the First 200 Cars

Donations are Greatly Appreciated

Please Make Checks Payable to B.T. Charities, Inc.

All Proceeds go to:

Portland High School Class of 2025 Project Graduation, Portland

Zion Lutheran Church, Middlesex Hospice, Portland Food Bank,

Portland VFW Post 6121 & Middlesex Cancer Center

For more information please contact:

Michael Brown at 860-982-3227 or

Michael Bellobuono at 860-707-4231

GM CHORALE The GM Chorale will perform
Mozart's Requiem on Sunday,
April 27th at 4:00 p.m.

This performance takes place at Middletown High School, 200 La Rosa Lane, Middletown.



Anyone interested in renting the Promised Land or Fellowship Hall, should call the church office for price and availability.



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for April, May and June** are available in the Narthex and the Red Box outside the door with the doorbell.



Make sure to use a **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Card** whenever you donate to Goodwill.
See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

Italian Night



Zion Lutheran Church

Italian Night 2025

Sunday, April 27

Social Hour: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

(To-Go orders available - Please indicate To-Go at time of ticket order)

Live Music by Jonny Rox

Over 12: \$15 12 and Under: FREE

If you cannot attend but would like to donate toward this wonderful event, please

Venmo **@Michelle-Schneider-24** or make out a check to Zion Lutheran Church with a memo of "Italian Night 2025".



Americans With No Address

DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION ON HOMELESSNESS



A production team embarked on a dangerous cross-country mission to witness and film a documentary on the homeless crisis in America.

DISCUSSION CO-LEADERS

Wallace Collins AND Marjorie Barrett

Streetfire Administrator

Streetfire Volunteer



April 28th, 2025 | 5:45 to 8:30 pm



PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mary Flood Room, 20 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT

REGISTER by calling (860) 342-6770 or at
<https://portlandct.libcal.com/event/14207549>

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

Streetfire Ministries, Inc.,

34-3 Shunpike Road #213, Cromwell, CT 06416 | streetfire.org

A list of service opportunities and ongoing operational needs at Streetfire Ministries:

Volunteers
Clothing Ministry
Food Pantry
Cooks & Server
Service Prep/Cleanup
Community Service
Internships

Donations can be brought to the Documentary or donated directly to Streetfire Ministries, Inc.

Coffee (fixings)	Seasonal Clothing
Bottled Water	Socks
Cold Drinks	Men & Women Underwear
Snacks	Hand/Feet Warmers
Non-Perishables	Tents/Sleeping Bags
Paper Goods	Toiletries
To-Go Plates	Women's sanitary items

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| Trinity Episcopal Church | True Vine Holiness Church | United Methodist Church | Zion Lutheran Church |

HOMELESSNESS COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL VOCAL CHORDS

CELEBRATE 35 YEARS

Please mark your calendars as we celebrate 35 years of lifting spirits and healing souls. The Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords (MHVC) will present our “Spring Musical Celebration” on **Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm**, taking place at Portland High School, 95 High St., Portland. We invite you to join us for an evening of music featuring our 90-voice chorus and 10-piece orchestra performing a selection of musical favorites that capture the essence of the spring season. Our Music Director, Samuel Tucker, has curated an eclectic program showcasing the diverse talents of our chorus. Under the accompaniment of Alan Dougherty and his ten-piece orchestra, the performance promises to be engaging, with the potential for audience toe-tapping and sing-alongs.

Proceeds from the concert fund scholarships for Middlesex County high school seniors pursuing careers in music or nursing. To date, we have awarded \$89,000, excluding the scholarships to be presented at this spring concert. We sincerely thank Middlesex Health and our loyal supporters.

Tickets are \$25. Call 860-347-2787 or 860-342-3120 for tickets, or visit www.vocalchords20.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Today: April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Education

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church

This Week:

Monday: 6:00 p.m. N/A

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-noon Happy Handz

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-noon Happy Handz

12:00 Noon Good Friday Cross Walk

starts at St. Mary's Church

7:00 p.m. Good Friday service

7:00 p.m. N/A

Next Sunday:

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:30 a.m. True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 71; Last year - 39

Next weeks readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

VISION STATEMENT

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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