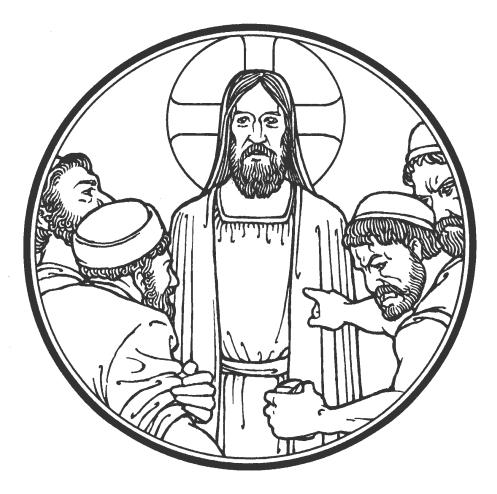
Judica The Fifth Sunday in Lent 26 March A+D 2023



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Welcome to Zion! If this is your first time with us, here are a few tips to assist you:

- Large print bulletins including the entire order of worship and hymn texts are available upon request.
- If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, please see the laminated booklet in the hymnal rack, which explains our liturgy and its origins in Scripture.
- Children are encouraged to attend the service with their families, but a nursery with a changing area is provided in the narthex if you need to step out briefly. The service can be heard in this room.
- Individual pew cushions are available in the narthex.

Communion policy: At Zion Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures that tell us Christ's same body and blood given and shed on the cross is what we receive in, with, and under the bread and wine. This divine mystery is given for us that we may have what Christ's own words declare: forgiveness. If you agree with this view as the clear teaching on Holy Scripture and are a communicant member of an LCMS church, you are welcome to join us in today's celebration of the Lord's Supper. If you are not an LCMS communicant member and time permits, **please speak with the pastor prior to the service concerning your communing during the service.** Otherwise, we ask you to refrain from communing with us at this time for your own protection. As Saint Paul says, "He who does not discern the body rightly, eats and drinks judgment to himself," (1 Cor. 11:29). You are, however, invited to speak with the pastor after the service (or anytime at your convenience) regarding our practice and your desire to commune at this altar in the future.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning – 9:30 AM

Everyone meets in the Family Center Gym for an opening devotion. Leviticus led by Pastor Hull (Family Center Gym) *Children's Lessons* led by our Sunday School teachers – ages 2 and up (upstairs classrooms)

Tuesday Morning - 9:30 AM

Revelation of St. John led by Pastor Hull (Parish Hall)

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Divine Service Setting 3		LSB 184
Stand and face the processio	nal cross when the processional hymn begins.	
Processional Hymn	"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"	LSB 451
Confession and Absolution	n	LSB 184
The sign of the cross may be	made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.	

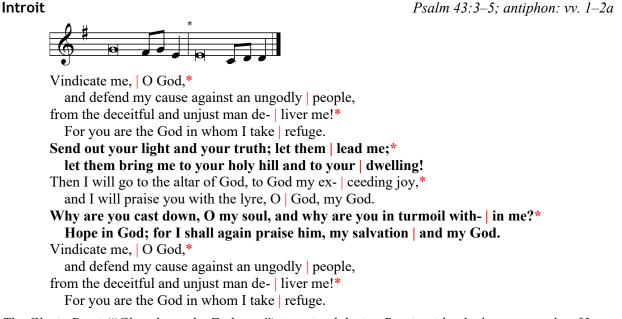
- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

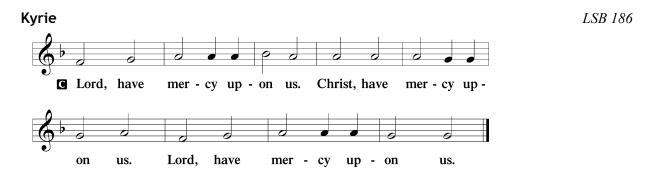
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a

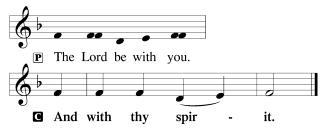


The Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father...") is omitted during Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent.



The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day





 P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!* Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God! [You] delivered me from my | enemies;* you rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand and face the processional cross as it is carried to the center of the nave for the Gospel reading.

The Alleluia is omitted during Lent and replaced with the Tract.

Tract

"Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth"—* let Israel | now say— "Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*

yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*

they made long their | furrows." The LORD is | righteous;*

he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel

G Glo-ry

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Thee.

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Lord.

John 8:42-59

Psalm 129:1-4

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. ⁴³Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



Turn to face the processional cross as it is carried back to its place.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

 Hymn of the Day
 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
 LSB 420

 Prayer
 LSB 422

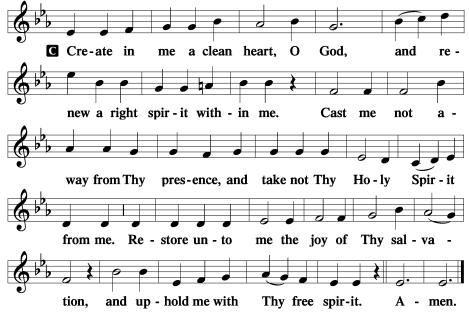
 On my heart imprint your image, Blessed Jesus, king of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
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And my glory and salvation!

Sermon

Stand

Offertory



Pastor Chris Hull

Sit

Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

Offerings may be placed in the plate located near the reception desk in the narthex.

Stand

Prayer of the Church - the Litany

- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** hear us.
- **L** God the Father in heaven,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** God the Holy Spirit,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- **C** Spare us, good Lord.
- **L** Be gracious to us.
- C Help us, good Lord.
- From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- **L** We poor sinners implore You
- C to hear us, O Lord.

L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- **C** we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

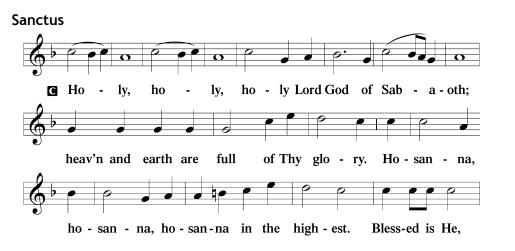
C have mercy.

- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** hear us.
- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **L** O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament



▶ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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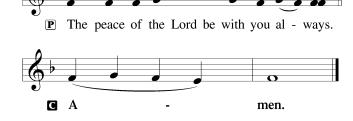
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

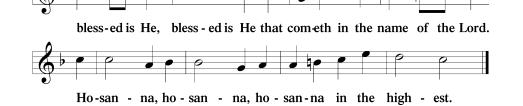
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini





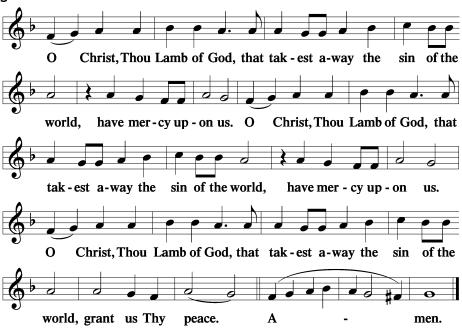
Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei



Sit

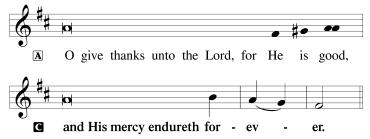
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Distribution	"My Song Is Love Unknown"	LSB 430
	"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"	LSB 440
	"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"	LSB 421
	"Savior, When In Dust to Thee" Hymn of the Month	LSB 419

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis is omitted during Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent.

Thanksgiving



A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus



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Please turn to face the processional cross as it moves through the nave during the closing hymn. Once the cross exits the nave, you may turn to face the front.

Closing Hymn

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

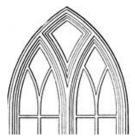
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Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent, or in Latin, Judica Sunday. Judica means "judge." The antiphon, the first verse in our Introit sings, "Judge me, O God." It is God who judges us? How does He judge us? Does God judge us by our works and merits, or according to Jesus' work and merit? Well, if we are judged by our merit, then we are judged to be guilty of sin and deserving of eternal death. However, we are not judged by our merit, but according to Jesus' merit that He laid down for us on the cross. We are judged according to Jesus' sacrifice. We are judged, not according to our righteousness, but by Jesus'

righteousness. We are not seen based on our works, but rather we are covered in the work of Jesus and stained with His blood. Because we are in Christ and are judged according to His mercy, we will never see death, meaning we will not be punished eternally because of our sins. May the Holy Spirit be granted to us anew this day that we may continue to rest assured in the reality that we are judged perfect according to the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Serving Today – March 26

Assistant	Seminarian Luke West		
Elders	Mark Arnold and	Mark Arnold and Ernie Haman	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	
Ushers	Ronald Luedke Lonny Hull	Leroy Fehrle J.B. Mayfield	
Acolytes	Brayden Busa Jamie Hull	Eden Hamilton Breton Pabor	
Crucifers	Manny Hull	Volunteer	
Interpreter for the do	the deaf Chris Hamilton		
Altar Guild	Hannah Miller and Paula Mosemann		
Counters	Chris Finley and volunteer (4 th Sunday counter needed!)		

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS – 2023

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Easter Events and Announcements

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 PM. Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends for fun and candy, and stay for the Easter Vigil service afterwards at 6:00 PM!

Easter Flower Cross: We will be decorating the wooden cross with flowers again this year! Please bring your choice of cut flowers on Easter Sunday to help decorate as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Hats: For the last few years, Zion's ladies have dusted off their beautiful hats for Easter. We want to continue this tradition and we encourage ladies of all ages to join us! We will take pictures during the breakfast on Easter Sunday around 9:15 AM.

News and Announcements

Holy Tuesday Event: This year on Holy Tuesday, April 4, we will read through the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark at 6:30 PM. Come and hear the entire book of Mark read as you walk through Holy Week!

Easter Vigil: As we have done for the past several years, we will again offer the Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 8, the night before Easter. This is an absolutely beautiful service that begins in Lent and ends in Easter. If you haven't attended before, please join us! It will quickly become one of your favorite services! For more information about the Vigil, see the handout on the narthex table.

Offering Counters Needed: We are looking for **one person** to assist in counting offerings after late service on **week 4 of each month.** If you are willing to give your time and talents to assist in counting offerings, please contact Glenn Halfacre at <u>glenn.halfacre@gmail.com</u> or 281-642-5437.

Sunday School Teachers are needed! If you are interested in serving Zion in this capacity, whether part time or substitute, please contact Sean Theiss at 832-717-6093 or <u>cavtrooper77@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Church Officer Directories are now available in the narthex, including each officer/auxiliary position, the person elected, and their contact information. Grab one for your fridge or phone book!

Lent Midweek Services continue on March 29 at 4:00 and 6:30 PM, with dinner in between from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday – April 2 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Services 9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Class

Holy Tuesday – April 4 6:30 PM Reading of the Holy Gospel According to St. Mark

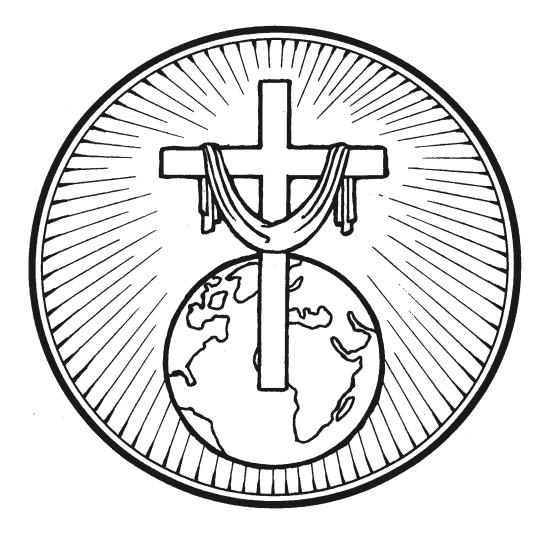
> Holy Wednesday – April 5 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross Service

> > Maundy Thursday – April 6 6:30 PM Divine Service

Good Friday – April 7 6:30 PM Chief Service with the Sacrament

Holy Saturday – April 8 5:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 PM Easter Vigil with the Sacrament

Easter Sunday – April 9 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM Divine Services 8:30 AM Breakfast



This Week at Zion

Today - 3/26	Divine Service	8:00 AM
·	Sunday School / Bible Classes	9:30 AM
	Divine Service	10:45 AM
	Confirmation Class	12:15 PM
Tuesday – 3/28	Tuesday Morning Bible Class	9:30 AM
Wednesday – 3/29	Lent Services	
·	Lent Dinner	5:00 PM
Thursday - 3/30	Handbell Choir	5:30 PM
	Adult Choir	6:30 PM
Friday - 3/31	Sew and Sews	9:30 AM
Saturday $-4/1$	Ladies Guild	9:30 AM
·	Confession and Absolution Service	
Sunday $-4/2$	Palm Sunday	
	Divine Service	8:00 AM
	Sunday School / Bible Classes	9:30 AM
	Divine Service	10:45 AM

Last Week – March 19

Offerings			Attendance
Fund	Last Week	Year To Date	Sunday
General Fund Offerings	5,672	101,854	8:00 AM: 102
General Fund Budget	9,090	109,080	10:45 AM: 88
Difference	(3,418)	(7,226)	TT7 1 1
Missions	0	95	<i>Wednesday</i> 4:00 PM: 50
Church Improvement Fund	145	6,081	6:30 PM: 20
CIF Bank Balance / Loan Due	33,288	38,525	

Next Week – April 2

Dominica Palmarum Palm Sunday

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1 – 27:66 **Hymns:** 442, 438, 443, 334, 419, 444, 441, 539