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This Week at Trinity

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday: April 9, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Maundy Thursday: April 13, 7 p.m.
Good Friday: April 14, 7 p.m.
Easter Vigil: April 15, 8 p.m.
Easter Day: April 16, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Ryan Zavacky, Gail Griffin
Lector: Peggy Salyer
Intercessor: Austin Turney
Usher: Don Roehl

The Passion

Narrator: Tod Sutton
Jesus: Matt Eichman
Peter: Sidney Sutton
Pilate: Ray Wilbur
Servant 1: Carol Hatton
Accuser 1: Margaret Bearse
Accuser 2: Marian Wilbur
Criminal 1 & 2: Austin Turney
Centurion: Peggy Salyer

10:30 a.m. - Rite II, Holy Eucharist
Chalice Bearers: Donna Olson, Carl Edwards, Sara Woods
Lectors: Rachel Schwaller, Mary Donovan
Intercessor: Harlanne Roberts
Ushers: Maria Thompson, Linda McCoy, Katie Becker, Terry Tracy
Verge: David Severance
Acolytes: Caroline Schmidt, Clair Schmidt, Liam Nutt, Ari Myers-Arenth
The Passion will be read by the choir.

6:00 p.m. - Rite I, Solemn High Mass
Chalice Bearers: Carl Edwards, Bianca Elliott
Lector: Nathan Roser
Greeter and Usher: Dave Eddington

Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

The complete lectionary readings for Sunday, April 9, can be found at www.lectionarypage.net.

Hymns

Opening: #154, "All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King!" (*Valet will ich dir geben*)
Sequence: #156, "Ride on! Ride on in majesty!" (*Valet will ich dir geben*)
Communion: #458, "My song is love unknown" (*Love Unknown*)
Hymns can be accessed at www.oremus.org/hymnal.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Announcements

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 14, in observance of Good Friday, and will also be closed on Monday, April 17.

Search for a New Bishop

The Council of Trustees is accepting nominations for the position of bishop in the Diocese of Kansas. You can nominate someone (with their permission) by filling out the online form here: <http://bit.ly/2o5YLCT>. The deadline for submissions is April 18.

From Death to New Life: Flowering the Cross on Easter

Over the past few years, the Flowering of the Cross has become a new Easter tradition at Trinity. Attendees arriving for the 10:30 a.m. service will see a rough wooden cross covered with wire at the crossing. At the appointed time during the service, the children (and any others who wish to

participate) will be invited to come forward and place fresh flowers on the cross.

Very quickly you will see the cross transformed, becoming a symbol of God's power to create beauty out of ugliness. It is a reminder of God's transformation of the terrible cross on Good Friday into an object of beauty, hope, and love on Easter Sunday. May it also remind us that God's power often brings good out of bad situations.

Please plan to participate in the Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday. Choose your offering from the baskets of flowers supplied by Trinity Episcopal Church, or bring your own fresh flowers from home.

Upcoming Events

Islamic Center Open House

The Islamic Center of Lawrence (1917 Naismith Drive) and the Muslim Student Association at KU are hosting an open house on Saturday, April 8, 4-6 p.m. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with the Islamic Center and meet members of the Muslim community in Lawrence.

Maundy Thursday Supper

On Thursday, April 13, a light meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the parish hall before the 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. All are welcome.

Holy Stir-It

On Thursday, April 13, instead of its regularly scheduled meeting, Trinity's men's fellowship group, Holy Stir-It, will participate in the Maundy Thursday Supper.

Earth Day Parade

On Saturday, April 22, Trinity will again march in Lawrence's annual Earth Day Parade. Anyone interested in participating should meet at 10:30 a.m. at Watson Park (7th & Kentucky). The Trinity Environmental Stewardship Team (TEST) will make posters for the parade after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 2. Everyone is encouraged march with TEST and bring friends, relatives, and even complete strangers! TEST will also host a booth at South Park on Earth Day.

Words of Inspiration

From the Desk of Father Rob



At this week's Palm Sunday service, we will be deviating from the norm in terms of the order of service. Traditionally, the "Passion drama" is read by members of the congregation at the point in the service when the Gospel is normally read. The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem normally happens at the beginning of the service, outside, where the palms are blessed prior the procession.

This year we are doing some things differently. The intent is to have Palm Sunday's service be about Palm Sunday. Thus, we are having the Palm Sunday reading occur in the slot for the Gospel of the day. The dramatic reading of the Passion will take place at the end of the service, after everyone has taken communion, and will serve as our introit into the rest of Holy Week.

I mention this for two reasons. First, I do not like to surprise people in church, especially in a faith tradition where we find comfort in familiarity. But more importantly, the children normally are not present for the dramatic reading of the Passion, but will have returned from Sunday School for communion for this reading. The Passion can be a troubling story for young listeners, and out of sensitivity to that, Mother Susan will be leading the children to an optional children's program immediately beforehand in the Jackson Kemper Room. Children can be picked up after the service is over. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the church office at (785) 843-6166.

I look forward to observing this holiest of weeks with all of you, from Palm Sunday all the way until Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rob+

Stewardship Message: Joyful Tithers, Part Two

Debbie Hudson describes her "Journey into Stewardship" in [Faces of Faith](#), a booklet prepared by the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development for the 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. "All my life I have searched for God. I wanted to know Him, to hear Him, to feel His presence. I considered myself a good Christian -- I regularly went to church, read and studied the Bible, spent time in prayer, and always tried to do good. But He had eluded me." She goes on to describe her prayers to become a person of truly deep faith.

Having joined the Episcopal Church and become active in her parish, Debbie wanted to understand the tithe and asked her rector to explain it to her. "He said that we should try to give ten percent of all that we receive back to the Lord. I had to steady myself to keep from passing right out! 'Ten percent?' I heard myself shout. 'Are you crazy? I can't give ten percent -- I have bills to pay!' Well, the rector calmly told me that I didn't have to

start at ten percent -- I just had to start. So I calculated that if I gradually increased my giving every year, that before I died I would be able to reach ten percent and check that one off my Things To Do Before I Depart list. And so I began the most wonderful journey of my life -- my journey into stewardship."

Examining her resistance to the idea of talking about money in church, Debbie read "what the Bible had to say about this topic. I learned that Jesus talked about this more than any other topic in the Bible. I examined my fears and my reluctance to make a commitment. I began to look at how I spend money and my priorities. I realized the real price that I paid for each and every thing I spent my money on. I recognized that I had been saying all my life, 'My Lord, I love you. I give you my life, but please don't touch my money.' My perception of the world changed. I was forever changed. ... The words of the Bible came to life for me. Suddenly I understood. I knew what His words really meant! I knew what it was like to 'lose my life and save it.' To know the meaning of the words 'Where a man's treasure is there goes his heart.'

"I wish I could tell you everything that has happened to me. I cannot believe that I was so blind and so deaf! I always thought that I had given my life to the Lord and surrendered my will. But I realized that there was a whole part of my being that I still needed to control. I saw all of my excuses for what they were -- my fear and lack of faith. I was afraid to give ten percent because I might not have enough. All that the Lord gives me, how could I ever have told Him that ninety percent was simply not enough?"

Debbie realized that she had been thinking of stewardship in terms of fundraising. She writes, "Well, stewardship raises funds. But it is more than that -- it's a way of living. It's a way of thinking. It's about rejoicing in the ninety percent of God's blessings and joyfully offering Him a small gift of only ten percent. It's heart to heart. It's coming home. It's living through giving. It's learning to share. It's love. It's an abundance of grace. It's feeling free. It's being called and saying, 'Yes, Lord.' It's admitting, 'I'm afraid, but I have faith that You are with me,' and then really believing it."

News From Nepal

(Karin Feltman is a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Lawrence, KS, currently living in Nepal as a full-time missionary, fighting human trafficking.)

Hi, everyone! It has been an eventful past few weeks. I spent most of that time in the village.

Let's start with the good news: I was able to finish the first online course for my Bachelor's degree in Biblical Counseling! After many years out of the academic scene, I was worried -- but it wasn't as bad as I feared. I find the coursework interesting, and it will be really relevant to my work and ministry here, so that is motivating.

Now on to the bad news: I had a fall while hauling water, and injured my left knee. All the symptoms pointed to a torn meniscus and probable surgery -- but after a couple of weeks of rest and thorough evaluation, it looks like that won't be necessary. An MRI showed a lot of arthritis and other issues (not new or surprising) but nothing that needs surgery. So praise God for that!

I am now back in Kathmandu, doing my duties related to the anti-trafficking network leadership team that I am a part of. Prayer for our outreach to 35 HIV-positive sex workers that will be happening on April 17.

That's all for now. Thanks for keeping me lifted up!

TEST Tidbits: Scientists March on Earth Day

This coming Earth Day, April 22, scientists and science supporters will be holding a march and "teach-in" in Washington D.C., patterned after the first Earth Day that was held in 1970.

Much has been accomplished since that first Earth Day, but now scientists are worried that science is taking a backseat at a time when it is needed to guide the nation.

There are also scheduled Earth Day marches in Topeka and Kansas City. Our Earth Day event in Lawrence continues to focus on environmental stewardship. However, our stewardship relies on good scientific data, besides the moral and religious aspect of caring for God's gift of our planet.

Scientists, by nature, are skeptical of making policies. Their job is to gather data, form a hypothesis, test it over and over, and eventually coming to general conclusions, which stand until other data proves or disproves the hypothesis.

It is our society's leaders who use or dismiss these scientific conclusions to make public policy. These public policies affect our entire lives -- from health, to our economy, to our environment and the health of our planet. This is the backdrop of our current circumstances. Some leaders have chosen to limit the influence science has in real ways: political appointments, budget-cutting proposals, gutting of past policies, abolishing regulations, and denial of scientific data presented.

The data that is being denied has been collected by thousands of scientists through scientific collection devices and samples (ice cores, tree rings, etc.) -- which have shown that climate change is happening, the earth is warming, and human-caused emissions are largely to blame for the global rise in temperature. Over 97% of the scientist who study our climate, agree that climate change is happening right now and is problematic.

Toward the end of March, President Trump issued an executive order aimed at rolling back key parts of President Obama's Clean Power Plan. This order:

- Called for a reconsideration of pollution emission standards of new power plants (possibly raising the allowable limits)
- Called for reconsidering standards for lowering emissions of methane at gas and coal production sites
- Asked to rewrite the procedures of weighing the "social cost of carbon" in new legislation
- Acted to lift the moratorium on drilling for gas and oil on federal land

Many of these actions are subject to review by Congress or the public, before being fully enacted. Other actions are presently and will, in the future, be tangled up in suits brought at federal, state, and local levels. However, the overall effect is to slow our progress toward meeting our national commitments in the Paris Climate Agreement, and possibly turning over world leadership on solutions and mitigations of climate change to China. Of course, emissions will undoubtedly increase if these actions are enforced.

In the area of proposed budget cuts, President Trump has called for cuts to:

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which provides world-class predictive data for storms
- NASA's Earth Science Programs
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -- a 30% cut
- The Food and Drug Administration
- The National Institutes of Health
- The Department of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Congress must approve these budget proposals, however. Hopefully, many proposals will be dropped, but the size and scope of the disregard for scientific endeavors is unprecedented.

You have the power to keep science in the mix for decision-making. Help support science and keep the "public" in public policy.

"Caring for the environment -- it's a Christian thing to do!"

Ministry Opportunities

Forward Day by Day

[Forward Day by Day](#) for February through April is now in the tract racks. March and April will begin with Ash Wednesday and cover Lent and Easter.

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry

The Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP) was open eight days in March 2017 and served 212 families (175 children, 372 adults), 251 senior adults, and 23 new patrons requesting food assistance. The total expense in March for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$1,128.55; and the total retail value of all food provided (both donated and purchased) was \$4,189.12. TIFP is grateful for all donations of money and food to provide food assistance to many people in Douglas County. This month, TIFP will be one of several food pantries to receive donations from the annual Boy Scout Food Drive on April 8. Also, this month the Harvesters Mobile Food Distribution will take place on Saturday, April 22, at First Baptist Church (1330 Kasold).

GIFT Cards: A Good Deal

Grocery Income for Trinity (GIFT) cards for all the Lawrence grocery stores are always available for sale in the parish hall between church services. A GIFT card you buy at church is treated like cash at the store: a \$50 card buys \$50 worth of groceries. And it results in a contribution to the church, because these grocers have agreed to give back to Trinity between 4% and 6% of the total amount that you spend with that store's GIFT card. It is an easy way to contribute to Trinity.

Prayer Chain

To add a person's name to the prayer list or to become a prayer chain member, please contact the parish office (prayers@trinitylawrence.org; 785-843-6166) or Carol Hatton, Prayer Chain coordinator (caroldonhatton@gmail.com).

The Prayer Chain prays daily for those who are ill, suffering, troubled, have died, or wish to offer praise and thanksgivings. Prayer Chain members find that their own private prayer life with God also deepens during this daily practice.

Pray for those who are ill:

Beryl, John, Danny, Nicole, Rowen's baby, Chad, Calvin, Gordon, Barb, Stan, Glenn, Vashti, Art, Joan, Chester

Prayer for those with special intentions:
Mark, Justin, Mike, Logan, Deborah, Kathleen, Patrick, Matt, Donna, Judy

Pray for those in the hospital:
Steve, George, Ginny, Terry, Mabel, Gavin, Kari, Jack, Linda, Ellen,
Richard, Diana, Barbara, Teri

Pray for those who are departed:
Clyde, Alice, Glen, Gaylord Richardson, Craig Anderson

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Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m., Sunday School
11:30 a.m., Coffee Hour
6:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Solemn High Mass

Monday, April 10

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 a.m., Organ Tuning
10:30 a.m., Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m., Food Pantry
6:30 p.m. Canterbury House

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
6:00 p.m., Evening Service & Dinner

Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday

9:30 a.m., Brandon Woods Eucharist
10:00 a.m., Trinity Treasures
1:30 p.m., Group One Women's Quest-ioning
6:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Supper
7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

6:00 a.m., Pump 'n' Pray, Rock Chalk Park
6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m., Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 15 - Easter Vigil

10:00 a.m., Organ Practice
10:00 a.m., Food Pantry
8:00 p.m., Easter Vigil Worship Service

Newsletter Information

The deadline for placing items in this newsletter is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to start receiving this newsletter each week, please contact Sheryl Poole (sp@trinitylawrence.org).

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