



March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Worship focus: *See the Cross of Christ: We praise him for it!*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

prerecorded

Please stand.

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: Behold the Lamb of God. Let us worship him.

OPENING HYMN 133 – “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” (verses 1, 4, & 5)

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue your road,

With palms and scattered garments strowed.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on his sapphire throne

Awaits his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow your meek head to mortal pain,

Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24

Spoken responsively

P: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it,

C: the world, and all who live in it;

P: For he founded it upon the seas

C: and established it upon the waters.

P: Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?

C: Who may stand in his holy place?

P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

P: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you 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 you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is he, this King of glory?

C: The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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.**

FIRST LESSON – Zechariah 9:9,10

God's people rejoice as they see their King coming to bring them salvation and peace.

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. ¹⁰ 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.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Mark 11:1-10

Although many praised him as a coming king, Jesus comes in humility to bring his people peace.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰ “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest!”

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
By his wounds we are healed.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

131 – “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (verses 1, 4, & 5)

**1. All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and blessed one.**

**4. All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**

**5. All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King.**

SERMON TEXT – Philippians 2:5-11

God exalted Jesus to the highest place of honor because Christ humbled himself and willingly went to the cross to bring us peace from our sins.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

Theme: Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty!

1. Christ was not above it!
2. Christ will share his glory through it.

Please stand.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

114 – “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (*verses 1, 6, & 7*)

**1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe –
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**6. Thou has suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For thy sorrows deep and sore,
For thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
Thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
For thy bleeding and thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry
And shall praise thee, Lord, on high. Amen.



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GREETERS

today are:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service

Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

Maundy Thursday:

Tyler & Kathy Smith

Good Friday:

Jerry & Betty Burkholder

Next Sunday:

Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service

Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of March 21, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 190; Early: 85; Late: 105; Adult Bible Study: 32; Teen Bible Study: 1; On-line worship service views for March 14 were 63.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through April 10 are the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, April 11 will be the members of James Miles' Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (March 28 through April 4)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20.

MON Newsletter articles due.

WED Handbell practice 6:30.

THU Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00pm; **CALL MEETING** immediately after service.

FRI Good Friday Service 7:00pm.

SUN **Worship 6:30 AM & 9:30;** Easter Sunday; Communion; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20; Elders.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON – FRI No School-Easter Break.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you.

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after each service today.

THERE WILL BE a call meeting immediately following the Maundy Thursday service on April 1st to call a 1st & 2nd grade teacher as well as a 7th & 8th grade teacher/principal. All voters and members, men and women, are encouraged to attend.

JOIN US for Holy Week services, including Mandy Thursday Communion worship at 7:00pm on April 1st, Good Friday worship at 7:00pm on April 2nd, and Easter Day services at 6:30 & 9:30am, Sunday, April 4th. Join in the celebration of new life in Christ!

LWMS HEARTLAND & OHIO CIRCUIT RALLY will be held Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Mansfield, from 9:30am to noon. Guest speaker will be Pastor Scott Miller, Home Missionary and LWMS Pastoral Advisor. Sign-up on line at sites.google.com/site/lwmsheartland/. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church narthex for the Spring Rally. The ladies of the Heartland Circuit have invited us to join them for lunch at Der Dutchman after the rally. If you were part of the Convention Planning Committee your meal will be paid for, otherwise, please plan on paying for your own meal. Please let Cheryl Kretz (419-326-6993) know if you are going so we can plan ahead.

DON'T FORGET! Spaghetti Dinner Drive-Thru: **Today is the day!** Please remember to pick up your spaghetti dinner from 11:30am-1:00pm today. Bring your tickets! Please drive east on Allen Street, turn on to High St., and then turn into the school parking lot behind the building. Meals will be brought out to your car by the ramp outside the gym. The 7th and 8th graders, their parents, and Mr. Koepsell thank you for your support!!!

RAIN, CLOUDS, AND PUDDLES: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday, April 5 or Tuesday, April 6 in the church basement from 9:30-10:30. We have activities planned for you to enjoy with your children ages 0-6. Join us to play with rainbow colored oatmeal, put on a raincoat and splash in puddles, make a rain stick, and explore blue rice. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday, April 11, immediately after second service. We will be discussing the future of busing at our school as well as necessary masonry work needed on the school building. The congregation (all voters, men, and women) and school parents are encouraged to attend to voice your opinions on these important matters.

DOOR OFFERING: There will be a door offering collected *today* to benefit the LWMS kids c.a.r.e program. Offerings received will help mission churches start childcare centers or preschools, which will bridges in their communities and opportunities to share God's Word.

CHURCH SEATING UPDATE: As some COVID procedures are winding down, our council and elders have discussed ways to keep everyone safe, but also address issues with having enough room in church. Starting today, we will open up a section of church pews where people can sit in every row, instead of every other row. This will be an option for those who feel comfortable sitting next to each other. The rest of the church seating, including the balcony, will remain with the current seating arrangement.



DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS the 7th and 8th graders will not be able to take their biannual Chicago Trip. They will, however, be able to take a 3 day trip to southern Ohio where they will participate in various learning activities and new experiences.

The students thank you for supporting this trip with your purchase of spaghetti dinner tickets. To continue to raise funds we are also hosting a meat package raffle. Each ticket is \$10 and the drawing will be held on April 30, 2021. The package includes:

- 4 lbs. T-bone steaks
- 4 lbs. rib steaks
- 8 lbs. skirt steaks
- 8 lbs. sirloin steaks
- 16 lbs. chuck roasts
- 20 lbs. hamburger (1 lb. pkgs.)
- 12 lbs. hamburger patties

If you would like to purchase tickets, please see any 7th or 8th grade student/parent, Mr. Koepsell, or by calling the school office at 419.326.4685.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Now is the time to get your children registered for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline is April 12th. If you have not received your registration packet, or if you know of someone who is interested in our school, please contact the office, either by phone or email. We are still accepting students to our preschool/prekindergarten program, as well. Simple registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex or they also be obtained from the school office, along with the complete Pre-K packet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-you-olds, containing lessons 20-25 are available for pick up in the narthex on the left side of the Sunday School table. Students in Preschool through eighth grade may find lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. Lesson packets that go with the videos are on the table in the narthex. The Bible lesson are adjusted for Holy Week and Easter so for today/this week is #10, "Our Savior Dies." May God bless us and our children as we hear and read these lessons from the Bible.

WE WANT YOU!



Our school is in desperate need of a full time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them.

CALL RESPONSE

Dear Members of Trinity,
Jess and I were humbled to receive the calls to teach 1-2 and 7-8 Grade and be your Principal. In the few conversations that we have had, your younger congregation and dedication of the church to the school ministry is very apparent. The amount of support that the congregation has for education can be seen immediately. The potential for growth that your congregation shows, especially though all of the baptisms and the Mornings with Mommy program, is unique in today's day and age. It seems you have figured out a way to start connecting to younger families, where many of our churches seem to be struggling.

On March 8, Jess accepted a call to teach Kindergarten here at Reformation. During her deliberation, she was very excited about the opportunity to be the bridge between the preschool and the grade school. An added bonus is that she will be able to cover some maternity leave this spring and get to teach her future kindergarteners. These are some of the things that are helping her feel like the transition from full-time mom to full-time teacher and mom is doable. With having just gone through the prayerful deliberation of Jess's call here to Reformation over the past month, we can see that our time here is not yet complete. So, we feel the Lord leading us to return your calls.

We have every confidence that the Lord has just the right people in mind for the ministry at Trinity. Even in the few conversations we were able to have, we could see the love and support that you have for the ministry and sharing God's Word in your community. Your ministry will continually be in our prayers.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Adam and Jess Bohl

Bits 'n Pieces

Trinity Lutheran School History, continued

The John Heldman family offered to donate land northeast of the church, if it was used for a Christian Day School and an architect drew up plans for a brick school building. Due to World War II, building materials were scarce and the O.P.A. would not grant a license to build a school.

In 1948, the voters approved starting a Christian Day School by asking the Synod's Assignment Committee for a male teacher to teach eight grades. The church basement was improved, a Board of Christian Education was elected and three good used buses were purchased. Mr. Wayne Wiechmann was assigned as our first teacher and Pastor Walter C. Voss volunteered to teach as well. The school opened with seventy-two students. After two years, Miss Rosemary Slama was assigned to teach the lower grades.

Meanwhile the School Building Committee made plans for the erection of a school building. Government restrictions eased somewhat and materials were easier to obtain. The exception was steel which was finally obtained through a connection that Pastor Voss had with the heads of two firms in Michigan. The architect was Clyde Sebach or Forest. The general contractor, Harvey Wilch and his immediate helpers were hired by the hour, and the building, which consisted of three classrooms, a library, restrooms and a furnace room, was begun in the spring of 1951. The overall dimensions were 76 by 55 feet and it was constructed of cinder block with red brick facing, and heated with an automatic hot air oil furnace.

Many members did much volunteer work and donated furniture and equipment with the total cost in money being approximately \$47,000 for the new school. The school building was dedicated to the Glory of God with a special afternoon service on April 27, 1952. Congregational hymns were: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation," "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds which God Performed of Old," and "Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught," and the Choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." After the service in church, the two Pastors (Pastor Voss and the guest preacher, District President, Pastor S. Westendorf), the two teachers, members of the School Building Committee, the Board of Christian Education, the Vestry, the Sunday School teachers, the 76 school children and then the rest of the congregation, in that order, proceeded to the front door of the new building where a brief dedicatory ceremony was held. The school children sang "Lord God, To Thee Our Thanks We Pay" and Psalm 100 was read in unison. Everyone was then invited to inspect the new school building.

Over the years, schedules were set up and many of the fathers of students drove the buses, either the morning or afternoon route for a week at a time and many of the mothers cleaned the school.

to be continued.

Thank you to Esther Spaeth for sharing the history of our school!