

✝ Palm Sunday ✝
March 25, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆ **Prelude**

◆ **Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

Pastor: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

**People: You are our God, and we will praise you;
You are our God, and we will exalt you.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His faithful loves endures forever!

◆ **Hymn of Praise** (BH #227) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

◆ **Invocation**

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Kingdom Kids

WORD

Scripture Readings

John 12:12-16

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

◆ *Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆ **Hymn of Preparation** (BH #126) *Life Up Your Heads,
O Mighty Gates* (vs. 1,2,5)

Message

**“A Week to Live”
Rev. Mark Westlind**

RESPONSE

◆ **Hymn of Response** (BH #269) *Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun*
(vs. 1,3,4)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folk involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

This is the good news, my friends:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering *The King is Coming*

Offertory

◆ *Doxology*

◆ *Prayer of Dedication*

SENDING

◆**Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #128) *Prepare the Way, O Zion!*

◆**Benediction**

Postlude

◆**Indicates those who are able should stand.**

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Char Dunk-Sladek, Greg Goetz, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lois Jaderholm who entered the life eternal on Friday, March 16. Lois was the wife of Robert "Bud" Jaderholm and the mother of Lori Cavallone. Services were held on Tuesday, March 20 at Colonial Chapel in Orland Park. Peace be to Lois' memory.

As a church family we extend our deepest sympathy to Marcia Lellos' family on the death of her brother who entered the life eternal on Tuesday, March 13 in Sioux City, Iowa. Services were held on Saturday, March 17 in Iowa. Peace be to his memory.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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The Last Week

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

- 10 A.M. *Palm Sunday* Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

This Week:

- Mon.-Fri. Noah’s Ark Spring Break, class resumes April 3
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study
- Thurs. 7 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service, Fireside Room
- Fri. **Good Friday**

Next Sunday:

- 10 A.M. *Easter Sunday* Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- NOTE:** No Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group or Adult Sunday School

April 1 – Nursery Helpers: Diana Eigenbauer, Grace Persson
Greeters: Steve & Kelly Bradbury, Madelyn & Allyson Ford

Announcements:

New Email

Pat Anderson has a new email address:
cliffandpata@gmail.com

Central Conference Celebration

We need 2 members from Trinity to be delegates to attend our Central Conference Celebration. This year’s Conference is at Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, 277 Hawthorne St. in Glen Ellyn, IL, from April 26 – 28, 2018 (Thursday-Saturday). This is an opportunity to meet and connect with other Covenant churches in our area and be informed about our shared ministries, and to hear about new initiatives in the Central Conference. Please contact Pat Klutcharch **by Sunday, April 1** if you are interested. Grace and peace to all of you.

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____



**Join Pastor Mark for
Maundy Thursday
Service
March 29, 7 P.M.
Fireside Room**

Remembering a Loved One

Reserve Your Easter Lily

It has been the tradition at Trinity to adorn the chancel area on Easter Sunday with lilies. Please join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a donation towards these flowers and a memorial to someone you love.

Place your order today for an Easter Lily by filling out the envelope insert and return to the church office.

You are invited to take your flowers with you following the Easter Sunday service or you can donate your flowers to be given to a shut-in.

Today, Palm Sunday, is the last day to place your order.

Adult Sunday School

Today, Dr. Troy Martin will conclude his class teaching on "Emotion in the Bible and Our Society". The "Law" portion discussed the past two weeks led to interesting discussions. Join us for further discussion.

Please Note: April 1 there will be no Adult Class as it is Easter Sunday.

April Adult Sunday School

On April 8 and 15 Mary Chase-Ziolek, Professor of Health Ministries and Nursing at North Park University and Seminary will be here teaching on "Faith and Food" and how the food we eat each day connects us intimately with others, creation and God. The class will explore dimensions of faith and food, looking at hospitality, stewardship and justice. This is Mary's first time teaching at Trinity so if you haven't attended the Adult Class before try to join us in welcoming her. This topic may be a first for the Adult Class so don't miss it!

On April 22 Greg Goetz will be back teaching our class and more information will be shared later on his topic.

April 29 we will welcome back Deborah Penny, Assoc. Director of Contextual and Life Long Learning, North Park Seminary, who will share her experiences co-teaching at Statesville. The article in the Covenant Companion about the writings of inmates and the class she taught is a glimpse into the lives of those incarcerated. Be sure to attend!

Again, join us for what promises to be a very interesting month of subjects and teachers. The class starts at 11:30 and goes until 12:15-12:30.

Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

The Youth Group will meet again on Sunday, April 8 from 3-5 P.M. and have a baseball opening day theme. We'll be playing Home Run Derby and other baseball themed games and activities. We will also meet on April 22 – activities TBD.

Musichorale – Spring Concert

Our own Gloria Vitro, a Musichorale member, invites everyone to the Musichorale's 71st Spring Concert – "Celebrate Music! A Choral Tribute to Song". The community choir from the southside of Chicago began in 1947 as the Lindblom Alumni Accapella choir with 25 members. They have grown to include more than just alumni welcoming anyone who loves to sing. Their spring concert is Sunday, April 15, 3:20 P.M., at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Auditorium, 6601 College Drive, Palos Heights. Contact Gloria for tickets at 708-261-3441.

Today's Scripture:

John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

¹⁵"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Psalms 31:9-16

⁹Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

¹⁰My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

¹¹Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹²I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

¹³For I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!"

They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

¹⁶Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with

God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every

name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

