

**Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion**

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**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED**

**GUESTS:** Today we recall both our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of His passion. With its twofold focus, Palm Sunday begins the most solemn week of the Church Year, a "Holy" Week, set apart for the special purpose of remembering and honoring Christ for the gift of salvation through His "holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death."

If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out a Call to Christian Fellowship card with our regular members and do join us again soon.

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS:** Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran Church or Congregation are asked to please approach one of our Pastors, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. Non-alcoholic white wine is available in the center of the tray.

**VISION STATEMENT:** Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life-directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

**OUR WORSHIP AS WE BEGIN HOLY WEEK:**

**Hymns:** 451, 454, 420-440-434, 660

**Liturgy:** Printed worship insert

**The First Lesson:** Amos 7:10-17 ..... Bible Page 769

**The Holy Gospel:** John 18:12-24. .... Bible Page 904

**Sunday School Children,** both services

**Organist:** Miss Julie Koch

**Sermon:** Rev. Aaron M. Schellhas

"Lion Alert!"

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** before the 8:00 AM service is Mrs. Joan Durham and Mrs. Mary Ellen Kent. Before the 10:45 AM Service is Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Schaefer.

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

**Maundy Thursday:** Our Maundy Thursday services with Holy Communion will be held at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Special music by the school children at the morning service will aid us in our worship. Make plans to attend these special services and invite and/or bring a friend with you.

**Good Friday** services will be on Friday at 12 Noon and 7:00 PM. These are opportunities for God's people to gather in His house and meditate on our Savior Jesus during Holy Week and remember His great sacrifice for us. Come join us and invite a friend or relative.

**LIFELIGHT POTLUCK:** For everyone who has participated in Lifelight's sessions, a potluck will be held in the Community Room on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 5:30 PM, followed by the 7:00 PM Worship Service. You and your family are invited to bring your favorite covered dish. We hope to see all of you there to conclude our Lifelight study.

**ELDERS PRAYING** with the Pastors before each service: 8:00 AM - Mr. Tommie Washington; 10:45 AM - Mr. Mike Clayton.

**ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:** 8:00 AM - Mr. Matt VandeVoorde, Mr. Tommie Washington; 10:45 AM - Mr. Mike Clayton, Mr. Ron Millard, Sr.

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** 8:00 AM - Team 2 (Samuel-Hannah Team); 10:45 AM - Team 5 (Simeon-Anna Team).

**ACOLYTES:** Angela Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly  
Marizza Seling, Emma Whitehead

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Kuda Zhou, Kuziva Zhou  
Heather Lannert, Natalie Stewart

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings \$10,428.78, total to date for the month, \$33,058.41. Improvement Fund \$175.00, total to date for the month \$1,025.00. Attendance: 189+296=485. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd, 15; 3rd-8th, 19; High School, 14; Adults, 83; Visitors, 5; Total, 136.

**THIS IS THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.**

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED** on the Altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of Elizabeth Stenger's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday by her grandparents, Dave & Janis Lyons.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL** is hosting a trivia Night on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hill Street in Peoria. The trivia contest begins at 6:00 PM. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5:30 PM. Teams may consist of up to 10 people at a table at a cost of \$150 per table (\$15.00 per person). Entrants may register complete teams or as individuals to join a team. Contact the School at 637-1512 for more information and to register your team or use the form included in today's bulletin and return it to the School or Church Office.

**THE LWML** invites the ladies of our congregation and their guests to our Birthday Dinner Celebration on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is at 6:00 PM at the Childer's Banquet Center at 3113 Dries Lane, Peoria. Guest speakers will be from the South Side Mission. Cost will be \$15 per person. Please make reservations by April 12<sup>th</sup> by calling Susan Gulley, 682-6992; Jane Millard, 697-8733; or Irene Hoeltje, 689-0548.

**THANK YOU ONCE** again for your generosity in supplying the needs for our Sunday dinner at the Neighborhood House. We were able to feed nearly 100 including the OAFc members who came to entertain and worship with us as well. The need is plenty, but so is the giving. Your time and gifts are so appreciated. Our next dinner will be June 27<sup>th</sup> for those who wish to participate in the future.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Methodist - Mrs. Blanche Bracken, Mrs. Marilyn Otten. **SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Continued prayers for Ruth Butsch, Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Rita Fistler, Amie Hester, Raymond Marvel, Jean Reinhart, Cleone Schliepsiek, Donna Schmidt, Margaret Schreiber, Marilyn Smith, for all of our military members; for all of our Church Boards and their members.

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

**THE PEORIA AREA** Lutherans for Life Chapter would like to thank everyone for their donations to the "Pennies for Life" program. Our church collected \$262.05, the school collected \$44.44 and all the Lutheran churches in the area collected \$2,716.60.

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

- Sun., April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Breakfast (Youth serving)
- Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup> - Potato Pancake Supper fundraiser
- Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon - National Youth Gathering  
MANDATORY meeting
- Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup> - District Bible Bowl
- Fri., April 16 - Sunday, April 18 - Confirmation Retreat  
(Great Oaks Camp)
- Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> - CID Pre-Gathering Mardi Gras Celebration
- Fri., April 23 - Sunday, April 25 O AFC (Mt. Calvary, Galesburg)

**BID ON A TRUCK, SUPPORT OUR YOUTH:** Through a very generous donation from the Marvel family, the Youth Board will be auctioning a “Cubby Blue” 1994 Chevy S10 pickup truck, with all the proceeds going toward the youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in July. It is in excellent condition, has a manual transmission and 70,000 miles. For more information or to place a bid, please call Dee at 637-5309. Tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity too.

**THIS YEAR LWML** is collecting items quarterly for four area organizations. We will conclude our collection for South Side Mission next week. If you would like to participate with us, you can bring non-perishable food items or paper products next Sunday. There will be boxes across from the Community Room and in the Annex. Thanks for your help. Our second quarter collection will be for Neighborhood House.

**HERE AND THERE** ... *Coffeecakes and rolls* are needed for the Easter breakfast. If you'd like to help with this, call Laura Baize ... *Portals of Prayer* for April through June are available at each of the exits and in the Annex. Be sure and pick up one of these for your personal and family devotions.

**ANY ITEMS** for the April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter) bulletin need to be in the Church Office by this Tuesday, March 30th.

**THE 2010 CENSUS** is safe and easy! A new short form is being used, which means only 10 questions for each individual in the household, taking about 10 minutes per person to complete. Please be assured that individual responses cannot be shared with anyone, including federal agencies and law enforcement.

**POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER - SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Many Christians are very timid about witnessing to their Lord. We don't want to offend; we don't want to be rejected; we don't want to appear foolish; we're afraid we won't have the right words to say. Lent offers opportunity for natural witness for, as we interrupt our normal schedules and our neighbors see us going off to church during the middle of the week, we can tell them where we're going and why. Jesus' words challenge us: *“If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His Father's glory with the holy angels”* (Mark 8:38).

“[When] you devalue one life, you devalue all lives.” *Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schindler Schiavo and advocate for the cognitively disabled.* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans for Life.**

**THE KEY POINT** of Sunday School today was that Jesus is our Passover Lamb, who with His very body and blood grants us forgiveness, life, and salvation. The children learned about the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:1-23). In your family discussions, talk about the benefits and blessings that we receive in the Lord's Supper. Talk about and remind the children that such benefits are theirs through their Baptism, in Holy Absolution (the forgiveness of God spoken by the Pastor), and through God's Word, which is preached and taught to them. In the catechism, review the Lord's Supper.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN** does have a nursery available in the Annex for infants to children age 3 for both morning services and Sunday School. There is a speaker in the Nursery so parents can still participate in the worship service. **OLDER CHILDREN** sitting in the Nursery or Annex will be seated in the Sanctuary by the Ushers.

**SPECIAL TRANSISTOR RECEIVERS** are available from the Ushers for the hearing-impaired. They enable you to adjust the volume wherever you might sit in the Sanctuary.

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING: 3/28-4/3, 2010**

- SUN:** Lighthouse @ VandeVoorde's & Wieland's. . . . .6:30 PM
- MON:** Women's Bible Study @ Schellhas'. . . . .6:30 PM
- WED:** Youth Choir . . . . .3:35 PM
- Confirmation. . . . .5:30 PM
- SO1024 Bible Study . . . . .5:30 PM
- Adult Choir Practice. . . . .7:00 PM
- THU:** Maundy Thursday Services. .10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Lighthouse Potluck. . . . .5:30 PM
- FRI:** Good Friday Services. . . . .12 Noon & 7:00 PM
- SAT:** Praise Band Meeting. . . . .8:30 AM