

**ZION**

Ministries Under the Cross

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# Welcome to Zion!

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*“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love...”*

(Joel 2:13)

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we’re glad you’re here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God’s goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook and Instagram), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God’s gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Prayground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

*Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten path 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.*

## **We Gather**

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### **INTRODUCTION & ACCLAMATION**

As we begin our worship, we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, during which the crowds proclaim him a king.

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

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Luke 19:28-40

### **BLESSING OF 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.**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

ELW Hymn #344

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray together:

**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.**

## We Hear & Respond to God's Word

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Silence for meditation follows the readings.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hosanna”

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SHARING OF PEACE

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

## We Feast at the Lord's Table

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en - ly hosts.

13 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

16 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -

19 - est. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

23 Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us through Jesus

Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world. Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power, to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord who comes to us in his body and blood.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be your  
name, hal - low - ed be your name. Your king - dom come, your  
will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our  
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for - give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from  
e - vil, de - liv - er us from e - vil. For yours is the  
king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver and e - ver, for



## SHARING THE MEAL

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

*During the season of Lent, our meal is shared in silence.  
You are encouraged to use this time for prayer and contemplation.*

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## We Are Sent into the World

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### BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

#### GOSPEL READING

*Today's Gospel reading resumes immediately following the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday and propels us into the events of Christ's Passion, leaving us in suspense for the continuation of the story.*

#### “STAY HERE”

*The worship leaders will sing the response three times, after which the liturgy is suspended until the beginning of Maundy Thursday worship.*

*The worship concludes with a meditative period,  
and worshippers are asked to depart in silence.*

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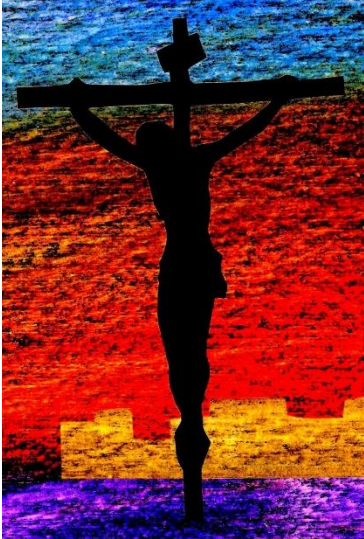
## Holy Communion at Zion

Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.

## For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

If you would like to submit a name(s) to include in our **Prayers of the People**, please use an index card from the Welcome Table and place it in the prayer basket at the altar **before the Hymn of the Day**. In order to keep our prayer list current, all names must be resubmitted each week if you desire continued prayers.

## Holy Week Continues



# Holy Week 2025

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 17th

3:30 p.m.

Evergreen Academy Chapel  
Church Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.

Worship Service  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
6301 SW 18th Street  
Boca Raton, FL 33433



### **GOOD FRIDAY**

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

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m.





# Today's Readings

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

## Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

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

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As

he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the  
Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

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

## 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.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?



Have mercy on me, O LORD,  
for I<sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat<sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my<sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me  
because of affliction,  
and my bones<sup>1</sup> are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies,  
a disgrace to my neighbors,  
a dismay to<sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street  
<sup>1</sup>they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten,  
<sup>1</sup>out of mind;  
I am as useless as a<sup>1</sup> broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard  
the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is<sup>1</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together  
against me;  
they plot to<sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me,  
I have trusted in<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You<sup>1</sup> are my God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are<sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me  
from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who<sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine  
up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

## Second Reading

## Philippians 2:5-11

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.

## Gospel

## Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18.

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