

Welcome

to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday

March 29, 2015

8:30

Love God,

Love our neighbors,

Serve the World

Opening Solo

Laurie Hamilton

Opening Jazz Music

Greeting

Leader: We gather together,

All: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of peace,

All: **Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.**

Leader: We gather together,

All: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of praise,

All: **Longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing to be accepted for who we are instead of being judged for not being or doing enough.**

Leader: We gather together,

All: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of peace,

All: **Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of accusations, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.**

Leader: We gather together,

All: **Waving palms of joy,**

Leader: Waving branches of prayer,

All: **Walking toward Easter.**

Leader: As Jesus came into Jerusalem that day long ago, riding a donkey, the people whispered, "What's his name? Who is he?"

All: **The crowd shouted back, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

Leader: But who is he?

All: **His disciples praised God joyfully for all his mighty deeds of power. They shouted, "Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven."**

Leader: But do we know him by his name?

All: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Jesus is his name!**

Jesus, our Lord and our God, you sure know how to travel! You come to Jerusalem, the center of the world, to make the triumphal entry of a king. And you choose a donkey barely broken, rather than a valiant war horse; you come with some fishermen from Galilee and shouting children, rather than nobles, landowners, rabbis and Romans. You shall never be the head of state that way. You will never walk the corridors of power with that sort of humility. And if you're not careful, you may end up on a cross for all your trouble. But today (and we can make no promises about tomorrow) we worship you as our Sovereign; we bend the knee as your subjects; we cast our palm branches in your honor. Amen.

Children's Choir

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Leader: Cheering crowds sang their praises as Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to fulfill the ancient prophecy.

All: **"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."**

Leader: With palms and branches and with their clothes cast on the road to make a pathway, the people sang their joyous acclamation.

All: **Ride on, Jesus. Ride through the crowds. Ride on to anguish. Ride on to betrayal. Ride on to the cross.**

Leader: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

All: **"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Palm Sunday Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11 (Read together)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reflection/Message Part 1

Song

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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Leader: I can tell: Word has gotten out! Today is a good day! Today we tell an ancient story of a parade, palms and possibilities.

All: **And we wave palms among the images of the cross, reminding ourselves that both ecstasy and agony, joy and disappointment are part of our living.**

Leader: Today we say: Blessed is the One who comes in God's name! Hosanna!

All: **This One is Jesus of Nazareth — teacher, builder, cornerstone, Christ.**

Leader: In ancient Jerusalem, people gave Jesus a wonderful welcome the week before Passover rituals.

All: **Today, we celebrate the presence of the living Christ!**

Holy One, thank you for your unmistakable presence! With our senses and our minds, we delight in the gift of life! We honor you with attentive listening and we eagerly wait for your voice. Amen

Palm Sunday Scripture: Mark 11:1-11 (read together)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reflection/Message Part 2

Apostles' Creed

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 into hell. 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.

Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Peace

Offering

Palm Sunday Scripture: Luke 19:28-44 (read together)

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

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

Reflection/Message Part 3

Song

"Amazing Grace"

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Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is God's only Son who takes away the sin of the world.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the Lamb of God who suffers for our sake.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the Prince of Peace who reconciles all humanity to God.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, Redeemer, Lord and King.

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

Palm Sunday Scripture: John 12:12-19 (read together)

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Reflection/Message part 4

Confession

Lord Christ, we confess that even when we are praising you, part of us is also considering how we might betray you. Sometimes we betray you here at worship, when our minds drift to what is happening after we leave church. How soon can we rush back to our “real” lives and leave the unrealistic demands of discipleship behind? Sometimes we betray you at our workplaces, when our actions say, “I don’t know him.” Sometimes we betray you in our families, when we let each other down for the sake of our own convenience. Forgive us, that we forsake you so soon after singing “Hosanna.”

Assurance of Pardon

We already know the ending to this story. Though we participate in Christ’s betrayal, our salvation is sure because God raised Jesus from the dead. Hear and believe this incredible good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Song

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Go in Peace, continue the Journey of Jesus

Thanks be to God

Worship

News & Announcements

Remembering Jesus' Last Meal

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 11am & 7pm

Stations of the Cross, Self-directed with written guidance

Good Friday

April 3, 2015

5:00-7:30—Come at your convenience

Celebrating Jesus Rising from the Dead

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

6:30am Sunrise Service

8:30am Traditional Celebration

10:30am Contemporary Celebration

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily or flowering plant to enhance our Easter Sunday Sanctuary, you may purchase your own plant from a vendor of your choice and bring it to the church. All arrangements need to be at the church on Thursday, April 2.

Service

News & Announcements

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for March is for **Hunger Task Force**. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

From the **Heart Food Pantry** is part of the excitement at Trinity every Monday evening. This food pantry, located in the basement, is open to the public every Monday 5:30-7:30, to help our neighbors who need a little help getting through the month. To donate food, simply drop it off in the bin in the narthex. They especially need **fruit and hamburger helper**. Stop by Monday at 5 for a meal, sponsored by **Monday Meals** and meet your neighbors!

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News & Announcements

Our Church in a New World

Have you noticed how much the world has changed, even from a few years ago? So much in our society has changed, and it's had an effect on churches across the United States. What does that have to do with Trinity? Come and find out! The Church Council invites you to an informational presentation and discussion about the Christian Church in the 21st Century, and what that means for Trinity Lutheran Church and the La Crosse Area Synod. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 19 after the 830 service. Brunch is served that day, so come and grab a bite to eat and join in the conversation. See you there!

Hurry Graduates! Get your pictures and information to bonniejeranek@gmail.com by April 30 so we can acknowledge your accomplishment! Remember we need name, school you are graduating from, plans after school, and your parent's name(s).

Congregational Life will be planning for summer events/activities at Trinity on Monday, April 13, 7:00 in the Library. Do you have some ideas? We'd love to hear from you. Please join us! OR if you can't come, send your ideas to bonniejeranek@gmail.com.

Children &

News & Announcements



Confirmation Schedule

April 1: No Class

April 8: Instruction

April 15: Fellowship

April 22: Instruction

April 29: 9th grade Make Stoles
8th grade TBA

JOLT Youth Group

We will not be meeting this week. Have a Happy Easter. The next meeting will be on 4/12/2015.

Summer High School Service Trip

Do you know a high school student looking for something to do this summer? We have an opportunity to get away, help others and have a good time doing so. Kansas City, Kansas will be our temporary home from 7/26-8/1/15. In addition to working with community organizations, we will also spend time on a work projects that will help those in need. Any youth entering grades 9-12 are eligible to join us. The student portion will not exceed \$100. Please contact Laura Cunliffe (784-9134 or cuninlax@gmail.com) or leave a message in the church office for information or with questions on the trip. Please include your name, your child's name and a phone number or email address where we can contact you.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, March 29, 2015

IT'S FINALLY HERE! The Palm Sunday pancake breakfast is this Sunday. We will be serving from 7:30 – 11:30. Please come down and join us. The cost is \$6.00 per person ages 13 and over, \$4.00 for children ages 4–12 and free for children ages 3 and under. Thank you for supporting our youth.

10:30 Service This week

Palm Sunday

Next Week

Easter Celebration

Next Week in Worship

Easter celebration

Next week's Readings

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Love God,

Love our Neighbors,

Serve the World

Be sure to check out Trinity's Facebook page for current happenings and photos.
(Trinity Lutheran Church—ELCA)

You can find the 8:30 radio worship service bulletin and the monthly newsletter online at www.trinitylutheranlax.org

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February Giving

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\$16,825

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February Budgeted

\$23,296

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Year to Date

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Giving: \$51,292

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Budgeted giving

through March: \$86,768

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, Pat Bogie, & Military Members Austin Bekkum & Justin Boardman, Janet Mannel

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30

WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

No JOLT

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9a TOPS

4-7p Northside Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday's Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

5:30 Worship & Music meeting

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 VIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

11a Worship

7p Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

6:30a Men's Bible Study

5-7:30p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 4

NO WORSHIP SERVICE