



Trinity Topics

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Interim Pastor's Message

In the Bay Area, we often get a taste of spring this time of year – lovely, warm days that tempt us to long for winter to be over, even though we know how much we need the rain. We're already getting used to the blossoms bursting forth on trees and the longer days; if winter still has a few storms left in her, it may seem jarring when they return.

But – oh! – how we need the rain!

Palm/Passion Sunday (which is March 20 this year) may seem jarring. It starts with a retelling of Jesus' acclaimed entrance into Jerusalem, "the city that kills prophets." We will begin worship holding palm leaves and shouting "*hosannah!*" – a festive-sounding word that actually means "Save us!" – and then the mood will change; the truth of what happened between Jesus riding on a donkey and hanging on a cross will cast a cloud over everything.

But – oh! – how we need to hear the story of Christ's passion!

Recently we heard in Jesus' lament over Jerusalem that we, and all people, are "the children of Jerusalem." "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills prophets and stones those who are sent to it. How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks beneath her wings, and you were not willing.*" What happened in between Jesus' entry into "the city that kills prophets" and his crucifixion involves us and all humanity; it is the story of our weak wills, our unjust societies, our betrayals and our need for God's grace – and it is the story of how God's

grace in Christ writes a new ending for our story.

But – oh! – what a sacrifice Jesus made for us to write the new ending!

In Holy Week we will hear again Jesus' commandment to "*love one another as I have loved you.*" How has Jesus loved? Maundy Thursday (March 24) recalls how Jesus washed his own disciples' feet, and how Jesus offered himself as bread and wine and calls us to "*do this in remembrance of me.*" We will share that holy meal. On Good Friday (March 25) the faithful worldwide will contemplate the crucifixion ("were you there when they crucified my Lord...?"), and here at Holy Trinity we will offer our repentance and our thanks at the foot of the cross.

As we began our Lent journey last month, we considered fasting and feasting – fasting from what separates us from God and one another, and feasting on the grace that God has so freely given. The Lent journey is leading us to face the truths of Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week, and to anticipate resurrection (the Easter celebration is March 27). Oh, how we need to come together in the days ahead to hear, remember, weep, sing, be challenged and be renewed by passionate Love, which through every step of the journey is writing a new story on our hearts!



Interim Pr. Lori Eickmann



We Welcome You!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos celebrates and shares God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond.

We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ... there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26, 28

**Celebrate
Holy Week and Easter
at Holy Trinity**

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20

10:15 a.m.

Holy Communion
with the Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m.

Simple Soup Supper and Worship

Good Friday, March 25

7:00 p.m.

Worship and Adoration of the Cross

Saturday, March 26

Middle and High School youth meet in Beilstein Hall to set up tables & chairs, decorate, and bake for Easter breakfast, and also prep eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27

The Resurrection of Our Lord

- 9:00 a.m.** Easter Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:15 a.m.** Festive Church Service





Adult Forum

Adult Forum is now meeting in the Beilstein Hall Chapel/Meeting Room on Sundays at 9:15 am. How many people can we get in the room? Forum has grown in popularity and reached 15 participants.

Many thanks to the facilitators of the "Out of The Water" series: Anita Reimann, Gigi Schmuckel, Nancy Lewis, Barbara Richards, Greg Bohlmann and Bob Beuthel.

Mark your calendars for upcoming Adult Forums:

- March 6** "Out of the Water" Session 5: **What is That in Your Hand?** – Exodus 3:11 – 4:17 (selected verses)
- March 13** "Out of the Water" Session 6: **Now You Shall See What I Will Do** – Exodus 5:1 – 6:7 (selected verses)
- March 20** Palm Sunday – **no forum**
- March 27** Easter – **no forum**
- April 3 – 24** Pastor Lori will lead a series, "**Rediscovering Female Imagery for God in the Bible**" – Is it heresy to call God "Mother"? Who is Sophia and what is her relationship to Jesus and us? How is God named and revealed in our sacred texts -- and what difference does it make? Explore these and other questions through "Rediscovering Female Imagery for God in the Bible," a four-week class in April. We'll look at scripture, history, art and our own stories in considering why how we talk about God matters to all people.
- May 1 & 8** Pastor Lori will share the recently published **Lutheran/Roman Catholic Statements of Agreement**. An indepth look at those agreements and where there is still disagreement will highlight this series.
- May 15** Special guest, Amy Martin-Friedman, professional photographer, will share her journey involving **domestic violence** highlighting some of her personal experiences, how "a great pair of shoes" gave her strength to survive, and how she's helping other victims. **A Day in My Shoes** is a non-profit photography project she established to help survivors of domestic violence get back on their feet and, for some, to tell their stories.

On **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20**, we recall the joy of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, and his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. We need 5 more readers to help tell this story, which is the core of our Christian faith. We especially need some male voices! Please let Pastor Lori know if you would like to read; there will be a brief rehearsal after worship on March 13.



Saturday, March 19 – Many Hands Make Light Work



Calling all hands for spring cleaning and landscaping:

- General cleaning for Palm Sunday and Easter
- Gardening:
 - Pulling weeds
 - Trimming plants
 - Checking drip system
- Minor touch up painting/maintenance
- Completing the landscaping around the new sign

Special call for those who enjoy gardening!

Something for all ages!

9:00 am – 12 noon

Come when you can, leave when you must



Sign up for your project(s) on the Breezeway Bulletin Board

Outreach Collections During Lent

Please join us as we collect food items for Second Harvest Food Bank such as low sugar cereals, peanut butter, 100% juice drinks, graham crackers, tuna, cheese and crackers, and



canned meals. Hunger remains a constant issue in our community, and these foods help many families and children. We have three barrels to fill by the pick up date on March 18th, and we are halfway there! Thank you!

Street Life Ministries in Redwood City provides life giving resources and Christ centered gatherings to the homeless on the streets of the Peninsula. Consider donating new socks into our basket by the table, as so often this is an important care item needed. We will deliver our collection at the end of Lent and the socks will be distributed.

Blessings on your Lenten journey!
Barbara Padilla and Hillary Wiessinger



Youth-led Sunday worship on February 14



February Council Meeting:



- Election of officers:
 - President – Anita Reimann
 - Vice President – Lori Friedman
 - Secretary – Bob Beuthel
- Pastor Lori highlighted:
 - Ash Wednesday service and Lent supper and worship
 - Importance in setting goals/vision for the call process
 - Update on organist search, Heritage Timeline (2/28) as part of the call process
 - Upcoming baptisms and reception of new members
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Petra reviewed the format of the new reporting system as a result of updated accounting software
 - Since not all data has been entered into the system, January and February reports will be received in March
- Council discussed having a joint March planning meeting with the Call Committee to focus on critical areas of the Congregation Profile
- An "unauthorized vehicle" sign was approved for placement at the entrance to the parking lot.

Coming in March . . .

The police department has suggested that we install this sign. Without this notice, if vehicles are abandoned on private property the police are unable to follow through and remove the vehicles. Several other churches in San Carlos have these signs and have found them helpful.



HTLC Prayer Chain

Anita Reimann has taken over the email prayer chain, along with Ruby Phillips in charge of the telephone prayer chain. To be added to the HTLC prayer chain please email Anita at reimann.anita@gmail.com or call Ruby at 650-593-0228.



Pastor Lori's Schedule at Holy Trinity

Just a reminder: Pastor Lori's contract at HTLC is 3/4 time. Generally, office hours are **10 am - 2 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**, then home in the afternoons and Friday (and Saturday morning). On-site Sunday. Monday is her day off. This schedule is fluid to accommodate night meetings and other events. *Please contact Pr. Lori for an appointment if you'd like to talk!*

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

& Book Study

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am | Beilstein Hall

*Join us for some food,
fellowship, and good
conversation!*

**Sunday, March 13
Daylight Savings Begins**

Remember to set clocks forward
1 hour on Saturday, March 12th



Lydia Circle (WELCA)

Tuesday, March 15 | 12:15 pm | San Carlos Elms

HTLC's Lydia Circle Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 12:15 in **Harriet Platt's suite at the Elms**. Our study is continuing with Paul's letter to the Phillippians. This month's study, "Being of One Mind" can be found in the March issue of Gather on page 26. Please bring it, your Bible, and a sandwich. Tea will be served. *As always, all HTLC women are invited to join us.*



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

A birthday is God's reminder to enjoy life. May your birthday be a day of celebration!

- 3/2 Elisa Baker
- 3/3 Andrea Reiser
Gary Steen
- 3/5 Ralph Knauth
- 3/7 Laura Jane Young
- 3/8 Anita Reimann
- 3/10 Peter Schmuckal
- 3/11 John Kuehner, Sr.
- 3/13 Lisa Telfer
Jack Wiessinger
Maddie Wiessinger
- 3/18 Gaby Knauth
- 3/21 Alyssa Fox
- 3/25 Ben Ledwith
Grace Ledwith
- 3/28 Steve Webb

ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

God bless you as you celebrate your years together!

- Richard & Ann Wunderlich
3/11/1972 (44 years)
- Hubert & Maria Rodenberg
3/14/1953 (63 years)
- Len & Erin Fischer
3/17/2004 (12 years)
- John & Karen Schornstein
3/21/1992 (24 years)

Save the Date

October 21-23 | Fall Family Retreat

Mt. Cross Family Camp for all HTLC participants from ages 0 - 103!

For the first time in several years, we will not be hosting/co-hosting a summer vacation bible school program. We are looking instead at an intergenerational weekend at Mt Cross in the fall. More program details to come.



M A R C H C A L E N D A R S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 SPS Youth Elementary Retreat 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	29 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	1 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall 7:00 PM Call Committee Mtg	2 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	3 9:15 AM Sr. Zumba--Beilstein Hall 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall 6:30 PM W & M Team Mtg	4 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	5 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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13 9:15 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Passion Play Practice 5:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	14 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	15 12:15 PM Lydia Circle 6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Beilstein Hall	16 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room	17 9:15 AM Sr. Zumba--Beilstein Hall 6:00 PM Jazzercise--Beilstein Hall	18 7:00 PM AA Meeting--Conf Room 7:30 PM Russian Gospel Temple--Beilstein Hall	19 9:00 AM Spring Sparkle 5:00 PM AA Mtg (women's group)--Conf Room
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	3/6	3/13 (Youth)	3/20 Passion/Palm Sunday	3/27 Easter Sunday
Assisting Minister	Erik Vorhes	Randy Friedman	James Reimann	Brian Kersten
Lector	Peter Meier	Youth	Barbara Padilla	Pamela Bohlmann
Acolyte	Zora Vorhes	Mackenzie Friedman	Eva Schmuckal	Anna Friedman
Sound System Operator	John McDowell	Greg Bohlmann	Leroy Padilla	John Schornstein
Altar Guild	Barbara Richards	Pamela Bohlmann	Vivian Southard	Karen Schornstein
Greeter(s)	Vivian Southard	Chris Kidwell	Andrea Reiser	Lynn Garbe-Recknagel
Ushers	Dave Pitts Richard Wunderlich	Leroy Padilla	Greg Bohlmann John Schornstein	Dick Rescho John McDowell
Nursery Assistant	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay	Parent to Stay
Coffee Host	Wiessinger	Kersten	Julianne Fredericks	Knauth
Counters	Lisa Telfer Mary Webb	Barbara Padilla Mary Webb	Greg Bohlmann Andrea Reiser	Lisa Kersten Chris Kidwell

Worship Leaders

If a conflict prevents you from serving as scheduled, arrange a trade and/or substitute and notify the office at 650.593.0325 or office@sancarloshtlc.org.



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