

Trinity Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Caring Christ with All People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Palm Sunday ***The Sunday of the Passion***

March 29, 2015

8:00 & 10:30a.m.

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one who loves you most
– Jesus Christ!

Preacher	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter
Organist/Visuals Creator	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Soundboard	8:00am		Andy Freihammer
		10:30am	Harvey Reichel
Lector	8:00am		Cindy Clitty
		10:30am	Joanne Walen
Acolyte	8:00am		Talon Sigurdson, Gavin Fuchs
		10:30am	Maddie Tadych, Danielle Schultz
Altar Guild			Diana Weyrauch, Sue Kulzer
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 2	Craig Cooper
	10:30am	Zone - 3	Sue Kulzer
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
	10:30am	Zone - 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow
	10:30am	Zone - 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Chuck Hoese, Jon Roesch

PALM SUNDAY/THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 29, 2015

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “All Glory, Laud and Honor” LSB 442

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-9 (*Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem*)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 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!”

COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In our Epistle lesson for today, Paul says our attitude toward others- that is, one of humility-should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. We fall exceedingly far from this

mark. In light of this fact, let us take a moment to examine our hearts, confess our sins to God, and then to one another.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: God of grace:

C: We confess to You that we have considered our thoughts and actions equal to Your divine plan and purpose for our lives. We have not exalted You, confessed You, or worshipped You as we ought. Our pride has taken the place of the humility and obedience that You rightly ask of us. Oh compassionate Lord, forgive us, for the sake of Your Son, who gave His life on the cross for us.

P: The Lord is full of compassion. He gives life. He heals the wounds caused by our sin. Therefore, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ADULT CHOIR “Let the Gates of the City Outward Swing”

INTROIT OF THE DAY

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C: That the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C: That the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” LSB 443

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: “At the Name of Jesus” LSB 512

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 15:1-47

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. "Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of." But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the

uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. "What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them. "Crucify him!" they shouted. "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the Jews. They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?'"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there. It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly

to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *(The italicized portion is from the Epistle Lesson, Phil.2:5-11)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, “Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY: “No Tramp of Soldier’s Marching Feet” LSB 444

SERMON: “All Things Considered” (Philippians 2:8)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew.)*

MUSICAL OFFERING: “Feel the Nails” *Jon Copeland*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

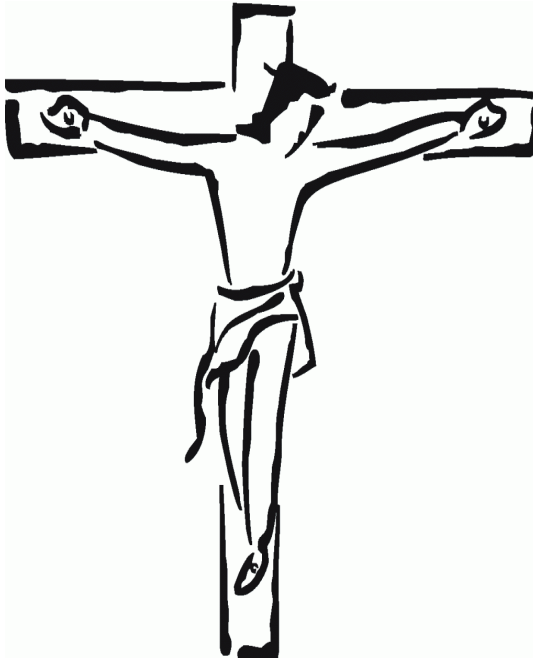
LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

CLOSING SONG: “Ride On, Ride On In Majesty” LSB 441



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 29, 2015

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week at Trinity LIC Registration Jamboree</p> <p>TODAY Worship 8:00am Z2 Bible Class & SS 9:15am Youth Bible Study 9:15am Family 101 9:15am (CDC) Worship Service 10:30am Z3 Anyuak Worship 12:00noon YABS 5:00pm</p> <p>MONDAY Narcotics Anon. 6:45pm</p> <p>TUESDAY Bible Class 10:30am Handbell Rehearsal 6:00pm Friends in Harmony 7:00pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am Finance Team Meeting 8:30am Benton Co. Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition 9:00am HS Youth Night 6:45pm Adult Choir 6:45pm</p> <p>THURSDAY Maundy Thursday Worship 6:00pm (HC) Z4</p> <p>FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am Good Friday Worship 6:00pm Z5</p>	<p>SATURDAY Altar Guild/Decorating 9:00am Bible Study @ St. Cloud State Prison 9:30am Anyuak Easter Worship 1:00pm Traditional Music Rehearsal 5:00pm</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Sunday 6:00am Worship Z1 (HC) 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:00am Worship Z2 (HC) 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC) 12:00pm Anyuak Worship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scripture Lessons:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>Mark 16:1-8</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:30pm Open during the noon hour. <i>Church Office Phone 252-3670</i></p>
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WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	
3/22/15	8:00am	121	General Fund Offerings	\$7,317.00
3/22/15	10:30am	191	Building Debt Offerings	\$990.00
3/25/2015	6:00pm	153	Total	\$8,307.00
	TOTAL	465		
Missions				
Missions this Week		\$515.00	Weekly <i>Budget Needs</i>	\$11,371.00
Received to-date		\$5,435.77		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Bruce and Gloria Thom in memory of Lloyd and Hazel Lembcke, Gloria's parents. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. **We have sponsorship openings in May and June.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.



ChristCare Small Group Ministry ChristCare Groups offer their members a sense of community. One important aspect of community is authenticity. When people begin to trust and when they receive affirmation for who they are, they are ready to risk opening windows of authenticity. Being authentic means being your real, genuine self-not hiding behind a mask. It means knowing these things: I don't have to pretend I'm perfect; I can just be me, my struggles might be different from other group members' but we all have struggles, others in this group see me as I am and care about me and God sees me as I am and loves me. If you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, mooney.connie77@gmail.com or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, dco@trinitysr.org

Sunday Morning Fellowship Our server for April is Connie Mooney. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "H, I & J" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Registration Jamboree Today Bill Schultz from Lutheran Island Camp will be joining us for the Registration Jamboree. Ask Bill any question you might have about camp, drop off your registrations, or simply stop by to say hi. Last year the camp had one of its best attendances in recent years. Let's get a large group of our congregation there this summer! Anyone registering today will receive an LIC bandana.



Orphan Grain Train Collection Please contribute new socks and undies to the Grain Train this year. Our delegates to the District Convention will take these donations on April 13th when they attend in Brainerd. There is a container in the Narthex for these items. Thank You!!

Thank You So Much! to all who donated so generously to the needs of Anna Marie's Shelter! The ladies of the LWML

Portals of Prayer for April through June are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Lenten Soup Suppers A big thank you to all who helped with the soup suppers this year: those who contributed food, worked to serve or help clean up, you are appreciated!

Help Us Reach You If you have recently changed your phone number or eliminated your land line, please call the church office at 320-252-3670 to update the church records. Thank you.

Would You Be Able to Help a Family in Need to Have a Ham for Easter - If you have receipts from Coborns with ham credits (stamps) on them that you will not be using, or if you have Ham Cards that you will not use, please give them to us. We can put several small cards or credits together to help us provide hams for local families in need. Please drop your receipts or Ham Cards off at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Remember that we need the whole receipt not just the Ham Stamp portion. The deadline is **April 8th**. Thank you for helping us with this project. -Craig Cooper



Prince of Peace Lutheran School **Annual Prince of Peace Dinner/Fundraiser** "Celebrating God's Abundant Goodness!" What: Prince of Peace Lutheran School Annual Benefit When: Sunday, April 19, 2015. Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran School Gym Time: 11:30 a.m. - about 3:00 p.m. Food: Creative Catering from Rice, MN serving Buffet Dinner for only \$12 for tickets purchased by April 13th, \$20 thereafter. Entertainment: Holy Cross Adult Choir and Men's Choir, and POP Students. Live/Silent Auctions: Scaled Down to top 100 favored items (e.g., lawn mower, freezer, grill) "They will celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness." (Psalm 145:7) Tickets Available now!



Easter Breakfast Please

plan to attend the Easter Breakfast on April 5th from 7 to 10am. Your donations are welcome! Sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex to supply items for the breakfast. Thank you in advance! The High School Youth

You Are Invited Please join us in celebrating Lu Neils' 90th birthday on Sunday, April 12th in the fellowship hall from 11:30-1:30. She would love to see you!

Beginning Experience is a weekend program for divorced, widowed or separated adults on April 10-12, 2015 at Luther Crest, Alexandria, MN. **BE** is a program designed to facilitate the grief resolution

process for adults thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others, and God. Those who attend the weekend should be beyond the initial feelings of anger and despair. To receive an application, or for more information, call (888)565-0178 or visit <http://www.beginningexperiencecentralmn.org>. Forms available in the church office.

MSYG Dates of upcoming events: Wed., April 22nd. Earth Day Project; Wed., April 29th. Class Mural Painting; Wed., May 6. Meet at Trinity for DODGEBALL. We will carpool to Prince of Peace for this event. Mon., June 22. Valleyfair. Carpool and chaperone help is needed.

AARP to Sponsor Driver Safety Class Here's an opportunity for those age 55 and above to learn more about safe driving and save 10% on your car or truck insurance. The Salt & Pepper group is hosting the 4-hour refresher course for those who have either taken the beginner class or the last refresher class was three years ago or more. The class fee is only \$20 if you are an AARP member or \$25 if you are not a member and payable at the start of the class. The class is here in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 21 starting at 1:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to register and reserve your space. The Salt & Pepper group will be serving coffee and refreshments.

Lenten and Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Worship Service with Holy Communion at 6:00pm

Good Friday Worship, April 3rd

Tenebrae Service at 6:00pm

Resurrection Sunday, April 5th

Worship Services at 6:00am, 8:00am and 10:30am

Communion at all worship services.


Easter Breakfast served 7:00am until 10:00am

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service.

If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am - 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service. Please call Sue Morey (252-5610) with any questions regarding the nursery. **Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES: Large Print

 **Editions** of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request. **If you need further information**, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us! **Bible Study for Adults on Sundays:** we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall. **Coffee & Fellowship** - after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!