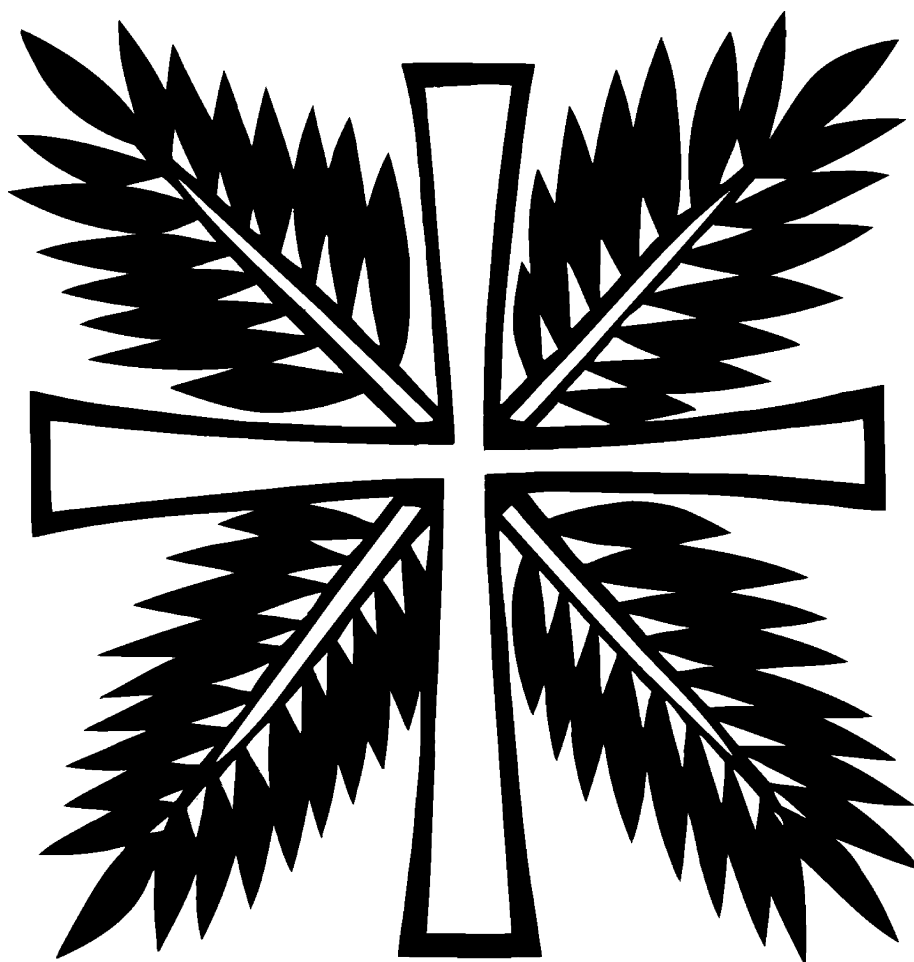


SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Palm Sunday



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Penn Hills, Pennsylvania

April 13, 2025 ♦ 9:30 am

Following the Liturgy:

- You are invited to speak the responses in **bold type**.
 - **ELW #:** a hymn from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red hymnal).
 - **ACS #:** a hymn from *All Creation Sings* (purple hymnal supplement).
- Hymn numbers are in the upper outside corners of the pages.

Holy Communion

All who believe and are baptized are welcome at the table Jesus Christ sets for us. You will be dismissed pew by pew by an usher to come forward to the altar rail. As you come forward, take a glass from the tray in front of the baptismal font: empty glasses for wine or a filled glass with grape juice. You may kneel or stand at the rail. The pastor will give you a wafer (the bread), and then to the assisting minister will pour the wine into your glass. If you would like gluten-free bread or wish to only receive a blessing, please tell the pastor when you come forward. For those in need of mobility assistance, please let the ushers know, and communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Restrooms are located at the rear corner of the sanctuary.

The Playground on the rear balcony side of the church is a space specially designed for children and families in worship. Toys, books, and coloring materials are available there for your use.

Hearing Assistive Technology is available for those who need it. Please see an usher or tech minister at the desk at the back of the sanctuary.

Introduction to the Day: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

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 pathway 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.

Gathering

Gathering Songs

Prepare the Royal Highway

Stanza 1 - all

2 - men, all join on "Hosanna to the Lord..."

3 - women, all join on "Hosanna to the Lord..."

4 - all



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Verses – choir

1. Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
 spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
 There in the distance they begin to see,
 there on a donkey comes the Son of God.
2. As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
 hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
 to our redeemer who still calls today,
 asks us to follow with our love and faith.

Refrain – all

From ev-'ry cor - ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the one who comes
 in the name of God. With one great shout of ac - cla - ma - tion loud, tri -
 um - phant song breaks forth: Ho - san - na, ho -
 san-na to the king! Ho - san - na, ho - san-na to the king!

Text: Rubén Ruiz Avila, tr. Gertrude C. Suppe
 Music: MANTOS Y PALMAS, Rubén Ruiz Avila
 Text and music © 1972, 1979 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Co. All rights reserved.
 Used by permission.

Acclamation

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

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28–40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

The people raise their palm branches.

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

The presiding minister prays a prayer of blessing. The people respond: Amen.

Procession

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church singing the following hymn:

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

The presiding minister concludes the procession:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

Response: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
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.

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;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b–14

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The acclamation is sung by the choir.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name. (*Phil. 2:8-9*)

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, Luke 22:14—23:56

The following hymn stanzas are sung during the Passion reading:

A Stable Lamp is Lighted (<i>sung by the choir throughout</i>)	ACS 910
Jesus, Remember Me (<i>repeated by all several times</i>)	ELW 616
What Wondrous Love is This (st. 2 only)	ELW 666

It is customary to stand at the portion beginning “As they led Jesus away...”

It is customary to kneel for the final portion following the words: “...he breathed his last.”

Hymn of the Day: Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

The assembly stands to sing.

Apostles’ Creed

The assembly stands.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of Intercession

The assembly kneels or sits.



Musical notation for the Prayers of Intercession. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It is divided into three parts: 'Cantor' (4 measures), 'All' (4 measures), and 'Final time' (2 measures). The lyrics are: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. A - men.'

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Announcements

Meal

Offering

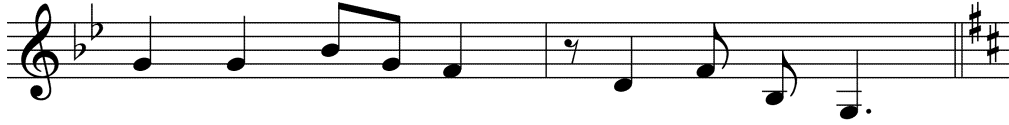
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem: Psalm 22 for Palm Sunday (*cantor: Mary Sabol*) Rory Cooney



Musical notation for the Offertory Anthem. The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It consists of two staves. The first staff is marked 'All*' and contains the lyrics: 'My God, my God,'. The second staff contains the lyrics: 'why have you a - ban - doned me?'.

*All who see me scoff at me; with parted lips they mock me,
they wag their heads. "He relied on God,*



let God res-cue him if he loves him!"

*Indeed, indeed, many dogs surround me. A pack of criminals
is closing in upon me; they have pierced my hands and feet.*



I can count all my bones.

*They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing
they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me.*



O my help, has - ten to aid me.

*I will proclaim your name to all my people; in the
midst of the assembly I will praise you!*



You who fear the Lord, praise him, praise him!

* Cantor sings each phrase first, followed by All.

Copyright © 2007 by GIA Publications, Inc. • All Rights Reserved

Offering Prayer

The assembly stands for the prayer.

Response: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

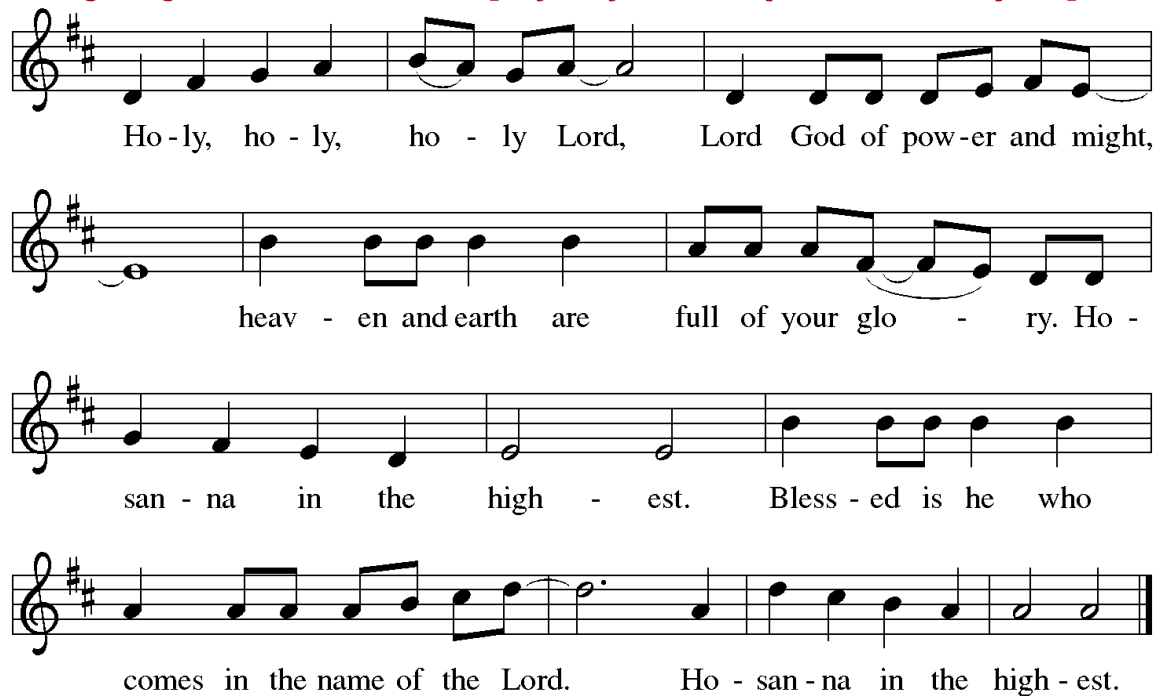
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Notice these familiar words in the “Holy, Holy, Holy” below: **“Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”** Every Sunday at communion, we use this same song of praise and prayer for salvation, quoting the crowds who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem.

Feel free to **wave your palms** again with these Hosannas! The Lord is coming to you once again in bread and wine!

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day. The assembly responds:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presiding minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

*The assembly responds: **Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's prayer:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Communion

The assembly is seated. (See communion instructions on page 2).

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW 343

Once all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:

may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace;

and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Response: Amen.

Sending Song: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

Dismissal

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical texts and music reprinted with permission from sundaysandseasons.com.

Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved

Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Week (Apr. 20)
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Rev. Richard Neumann	Rev. Richard Neumann
Assisting Minister	Brenda Wolfe	Brenda Wolfe
Organist & Choir Director	Andrew Sabol	Andrew Sabol
Musicians	Zion Church Choir	Zion Church Choir
	Kevin Morrison, <i>trumpet</i>	Brass Quintet
	Mary Sabol, <i>viola</i>	Mary Sabol, <i>piccolo</i>
Ushers	Tony Lamorte	Mike Patchen
	Charlotte Fraser	Ray Rall
Altar Guild	Brenda Wolfe	Brenda Wolfe
	Reid Wolfe	Reid Wolfe
Tech Ministers	Tom Felmley	Tom Felmley
	Alex Fitzroy	Alex Fitzroy
Offering Count	Sue Clydesdale	Mary Lou D'Ambrosio
	Cindy Pierce	Jean Betker

Today at Zion

The Sanctuary candle is given today in honor of the Rosina Yirenkyi's birthday by Pastor & Linda Neumann.

Guest Musician: Thank you to Kevin Morrison, a student from Indiana University of Pennsylvania for playing trumpet for us this morning. Kevin will be back with some more brass players for Easter Sunday morning next week!

Good Shepherd Ministry: This week our cards are for Paul Agnew, Robert Bartley, and Paul & Mary Lou Feathers. Please take a moment to sign the cards and share a smile with those unable to join us for worship. Also, remember them in your prayers this week.

Announcements

Pastor Neumann Office Coverage: Pastor Neumann's office days are Monday: 10-2; Wednesday: 11-3; and Thursday: 1-5. If you need to meet with him after those hours, the best way to reach him is on his cell phone. Here are other ways to get in touch with him:

Cell: 412-401-5720 Home: 412-822-7652 Email: manyneumanns@gmail.com

Bible Study: Diane Santoriello is leading our new Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons! The topic is "Psalms." We meet at 1:00 pm in the Gerhard Lounge and over Zoom. Everyone welcome!

(We will not be having Bible Study during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 16th)

Hospitality Hour: If you would like to volunteer to bring some goodies for Sunday after worship hospitality, there is a calendar in the Gathering space to sign up. Thank you!

Special Offering for Easter: If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or Tulip in honor or memory of someone, or if you would like to donate to our Guest Musician Fund, please see the bulletin insert. You can drop it in the offering plate or mail it along with your check made out to Zion Lutheran Church. **The deadline is TODAY, April 13th.** Thank you.

Anniversary Offering: This year, our Anniversary offering will be designated for the interior signs. Please see your offering envelope dated April 27th. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations: On Sunday, April 20th, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt here at Zion after worship. If you would like to donate any individually wrapped candy, small trinkets, or make a monetary donation, there will be a basket in the Gathering Space. If you would like to make a cash donation, please see Debbie Rall or Tammy Belohlavek. **The deadline for donations will be Palm Sunday, April 13th.** Thank you in advance!

Property Work Day: Zion members and friends: Please, please join us for a work day on **Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00am-12:00Noon.** Rain or shine. There is plenty to do, inside and out. If you can hold a paintbrush, screwdriver, or pull a weed, we need you. Some light work and some moderate work. Refreshments provided.

Congregation Council Called a Special Congregation Meeting: There will be a special congregation meeting after worship on April 27th to discuss the hillside project. Please plan to stay a few extra minutes.

Annual Congregation Meeting: Our annual Congregation meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 8th** immediately after worship.

Annual Committee Reports: Please submit your annual report to Julie no later than **May 23rd.** Also, please remember to sign your report. Thank you.

Finances

Zion Lutheran Church Budgeted Finances as of March 31, 2025

Offering Income:	\$51,161.52
Other Income:*	\$17,703.50
Total Income:	\$68,865.02
Total Expense:	\$78,341.29
Net:	\$(9,476.27)

*Thomas Child Care and Learning Center and other groups who use our facilities.

ULLA: Thank you to everyone who has already returned their responses for our Unified Lutheran Lenten Appeal. So far we have received \$3,630 toward a goal of \$10,000. Again, this year, we have the opportunity to pray for the organizations that are lifted up in our ULLA program as well as donate needed funds by completing your ULLA card that was mailed out. You can place it in the offering plate between now and Easter Sunday. There are extra cards in the pews and out in the Narthex on the table.

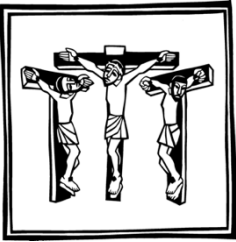
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ZION



Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion – 7:00 pm
with Washing of Feet



Friday, April 18

Good Friday

7:00 pm
Tenebrae – Service of Light and Darkness



Sunday, April 20

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

Holy Communion – 9:30 am (*livestreamed*)
Festival Service with Brass
Easter Egg Hunt for children following worship

Prayer Requests

- Thank you for your prayers as God brought us 2 Honduran dentists that will join us, making 4 dentists total!! Pray for our health and travelling mercies and wisdom for us dentists as we teach and mentor the students in faith. We will be leaving April 23rd and coming back on May 8th. Thank you, Annette Felmley
-
- Please pray for Tom Felmley and his team as they travel to India in May to help with a refugee crisis.

WE PRAY FOR...

We are concerned with maintaining a current Prayer List. If you see a name on this list that can be taken off or wish to add a name, please contact Julie in the church office. If you or someone you know (who is not on the OREMUS) is in need of a pastoral visit, please call the church office and let them know. Thank you.

Rehab Facility:

Evelyn Lamm (Concordia, Monroeville, Room 117)

Nancy Fabel (Rosebrook Living Facility, Sarver, PA, Room 116)

Paul and Mary Lou Feathers (Presbyterian Homes, Oakmont, Room 204)

Memory Care Facility:

Don Cook (Redstone Highlands in Murrysville, Room 0046)

Prayers Requested for:

Mary Lou D'Ambrosio

Amy Santoriello

Elouise Brooky

Sandra Short

John Carter

Jenny Fabrizi

Marion Ertel

Wayne Stumpf

Ken Wagner

Elaina Yoon

(daughter-in-love of Kathy Gaberson)

Nancy Miller (friend of Kathy Gaberson)

Barb Kelly (cousin of Bob Page)

Sue Z. (friend of Annette Felmley)

Greg Felmley (brother of Tom)

John Mainarich (son-in-law of Pat Pope)

Shelly Clarke (friend of Kara Albrecht)

Carla Moio (cousin of Linda Mitnik)

Audri Erfort

(cousin of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio)

Maggie Watson (daughter of Kathy Kraf)

Michael Gerdich (friend of Rhonda Pope)

Josh Cummings

(nephew of Tony Lamorte)

Patti Wunderley

(sister of Linda Neumann)

Sandy Kovacs

(sister of Linda Neumann)

David Uptagraffe (friend of Audri Erfort)

John Hayes (friend of Tom & Annette)

Richard Sabol (father of Andrew Sabol)

Gary Bunch (husband of Cheryl Bunch)

Mike Walsh (friend of Kathy Gaberson)

Katie Ritenour (cousin of Debbie Marks)

Sandy Hutchins

(friend of Diane Santoriello)

Darnell Pope (brother of Sandra Short)

Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope)

Chris Vuocolo

(nephew of Mary Lou D'Ambrosio)

Beth Rall

Denise Capobianco

(friend of Sandra Short)

This Week at Zion

Sunday, April 13: <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>	9:30 am 10:45 am 4:00-6:00	Worship Sunday School/Confirmation EAYC
Monday-Friday:	6:30-8:30 am 2:30-6:00 pm	Thomas Learning Academy Before/After School Program
Thursday, April 17: <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 pm 8:30 pm	Worship Choir (<i>Chapel</i>)
Friday, April 18: <i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service
Sunday, April 20: <i>Resurrection of Our Lord,</i> <i>Easter Day</i>	9:30 am 10:45 am	Worship Easter Egg Hunt

Zion Lutheran Church, Penn Hills

Rev. Richard Neumann, *Transitional Interim Pastor*
Mr. Andrew Sabol, *Director of Music Ministries*
Mrs. Julie Nieser, *Administrative Secretary*
Rev. William L. Hauser, *Pastor Emeritus*
Dr. Stanley E. Yoder, *Cantor Emeritus*

11609 Frankstown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-242-2626

www.zionpennhills.org
www.facebook.com/zionpennhills