



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**8:45 and 11:00 am**

**CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am**

## THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The gospel of Luke was probably written about the year 85. It was third of the gospels to be written. The precise identity of Luke cannot be established but several things are clear about the writer. He was well educated and possessed substantial literary gifts. He had a cosmopolitan perspective and was thoroughly familiar with Greek language and culture.

The gospel of Luke is the first volume of a two volume work. The second volume is The Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is possible that these volumes became separated during the process of developing the New Testament canon, which is to say when decisions were made as to what writing would be included in the New Testament. At the beginning of each volume, there is a reference to Theophilus. He apparently was the recipient of Luke's writing. The intent of Luke for the two volumes is clearly stated in the opening lines of the gospel. Says Luke, "since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, . . . I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed." The suggestion is that Luke believes he can write an account of the life of Jesus that corrects the errors of previous accounts. Luke's boldness is quite startling.

Like Matthew, Luke used Mark's basic outline of the life and ministry of Jesus. About half of Mark's material appears in Luke. Other material came from a source termed by biblical scholars as Q. In addition, there is considerable material that is peculiar to Luke. Perhaps this is the result of Luke's collection of 'oral tradition' and his own creative mind. The most famous original element in Luke's gospel is the story of the birth of Jesus. It is extraordinary poetry that stirs the imagination and conveys a profound sense of mystery. There are several other portions of Luke's gospel that are particularly memorable. They are the parables of Lazarus, the Good Samaritan, and the Prodigal Son. Then too there is the 'Magnificat.' It is surely one of the most eloquent passages in all of scripture.

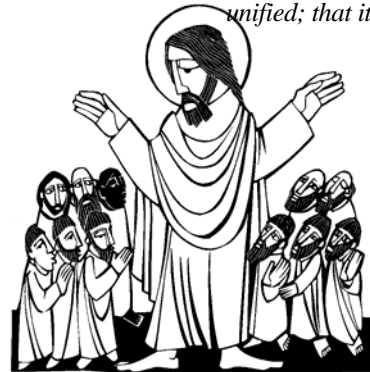
Luke borrowed from Mark an emphasis on the 'end times,' when God will appear in judgment over the world. However, Luke softens this emphasis and suggests that the 'day of the Lord' may not be in the immediate future. Luke is willing to make some accommodations to the world. He in fact says it is worth spending time on building the church in this world.

One of the most important themes in Luke is that of universalism. Luke seems to believe that salvation is intended for the whole of humankind. It took some time for the church to embrace this idea.

Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The first lesson concerns the selection process used in finding a replacement for Judas. The second lesson suggests the importance of having criteria for discerning the truthfulness of speech. The gospel reading contains the so-called 'high priestly prayer.' In it, Jesus prays that the community be protected from evil; that it be unified; that it fulfill the joy of Jesus; that it be distinct from the life of the world.*



### LESSONS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-16

Psalm 1

I John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

May 28 "Welcome the Troops Home"

John Varone

The return of our service men and women from Iraq is an anticipated hope. What kind of reception will they receive in the light of the debate about the merits of the war?

June 4 "Stewardship of Life"

John Sulzbach

This presentation will be a further explanation of the "Stewardship of Life" booklet published by the congregation. In this session, special attention will be given to matters related to financial planning.

June 11 "Caring for Creation"

Alycia Ashburn

### AFRICAN FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity is a two-language congregation. Two worship services are in English and one service is in Swahili. It is rare that the portions of the congregation worship together.

On Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday, English and Swahili speaking people will be together at the 11:00 am service. While the liturgy and homily will be in English, there will be extensive African music, led in part by the Swahili choir. Worship leadership will be from both portions of the congregation.

Following the worship service, there will be a dinner, featuring food common in East Africa. This is excellent tasting food. Cost for adults will be \$5 and for children \$2. Please make a reservation for the dinner by signing the reservation list on Sunday or calling the church office.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## NOTICE ON PARKING

The reconstruction of Lake Street begins this week. During the reconstruction period, there will be no parking on either side of 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The reason is that buses that normally run on Lake Street will be detoured through 31<sup>st</sup> St. Our parking lot will, be sufficient to accommodate most cars. It might be best to access the parking lot by entering the alley from 31<sup>st</sup> and going north to our parking lot. There will be some inconvenience during the construction, but the new Lake Street will be beautiful.

## FENCE PROJECT

The fence installation is not yet complete. It was necessary for the contractor to order additional parts. Upon completion, we shall proceed with the planting of flowers. Income for this capital improvement project has been coming in slower than anticipated. Please help. Bids are still being received for the repair of the evacuator tank. A decision on the contract is expected to be made within two weeks.

## TRANSITION PROCESS

To facilitate the transition to a new pastoral staff the Church Council has authorized the Personnel Committee to act as a 'Transition Team.' The length of the process is unknown. Steps taken thus far are as follows:

1. There has been a meeting with current pastoral staff for the purpose of discerning tasks that need to be covered. A transition document was prepared.
2. Committee chairs will meet May 22 to discuss ways in which appropriate communication can be conducted.
3. There will be a meeting with a representative of the Minneapolis Synod for the purpose of discussing the procedure for selecting an interim pastor.
4. There will be a variety of sessions arranged for discussing the issues and needs related to the interim and transition. For example, there will be a conversation with the current pastoral staff at the Adult Forum hour on Sunday, June 25.

The members of the Personnel Committee are as follows: Dale Bosch, Rod Johnson, Phil Jury, John Kelly, Jane Kretzmann (chair), Lynda Nordholm, Cathryn Olson, Deb Sodt, John Sulzbach and Susan Wootten. Please feel free to contact any of them with your thoughts and questions. You may also speak to members of the Church Council. There is a commitment to keep the congregation thoroughly informed. We ask for your prayers and guidance.  

John Sulzbach,  
Council President

## STUDY JOURNEY IN PLANNING PROCESS

Planning has started for a study journey to Slovakia, Hungary and Poland in Spring (April) 2007. The length of the trip will be between 10 and 14 days. Efforts will be made to keep the cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Two persons who lived in Slovakia are providing counsel to the planning committee. If you have interest in this sort of journey please so indicate by signing the 'interest list' in the Community Room.

PARISH EVENTS May 28 – June 3			
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:45, 11am	Worship Service of Holy Communion	
	9:45 am	Sunday Church School	9:55 am Adult Forum
<b>MONDAY</b>		Memorial Day, office closed	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:45 pm	Outreach Effort	7:00 pm Tutoring
	7:30 pm	Soccer	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:30 pm	Choir	

**GIFTS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** by Dorothy Krumrei, Harold/Betty Fredrickson, Bill Milbrath, Eunice Milbrath, Bud/Sylvia Dixen, Brian Lenz/Deb Sodt, Linda Sourbis, Imo Lofthus, Robert/Dorothy Kelly, Bob Norheim, Harris Rierson, Jim/Carole Schneiders, Ruthe Richardson, Vernon/Vi Michaelson, Irene Blodgett, Liz Blood, Deb Kohlhasse, and Mary Young  
 and in memory of

- **Fred McGee** by Randy/Joy Nelson, Brian Lenz/Deb Sodt, Jim/Carolyn Bjelland

**GIFTS TO WORLD HUNGER** by Edina Steen, and in memory of

- **Fred McGee** by Bill/Eunice Milbrath

- **Cora Westergreen** by Ruthe Richardson

- **Randall Kindley** by David/Mary Lindell, Sally/David Kohlstedt

- **Our mothers** by Dennis/Lynda Nordholm

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 28, 2006			
Preacher		Ronald K. Johnson	
Celebrant	8:45 am	David Broberg /	11:00 am Gary Sartain
Crucifer	8:45 am	Ron Johnson /	11:00 am Paul Ramsour
Liturgist	8:45 am	Mary Young /	11:00 am Sandy Hoverson
Communion Asst	8:45 am	Jeff Weiss, Joyce Peterson	
	11:00 am	Bob Hulteen, Andrea Hansen	
Acolytes	8:45 am	Tyler Spratt /	11:00 am Christine Nilsen
Greeters	8:45 am	Joyce Peterson /	11:00 am Stella Townsend, Pat
Libra			
Ushers	8:45 am	Bob Peschiutta, Karrie Cable-Spratt, Shawn Barry, Jim Schneiders	
	11:00 am	Mark Hiner, George Madich, Lee Kampinen, Liz	
Blood			
Altar Guild	8:45 am	Freda Miller, Linda Berglin	
	11:00 am	Linda Gawthrop, Carol Lane	
Nursery	8:40 am	Jeff Weiss /	10:30 am Troy Davison

## NEW HYMNAL

The new hymnal for the ELCA will be available in October. Of course the big question concerns its color. It will be red. We are placing an order for 350 copies of the hymnal. The cost is \$17.50. If you wish to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of someone, these requests are now being received.

## FINANCIAL REPORT May 21 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	229,021.15
Budget receipts	11,966.71	233,943.07
World Hunger	10.00	4,107.00
Capital Improvements	355.00	10,883.00
African Pastors Endowment	5.00	195.00
Urban Latino Ministry	-.-	1,345.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	20.00	506.00