

Weekly News & Notes

Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH

March 29, 2015

Voices Up, Stones Quiet

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”
(Luke 19:35-40)

On Palm Sunday Jesus came into Jerusalem riding a donkey, which is kind of like our president coming to town riding in a used Kia. Later his disciples made the connection with the prophet Zechariah’s promise (9:9) that Israel’s real Messiah-King would come into town on a donkey.

Crowds of people were in Jerusalem because of the upcoming Passover. Many had traveled the couple of miles out to the Bethany area because they wanted to see if Lazarus was really alive again after being miraculously raised from the grave by Jesus. They found it to be astoundingly true. Excitement rose.

As Jesus traveled the down the Mount of Olives and up to Jerusalem, the news traveled faster. “It’s Him!!!” To make a royal highway for him, they threw down their cloaks and tore off palm branches and put them down. Picture that and then picture the noise as the

shouting rose higher and higher and the crowd got bigger and bigger. They said wonderful things—parts of prophetic passages about the coming Savior.

Even though there were many disciples among them, it almost seemed as if the crowd thought the Lazarus-raising Jesus was going to throw out the Romans and establish a new Jewish kingdom. The jealous Pharisees told him to shut the people up. That’s when he said those famous words, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Those stones did cry out... 40 years later when the Romans destroyed the city and literally broke the temple’s stones apart. Their message: “you rejected Jesus.”

Our hearts swell with joy as we celebrate Palm Sunday, knowing full well that awful things will be done to Jesus by Friday. We sing those songs because we know Jesus long ago decided with his Father that he would make this trip that would take him to the cross for our sin and guilt and brokenness. But we also know



the rest of the story: that he has risen from the grave and promises to do the same thing for us!

That’s why it is so important this week, above all weeks, that our voices are not stopped...not on Maundy Thursday. Not on Good Friday. And certainly not on Easter Sunday! Let’s connect with co-workers and friends and invite them to join our joy this week. Let’s keep our ears and mouths open and the stones silent!

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, during this most holy of weeks, fill me with your power so that I might be bolder to open my lips and speak unafraid about the work you have done for all of us on the cross and the opened tomb. Jesus, use me this week to bring one special person in my life to know you. Amen.

Devotion adapted from
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

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This Week at Lamb of God (March 30-April 5)

Serving Our Lord

- Cleaning: McGory Family
- Bulletins: Elisabeth Wagner
- Accompanist:
Thurs—Elisabeth Wagner;
Fri—Destinee Fiecko;
Sun—Elisabeth Wagner
- Ushers— (Sun) Steve Flunker

Events

- *Monday, March 30*
6:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal
- *Thursday, April 2*
7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday
Worship w/Communion
- *Friday, April 3*
7:00 pm—Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
- *Sunday, April 5*
9:15 am—Easter Breakfast
10:30 am—Easter Worship

If you have news, upcoming events, or prayer requests that you would like published in the weekly newsletter, please contact Katie Chen (katiesl@hotmail.com).

Mission Prayer: Nepal and Pakistan

Jesus Christ, Light of the world, through Isaiah you foretold that nations would come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. You have fulfilled that promise in us, and you allow us to participate in its fulfillment among



others. Even in places like Nepal and Pakistan where there is much hostility to Christianity, we see abundant fruit

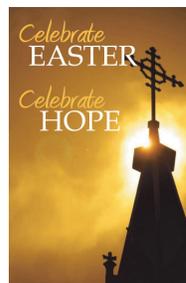
of the Holy Spirit's work through our distribution of Christian literature and now through the calling of a full-time friendly counselor. We pray that you bless our work through this man, now through regular visits and in the future through his full-time residence in Nepal. May your kingdom come to us and to many others! Amen.

Easter Breakfast, Lilies & Postcards

Join us for Easter breakfast next Sunday at 9:15 am. Sign up in the fellowship hall to bring food or drink to share!

Sign up in the fellowship hall by today to donate Easter lilies (\$8.00 each) to beautify our sanctuary for Easter.

Finally, Easter is a great opportunity to invite others to come to church with you. Invitation postcards for you to use are available by the mailboxes.



LWMS Spring Mission Day

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Heartland Circuit Spring Mission Day will be on **Saturday, April 18**, from 9:00-3:00, at Light of Life Lutheran Church in

Greenwood, IN. Find more information and register online at www.tinyurl.com/LWMSHeartland. Contact Diane Jensen or Elisabeth Wagner with questions.

1st Annual Alpha Pregnancy Center Life Walk

Please put **Saturday, June 20**, on your calendars & be part of our first LIFE WALK to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center. We will take a morning walk, rain or shine, around Schiller Park in German Village to raise funds and show support for the vital work being done at the center! You'll also be celebrating the God-given value of every human life! More information

along with a registration/pledge form will be coming out in April. Questions? Please contact Cindy Greiner, member of St. Paul's, at 614-804-4773 or at cindy@justasking.org. Would you or your company like to be a LIFE WALK Sponsor? All sponsors will be listed on the registration/pledge form as well as on the back side of the t-shirts. Please contact Cindy Greiner for information. Thank you!

Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2** – 7:00 pm...Worship w/Holy Communion
- **Good Friday, April 3** – 7:00 pm...Service of Darkness
- **Easter Sunday, April 5** – 9:15 am...Easter Breakfast
10:30 am...Festival Worship

Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- Shut-ins: Kitty, Dot, Julie, Betty, Monty, Dick, Mike
- College students: Jason, Ian, Janet, Jessica
- Serving in the military (or reserves): Ross, Garrett, Dane
- Michael & Beth Telander, whose son, Tucker, was born March 17
- Easter Outreach

Request prayers of your pastor and/or your fellow Christians using a prayer request form by the mailboxes or online at LambofGodColumbus.org/prayers

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Attendance:	
Worship (3/22):	42
Worship (3/25):	25
Sunday School (w/teachers):	8
Sunday Bible Study:	15
Offerings:	
General Fund (3/18):	\$336.00
General Fund (3/22):	\$1294.36
Year-to-Date Average:	\$1921.96
Weekly Budgeted Ministry:	\$2274.33
Sunday School Offering:	\$10.00