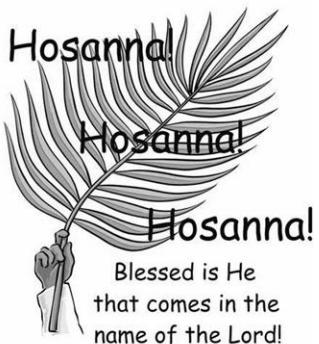


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”



Sunday of Passion Sacrament of Holy Baptism
April 10, 2022

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude & Bell

Procession of the Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Processional Hymn – ELW 344, All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming,
the King and Blessed One. [Refrain]

2 The company of angels
is praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. [Refrain]

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. [Refrain]

**4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.**

**To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]**

**5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. [Refrain]**

Sunday of Passion Gathering

P- Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus compassion for those who would betray him, mock, and accuse him, or do violence to him.

C- Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. *Psalm 31:5*

P- Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God, is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who willingly put him to death.

C- Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. *Psalm 31:5*

P- We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love!

C- Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. *Psalm 31:5*

Confession & Forgiveness

As you are able, please stand.

P- God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Gracious God,

C- fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers
of the world you so love. Amen**

P- Church family, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are + forgiven,
and God remembers them no more.

Let us together journey to the cross of Christ.

C- Amen

Please be seated.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Finn O'Brein Sturek son of Kelly & Brittany (Bohlmeyer) Sturek

Special Music – Amigos & Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Time

Sunday of Passion Scripture

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector – *This text, the third of four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

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 wakens—
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. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 31:9-16

Read responsively.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow,

**and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector – *Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

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. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Everlasting God,

C- in your endless love for 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

Please be seated.

Luke 23:1-49

P- Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

P- Pastor C- Congregation

Jesus before Pilate

P- Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him,

C- "Are you the king of the Jews?"

P- He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

Jesus before Herod

P- When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Jesus Sentenced to Death

P- Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

C- “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”

P- (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

C- “Crucify, crucify him!”

P- A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

P- As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he

is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said,

C- "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

P- He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Death of Jesus

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

C- "Certainly this man was innocent."

P- And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Here ends the Passion story of Luke.

Message -

Our Offering Hymn – ELW 338, Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**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 the 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.**

Lenten Offering Prayer

**P- Faithful God,
C- you walk beside us in desert places,
you meet us in our hunger with the bread from heaven.
Accompany us on this journey,
that we may pass from death to life
with Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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 – When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond by saying, “Hear our prayer!**”**

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.**

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

P- You are what God made you to be;
created in Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,
In the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C- Amen.

P- Go in peace. Share the good news.

C- **Thanks be to God. ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!**

Our Sending Hymn – ELW 264, Prepare the Royal Highway

**1 Prepare the royal highway,
the King of kings is near;
let every hill and valley
a level road appear.
Then greet the king of glory
foretold in sacred story:**

Refrain:

**O blest is he that came
in God the Father's name!**

**2 God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him;
spread garments; shout and sing.
God's promise will not fail you;
no more shall doubt assail you: [Refrain]**

**3 Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king;
your king, yet every nation
its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him;
all voices, thus adore him: [Refrain]**

**4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: [Refrain]**

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Easter Morning Announcement

For the past eight years this pastor has had a dream of starting
EASTER SUNRISE service OUTDOORS!

Sometimes we have to wait for dreams to be REALIZED and I want
to thank Donny Schuster and friends who constructed and erected
THREE CROSSES east of the German school.

This YEAR...this EASTER morning...my dream might be
REALIZED if the weather cooperates...but my plan is that at 6:30

am we BEGIN to gather east of the German school but west of the crosses.

As the SUN RISES and at 6:40 am (20 minutes to 7 am) a brief service of reflection on that EASTER morning 2,000 years ago as we observe the SON RISE of this MORNING.

By 6:50 am (10 minutes to 7 am) we will end the outdoor service and proceed into the church for our LYO sponsored indoor SUNRISE EASTER service at 7 am. This OUTDOOR SERVICE is ONLY a voluntary participation and NOT mandatory...so for those not participating please go into our beautiful sanctuary and wait for our arrival. I thank Marcia Busboom for her approval and the LYO's permission for allowing me to start this Easter morning this way...but PLEASE PRAY that the weather is great that morning!

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Britan's number – 308-730-0599

Pastor..... Rev. Jerry Gilbreath

Organist..... Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes..... Garret Ideus, Nicole Davison

Reader..... Dorothy Trauernicht

Special Music..... Kids of the Kingdom

Vital Statistics

Church 119 2773.00

5th Wednesday 73 451.00

This Week

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

God's Grace DVD series, 9 am 2

Worship/Holy Comm10 am

Wednesday

7th and 8th Confirmation 6-7 pm

Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Friday

Good Friday service 7 pm

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

God's Grace DVD series, 9 am

Worship 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING-IN THE NEED FOR MORE HANDICAP PARKING FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, WE WILL BEGIN TO USE ALL SPACES FROM PARSONAGE TO NORTH DOORS OF CHURCH FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING OR USE WALKERS. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE THAT TRULY NEED THE CLOSER PARKING. THANK YOU!! ~The Church Council

Attention all high school youth we will be practicing for the Easter Sunrise Service on Saturday April 16th at 9:00 am. All high school youth are encouraged to attend practice and take part in the service on Easter Sunday.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Finn O'Brien Sturek, Son of Kelly and Brittany Sturek, Sponsored by Katleyn Bohlmeier, and Logan Orr. Many Blessings to him and his family.

CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST in fellowship with breakfast immediately following the 7:00 am Sunrise service. We are asking for breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, juice and milk donations from congregation members. Also needed are volunteers for kitchen help before, during and clean up following. You can find the food donation and volunteer sign up clipboards in the unity room. A freewill offering will be received at the door to benefit the family of Terry Ideus. Along with our monetary support, we also ask that you lift up prayers of comfort and peace for Janelle, Will, Matt and Anastasia at this time of sorrow. May the promise of the resurrection be a blessing of joy to them and all believers this Easter!

 **Easter lilies** – Anyone who would like to share an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, is encouraged to have them at church by April 13th. There will be a sign-up list at the welcome center for those wishing to share a lily. Cindy Parde at 402-988-8032.

 **Easter Egg Hunt-** April 16, 3 pm at Pickrell Park, Registration at the community center at 2:45. Age Groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-11. Sponsored by the Pickrell Picnic committee.

 **Welcoming ALL 4,5 and 6 year-olds to be a part of Zion's newly formed Coed T-ball team.** Sunday @ 5 pm. game dates include May 22, June 5,12,19 & 26. Contact Connie Thornburg if interested.

Memorial service for Rev. Elwin Bergstaesser will be 2 pm Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Linnsborg KS. Pastor Elwin served Zion from 1964-1968. Rev. Evelyn Philips (Elwin's 2nd wife) said that the obituary can be read on the Crick-Christians Funeral Home's site

www.Christians@ChristiansFuneralHome.com The family asked that memorials go to Oaks Indian Center and can be sent to Crick-

Christians Funeral Home, 103 N. Washington Street, Linnsborg KS 67456

GRACE CIRCLE MEMBERS please note that our April meeting has been changed due to a conflict, to April 27th at 1 pm in Fellowship hall.

LWR Blanket (quilt) Assembly: The blankets made for Lutheran World Relief go all over the world, including recently 7400 to Ukraine. No sewing ability or experience is necessary. If you use a stick pin and tie knots you can help make a blanket and enjoy a day or part of a day of fellowship you are welcome. We will meet in the Parish Hall basement on April 11,12, 25 & 26 from 9 to 3. Come for a few hours or the day (bring a lunch). You can also volunteer to make a top or tie a blanket outside of these days. You can also arrange a group to assemble blanket(s) at another time. If you have questions, please contact Karen Gilbreath (402) 661-9362 or Denise Schlake-Ideus (402) 806-2236.

Zion currently has a couple Thrivent action grants we are applying for!

Who are they for? Beatrice Community Food Pantry and a family in need in Gage County due to overwhelming medical bills.

How can you help? Paper & food items; Goodnite Pull-ups in size Large or XL or Gas Gift Cards for medical travel.

Why? Reflect on Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Council is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to update Zion's picture directory. If you are interested in researching current options or providing photography services, please contact Brenda Gronewold at 402-520-0397.

Graduate recognition – If you have a high school or college graduate, please forward their names and future plans to Britan at britanmeints@gmail.com or 308-730-0599. Graduation recognition is scheduled for May 22nd.

Confirmation class of '72 will be having a 50 year reunion on May 1st.

Country Club 4-H Members will be picking up trash and creating an Earth Day craft on April 24 at 3:00 p.m. We would like to extend an invitation to any Clover Kids (ages 5-7) or anyone interested in joining 4-H (ages 8-18) to attend. We ask that adults attend with their Clover Kid. Please RSVP to Marcia Busboom (402-223-8309), Rhonda Dorn (402-520-1320) or Connie Thornburg (402-673-3605) by April 17.

CONSIDER GIVING TO THE BEATRICE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY. Collection boxes located in hallways & fellowship hall
Greatest Needs include:

Boxed cereal, Oatmeal, Egg noodles,
Spaghetti noodles, Cream of Chicken soup,
Condiments, Jelly, Shampoo
Supported by a Thrivent Action Grant

We would like to thank Steve and Diane Oltman for providing the palm branches for the palm branches for Palm Sunday!

Helping out Sunday, April 17

Acolytes – Max Behrens, Cooper Lovitt

Reader – Carrie Reed

Breakfast Club Food – Sandi Davison

Special Music for later service – Britan Meints/Holly Blair

April Altar Guild: Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Judy Carstens, Carrye Meints

April Table Troop Volunteers: Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Bussboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenners, Mary Lenners, Al Wiese

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

Whispering Winds Cottage – LaVern Parde

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

The parish hall has been reserved April 2nd, April 24th and May 21st

To reserve the Parish hall call Britan Meints!

Announcements for May Newsletter need to be into Britan Meints by April 18th

For weekly bulletin Announcements Please email, text or call Britan Meints by Wednesday evening

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