



The Great and Holy Week, 2010 Sunday, March 28 ~ Saturday, April 3

We are on our journey through the forty days of Lent that will end at midnight on April 3rd. The last seven days of our journey is Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday.

The liturgy for the first day of Holy Week is in two parts. It begins with a procession with palms as a dramatic prelude to the Eucharist; the memorial ceremony gives the nickname "Palm Sunday" to the day. The service itself is a celebration of the Passion (suffering) of Jesus Christ, a highlight of which is the reading of the passion account of Matthew, Mark, or Luke. We are in the year of Luke this year. As a prelude to the reading of the passion, the procession with palms provides for an appropriate outburst of joy which does not lose sight of the solemn goal of Jesus' triumphal entry. He rides on to die. The somberness of the passion, which is the focus of Holy Week, is thus framed by the joy of the preparatory procession and by the greater joy of Easter which is its purpose and culmination.

The Triduum, the three sacred days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, are seen as one celebration, in which are commemorated the central events of Christianity. Each day of this triduum needs the other two to complete the account, the doctrine, and the proclamation.

The service for the Thursday in Holy Week begins in an unusual way – with the sermon, which concludes with an invitation to confession and with the absolution and the sharing of the peace. All this is done before the Holy Communion begins, to conclude the season of penitence. After Holy Communion, the post-communion is said the altar is stripped while Psalm 22 is said. There are no further words said. The church is left in semidarkness and all leave the church in silence.

See as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection / intercession as well as of the adoration of Christ. The altar is left bare. The rite centers more on the readings and song. The offerings are collected at the door and presented at the altar. There is no opening hymn. The community leaves in silence to return on Sunday in jubilation of Jesus' resurrection.

I hope that everyone can, and will, participate in this three-day celebration of the cross and resurrection, that reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil.

May God bless us during these most holy days.

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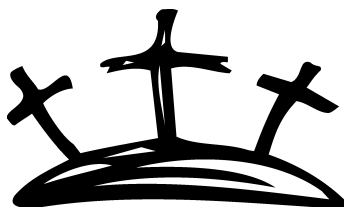
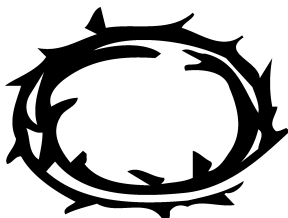
Mid-week Lenten worship
'Songs of Lent'

Wednesdays ~ 7:00pm
(preceded with supper at 6:00pm)



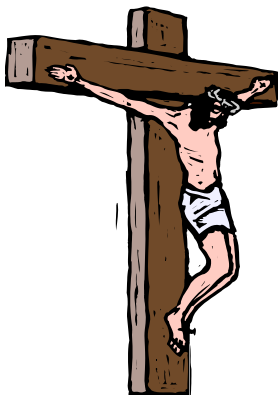
March 3
In the Hour of Trial

March 10
*O Sacred Head,
Now Wounded*



March 17
*There Is A Green
Hill Far Away*

March 24
*Were You There
When
They Crucified My
Lord?*



Sunday Eucharist 10:00am
'The Drama of the Cross'

February 28
The Cup of Suffering

March 7
The Rooster

March 14
The Crown of Thorns & Whip

March 21
The Black Veil

Holy Week begins
March 28

Palm Sunday
Procession and Blessing of Palms

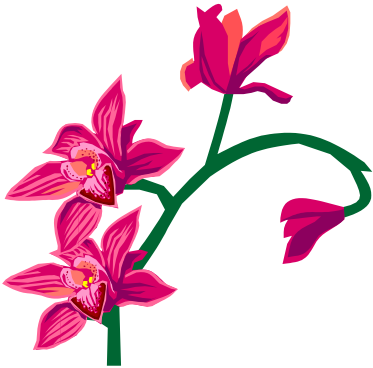
April 1
Maundy Thursday
7pm Eucharist
and stripping the altar

April 2
Good Friday
7pm Tenebrae
a service of darkness

April 4
Easter Sunday Eucharist
10:00am
Easter Breakfast served 8:00am



LAFF-Orchid Show



Orchid Show Update - Please join us on our trip to the Orchid Show at Missouri Botanical Gardens, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110, on Saturday, March 6th. We'll meet at church at 10:30 a.m. and car pool as much as possible. Cost is \$13 for adults and children under 12 are free. After we view the orchids (over 800 varieties) we'll have lunch at the cafe at the Gardens and return to church.

Brief directions are: Highway 70 to 270 south to 64 east; get off at the Kingshighway N & S exit (36a-b); turn right on South Kingshighway, Left on Shaw for 1/2 mile. It should take about 45 minutes. Bring your family (and friends if you want) for a fun-filled Saturday. Call Judy Bartels, 636-978-7101, if you have any questions.

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27 at 10am. The hunt will take place rain or shine. Afterwards, stick around for some fun activities and crafts for all ages. Contact Kathy LaChance at 636-272-5391 or jklachance@charter.net with any questions or if you would like to help with this fun event.



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Mark your calendars! Monday, June 14th is the date of the [Fourth Annual O.A.S.I.S Golf Tournament/Dinner/Auction](#) and we would like to see you there! This year OASIS will be celebrating its 20th year of service to the community. You could make this a special event for Dad in honor of Fathers Day while at the same time supporting this wonderful charity.

Join us at the Old Hickory Golf Club, a P B Dye Signature course in St. Peters and enjoy a great day playing golf in a 4-person scramble with four hole-in-one prizes, closest to the pin contests and much more! Your ticket of \$150 also includes lunch, all your beverages on the course, appetizers and dinner in the clubhouse.

Maybe you don't golf. How about this, invite some of your friends and join other non-golfing friends at Old Hickory Golf Clubhouse enjoying a great time at the dinner and auction following the tournament. The auction will offer items valued from \$25 up with a selection to satisfy everyone. Tickets for the social hour, dinner, and auction are \$40. Maybe this year we can reserve a table of (8) eight for CTK members and friends.

Though we at OASIS sincerely appreciate your past support, hunger and funding our mission is an on-going problem and your help is urgently needed. **Last year the golf tournament, dinner, and auction raised \$54,000 for O.A.S.I.S.** If you would like brochures or posters to distribute to your friends, or at your workplace please contact Mike Wraspir at 636-240-7180.

10 Stewardship Principles

As baptized members of the body of Christ, we gratefully confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We boldly proclaim the gospel as the Word of God. We clearly recognize the gifts that God has first given us through grace, and we joyfully accept our role and responsibility as stewards.

Ten principles provide a foundation for the life of a faithful and generous steward.

We walk together as stewards in God's church.

This month we'll learn about principles number five and six.

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Share abundantly as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

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Give proportionately is our way of giving in relation to our abundance. We are to give according to our "means," not according to an income or a budget.

"For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has – not according to what one does not have."

2 Corinthians 8:12

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions – grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

"... You must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Scripture quotations are from the 2009 NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

EVANS

Trivia Night— **March 13th**. Doors open at 6:30pm. Games start at 7pm. To raise funds for Confirmation camp and other children's activities. Cost: \$60 for a table of 8, \$10 per person, \$20 per couple. Goodies to date: EvanOttoNave Jewelry, Stefanina's gift certificate, hand wrought item from Far Creek Forge, Zach's chickens, t-shirt from Not Your Mother's Tie Dye, Golden City Brewery 4 pack (adult winners only), reserved seating and table service for 6 at the Easter Breakfast, Fair Trade coffee basket, Greenway Network goodie bag... and more to come. Soda and light snacks included. Register by calling the church office at 636-279-1331 or pick up a registration form in the narthex.

Camping Retreat: **Sept 17-19**
Matthew Quilt Tea: **May 1**

LAFF organizational meetings every third Monday. Everyone welcome. **March 15th** meeting at the home of Dick and Jacqueline Blank.

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Game night. The fourth Sunday of the Month, 7-8 pm. Open to the entire congregation. Bring a game and a snack or beverage to share.

Dates

Sunday, **April 4th**—Easter Breakfast. Join the Confirmation Class, Youth Group and Second Sunday Club for breakfast before the service on Easter Sunday. Serving starting at 8:30. Youth, CC and SSC be sure to sign up to assist!

Second Sunday Club meets every Second Sunday evening at 6:30 - 7:30 pm. SSC is for kids in 4th - 6th grades and their friends. All Youth are welcome. On **March 14th** we will be planting decorations for the Easter breakfast and will practice our Bible relay.

Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers

We've been told this since our days in Sunday school: We want to give and we need to give gladly. A spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions. What else does Scripture have to say on the subject? Three kinds of financial giving are mentioned in the bible: offerings, tithes and alms. Understanding what they mean helps us achieve a thoughtful, balanced plan for our cheerful giving.

*Each of you must give
as you have made up
your mind, for God loves
a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offerings and Tithing

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The faith practice of making a regular financial offering to your congregation is grounded in a "first fruits" philosophy.

We might think of this giving as "business as usual." You pay the rent, you buy groceries and you contribute regularly to help carry out God's mission in the world. Your generosity isn't an afterthought; it's part of your day-in-and-day-out joyful response as a child of God.

These offerings first help to support local ministries, outreach and more. Your congregation then shares a portion of your offering—mission support—with your synod and the church wide expression. *Stories of Faith in Action* is filled with examples of how mission support enables us to do God's work with our hands.

Many Christians talk about their regular contribution as a tithe. This helps them to differentiate between their financial commitment to their congregation and the special offerings they designate to specific causes. Such causes may include ELCA World Hunger; a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, your congregation's building fund or a pan-Lutheran organization such as Lutheran World Relief.

We encourage your designated support of these worthy causes. But we also recommend that these offerings are given above and beyond, and never in place of, your commitment to your regular congregational offering.

Alms

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys (Luke 12:33).

Alms are our compassionate, heartfelt response to the people Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25: those "least" of our sisters and brothers who are "less" than we in circumstance only and always our equal in their humanity.

This is our most personal and spontaneous kind of giving in response to people in need. Think about the homeless man you see every day by the bus stop or the family in your congregation whose home was lost during a fire. Your outreach makes God's love for them feel very real and very immediate; your kindness reveals Christ's presence within them as well.

Time and Talent

It's also important to remember that when we focus exclusively on giving in terms of money alone, we lose sight of the bigger picture. God calls us to be generous in all areas our lives and invites us to explore the many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent.

When we ground our giving in a biblical context, our financial generosity becomes an expression of our love for God, for our neighbor and for ourselves. We are new people in Christ: compassionate and eager to share.

We give cheerfully because God has given us so much.

This writing is from the ELCA 2010 *Stories of Faith in Action* publication.

Last August Christ the King contributed \$200 to a micro loan made to a group of farmers in Cambodia. As of February 23rd, \$67.00 has been repaid. Visit www.kiva.org for more information on micro loans.

A 5th Grade Assignment:

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like
BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.

God is like
ALKA-SELTZER
Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like
FORD
He's got a better idea.

God is like
DELTA
He's ready when you are.

God is like
COKE
He's the real thing.

God is like
ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like
HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like
VO-5 Hair Spray
He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like
TIDE
He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
Good to the very last drop.

God is like
WAL-MART
He has everything.

God is like
GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.

God is like
The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like
BOUNTY
He is the quicker picker upper...Can handle the tough jobs...And he won't fall apart on you.

God is like
CHEVROLET
The heart of America

Enjoy
Submitted By
Nancy Peske

CTK SIGN ...Let's utilize the opportunity!

We are in need of an adult member(s) that would assist in this ministry on a regular basis! This is a very important tool in our mission at CTK. We are telling the community about our worship opportunities, special events through the year, or maybe a spiritual message that may help to connect them to their Lord or encourage a visit.

Youth are welcome to assist in the process, but we need someone to manage, communicate and confirm the information needed to be posted. Resources are available and other information would be given and directed through the church staff. No special skills required, spelling's a plus, tools/supplies needed and instructions will be given. Making sign changes can vary and may be weekly or as needed – it is not a set pattern, but a system can be put in place for allowing time and arranging a convenient schedule.

If you can commit to leading in this ministry – we NEED YOU! Please contact the church office for details or indicate your interest to be contacted on a Caring Card.



REMINDER—March 11th is our date to volunteer at O.A.S.I.S. Please contact Mike Wraspir if you have any questions.

Sunday, March 14th – Daylight Savings Time begins
- *set clocks forward one hour...*

