

Sion Lutheran Church
Lancaster, Minnesota
March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday

Welcome to this gathering of the people of God. We are glad you have joined us. Today on this Passion Sunday, it is the start of the holiest week of the church season, the basis for our faith. The liturgy begins with a momentary glimpse of joy and festivity, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

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**

Gathering: Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Requests

Gathering Song: All Glory Laud and Honor page 344

Service of the Word: Confession and Forgiveness (left column) please stand page 211

The Greeting & Kyrie (*have mercy..*) page 203-204

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.**

God's Word: Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11
The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation: please stand page 189

The Gospel: Mark 14:1-15.....**Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of Day: Go to The Dark Gethsemane page 347

Apostles' Creed (back inside over)

Prayers for the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory Prayer (please stand): Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Meal-Great Thanksgiving page 206-207

Lord's Prayer page 208

Lamb of God page 208

Let Us Break Bread Together page 471

We Come To The Hungry Feast page 479

Eat This Bread (sing twice) page 472

Sending: Blessing

Pastor: "Go in Peace to Serve the Lord!"

Congregation: "Thanks Be To God."

Sending Hymn: Oh Holy Jesus page 349

Lent let light shine out of the darkness

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