

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Personal Hygiene Appeal

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band), 9:15 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group (with Childcare), 10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 10:30 a.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Health Ministries Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 9:30 p.m.

LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 6:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Peer Support Group, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

Fitness Class, 10 a.m.

Lenten Grace Group, 5 p.m.

Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 29

Good Friday Worship, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Brass Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

Resound Bell Rehearsal, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

Personal Hygiene Appeal

Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 8 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Live Streaming of Worship, 9:15 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 10:45 a.m.

(Please note that all three festival worship services on Easter Sunday will be in the Sanctuary as the Easter breakfast is served on the lower level. Be with us in celebration!)

Assisting in Worship This Morning

8 a.m.

Sacristans: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Marcia Schaner

Communion Assistants: Dale Barkema, Elaine Rongey

Ushers: Bob Carwell, Jack Reichert

Acolytes: TBD

9:15 a.m.

Rejoice band leading worship

Sacristan: Glenn Swanson & Chuck Hickerty

Lector: David Fast

Communion Assistants: Dave & Chris Straw

Ushers: Steve & Nate Bennett, Bill Bush, Tim Lundgren
Karen Nagle

Acolytes: Clifford Morin, Laney Brang

10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: Lois McCardell

Lector: Sue Coates

Communion Assistants: Beth Vanderwall, Jim Coates

Ushers: Kara Day, Carol Hendricks, David Kuecherer,
Jordan Wiseman

Acolytes: TBD

Bread Baker: Kelli Basher and Barb Meyers

Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Sue Bailey, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Steve Cairns, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Grant Ferguson, Biruta Fessenden, Diane Field, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Sherri Ide, Mary Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Isaac (Ike) Keller, Grace Lanning, John Leese, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Judy Mullen, Tom Mannisto, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Bob Sielaff, Dale Volkerding, Gloria Von der Heide, John Walls, Robert Williams, Rick Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Barb Crossman, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Dave and Julie Murray, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Mary Hughes and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in Millersburg, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Readings & Hymns for March 24

Zechariah 9:9-13

Philippians 2:5-11

Psalms 31:9-16

Matthew 21:1-17

#344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (red book)
#954 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (purple book)
#480 O Bread of Life from Heaven (red book)
#855 Crown Him with Many Crowns (red book)

MARCH 24, 2024
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



Jesus' entry into Jerusalem gives us hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	Zechariah 9:9-13	Judgment on Israel's enemies
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see beyond our short-sightedness to the hope that is for all of us through the cross of Christ, that we may have life. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, blessed are you, the one who comes to us with this gift of food in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace and hope.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Ride On, Ride On in
Majesty!*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know felt rejected or sad.
- What is it about God's steadfast love that is deserving of your praise, especially as you think about Jesus' journey to the cross?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 11:1-11.

It is not just by chance that the crowds who shout, "Hosanna!" days later also shout, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:13). This contrast leads us to look back to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark where Jesus' first message is, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b). To repent is to change one's mind, to see new things, and to see things differently. The crowds shouting, "Hosanna" have a customary view of power and authority. The power Jesus brings is quite different from the authority of leaders filled with jealousy and fear like the high priests and Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus' humble rule is displayed from a colt and is filled with self-giving love that conquers all, even triumphing over his own rejection and death. Palm Sunday points to a kingdom with good news and hope for the rejected and those who feel powerless. To truly hear the good news is to repent of anything less than Jesus' rule that alone gives us reason to say, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (v. 9).

Discuss: What makes it difficult for you to see Jesus' power and glory from the cross?

Pray: **God of power and might, in a world torn apart by fear and jealousy, help us to see in your reign on earth the true source of hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring hope to someone who may be feeling rejected?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Palm Sunday signals the beginning of Holy Week. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he knows the week will not end the way the people praising him will want. And yet, Jesus accepts the people's dreams and hopes and takes them to the cross with him. He turns those dreams and hopes into something more. Light six candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us. Help us to live for you. Amen.**



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