

*Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026*  
*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gather in Narthex**

**Bell**

**Palm Branch Procession**

**Processional Song** “Hosanna” - CCLI # 4662491

**V1** Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

**Pre-Chorus**

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

(Washed away)

**Chorus**

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

**V2** Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

**Ending**

Hosanna hosanna

**Welcome**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Congregation: Amen**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**Congregation: And also with you**

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession and Forgiveness (From 1 John & Psalm 32)**

Pastor: God is light

**Congregation: in him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

**C: and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord

**C: And he forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Song "Because of Your Love" - CCLI # 4662501**

**Verse**

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give You thanks  
For all You've done

**Chorus**

Because of Your love we're forgiven  
Because of Your love our hearts are clean  
We lift You up with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed  
Because of Your love

**Song "The Commission" - CCLI # 7146623**

**V1** See my hands look at my feet  
It's okay if it's hard to believe  
I have faith you will do greater things  
It's my time to go but before I leave

**V2** Don't forget the things that I taught you  
I conquered death and I hold the keys  
Where I go you will go too someday  
But there's much to do here before you leave

**Chorus** Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end

**Bridge**

End of the journey the end of the road  
My spirit is with you wherever you go  
You have a purpose and I have a plan  
I'll make you this promise  
I'll come back again but until then

**Prayers & The 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***

**Old Testament Readings: Zechariah 9:9, Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11, Psalm 8:2 (NIV)**

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching!  
declares the Lord.

Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)**

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:6-16 (NIV)

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“‘From the lips of children and infants

you, Lord, have called forth your praise?’”

*P: The Word of God for the people of God*

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message:** “*The Beginning of the End*” - Pastor Al Alexander

**The Creed “This I Believe” - CCLI #7018338**

Our Father everlasting,  
The all creating One, God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender,  
Suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high

*I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One*

*This I believe in the Name of Jesus*

**Song: "Sweetly Broken" - CCLI # 4514635**

**V1** *To the cross I look, to the cross I cling  
Of it's suffering I do drink, of it's work I do sing  
For on it my Savior, both bruised and crushed  
Showed that God is love and God is just.*

**V2** *What a priceless gift, undeserved life  
Have I been given through Christ crucified  
You've called me out of death, You've called me into life  
And I was under Your wrath,  
Now through the cross I'm reconciled*

**Chorus** *At the cross You beckon me  
You draw me gently to my knees, and I am  
Lost for words, so lost in love, I'm  
Sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.*

**Bridge**  
*In awe of the cross I must confess  
How wondrous Your redeeming love  
And how great is your faithfulness*

**Announcements**

- March Mission: Chosen People Ministries - See poster in Narthex
- Community Bible Study
  - Tuesdays at 3:00 pm at Zoar or Zoom (contact lmsalexand@gmail.com)
  - This week James 4:13-5:6
- Soup Supper every Wednesday serving 5:15-6:00 pm
  - This week Matzo Soup and salad
- Zoar is looking for
  - A Sunday School teacher for one or two Sundays a month
  - Contact Linda at 612 817 8045
- Good Friday Service - 4/3/26 at 6:00 pm
- Please pray through the Zoar prayer list every day
- Sign up to pray for one of our young people
- Pick up a copy of Our Daily Bread devotional in the Narthex
- To get on the prayer chain - email or call Pastor Al or the church.
- Prayer Requests - Form in seat back; box in Narthex or email Pastor Al
- Sign up for after church treats
- Puzzle exchange - downstairs in the fellowship hall. Lots of puzzles!
- Billy Peterson book - See Pastor Al
- Giving: Box in Narthex, online through our webpage or send a check to the church.

**Benediction** *Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)*

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

**Bell**

**Sending**

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia. Amen**

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