



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Defiance, Ohio

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

March 29, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching
Musician
Lector
Crucifier
Book Bearer

Pastor Tom Zulick
Neal Deniston
Tom Boals
Cooper Hageman
Marty Frank

Ushers
Altar Care
Fellowship Hour
Offering Collectors

Youth
Linda Hardy
Donna Schindler
Sue McKibben
& Donna Schindler

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman, & Shaun Holley

— We Gather To Hear God's Word —

GATHERING SONG

"Lift up Your Heads"

W&P #88

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: **Matthew 21:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Red Book #344

GREETING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 31:9-16**

SECOND READING: **Philippians 2:5-11**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ"

READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

GOSPEL: **Matthew 26:1-27:66**

We sit

HOMILY:

"Blessed is He"

Pastor Tom Zulick

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Red Book #264

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit

OFFERTORY HYMN

We stand

"Let the Vineyards"

Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

Red Book Setting 2, pg. 133

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154

We sit

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154

DISTRIBUTION

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"
"What Feast of Love"

Red Book #798
Red Book #487

We stand

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts"

Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

— *We Go To Live God's Word* —

SENDING HYMN

"There in God's Garden"

Red Book #342

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"

W&P Book #46

To be added to the prayer chains, please contact:
ePrayers: office@zionslutheranchurch.com.

WE PRAY...For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Carole Engel, Bob Swingle, Linda Wagner, Kate Frank, Mary Boals, Donna Ripke, Marsha Leaders, Ray Gottschling, and Gary Smith.

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Sandy Hupp, David Shafer, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Julie Logan, and Becky Mohr.

For the men and women of our military both here and abroad: Especially, Dan Bostelman, Scott Clippinger, Jeremy Horstman, Andrew Mullett, Zachary Price, Benjamin Mullett, Erika Rogers, and Matthew Rogers, and Evan DeTray.

THIS WEEK AT ZION'S

Sunday, March 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, March 30	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, April 1	12:00 pm	AA Group
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
Thursday, April 2	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 4	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 5	9:45 am	Easter Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	7:30 pm	AA Group

March 22, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance 61	Ministry Fund	\$ 2,495.67
Youtube Views 46	Building Fund	\$ 10.00

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, the Ministry Fund needs \$3,485.00 each week.

— Announcements —

Happy Birthday today to Karen Bostelman and this week to Cooper Hageman and Gene Vogel.

The Endowment Committee is accepting grant requests. **Application deadline is April 1, 2026.**

Registration deadline for the Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA "Reach out to Serve" is March 31st featuring HUT Outreach speaker, Nichole Coulter. More info on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Moving forward, when you add someone to the prayer chain they will be left on the prayer chain for a three-week period. If that prayer has been answered, circumstances change or remain the same, please let the office know whether to keep them on.

I would like to invite all of you to an amazing performance called "Journey—a Story of the Blood" at Free Christian Church of God in Continental. The cast consists of over 200 people (including myself). See bulletin board in the Narthex for more info. ~Teresa

In the back of the pew in front of you, you will see new prayer cards. Be sure to fill one out if you have a prayer request and drop it in the offering plate. The reverse side of the card is for visitors to fill out so we have their information and can welcome them and send them info on any upcoming events and services.