



# 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 FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

*Each of the lessons is concerned with the gift of the Spirit. Acts directs attention to the manner in which the Spirit breaks through boundaries. Romans speaks of the ways in which we articulate our feelings to God. In this*



*the Spirit supports us. In John the Spirit is said to be one who comes on behalf of Jesus.*

### LESSONS

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Over the past three weeks this column has directed attention to the so-called synoptic gospels—Mark, Matthew and Luke. All three of these writings are related to one another, though in somewhat complicated ways. Mark seems to have informed the basic outline of Matthew and Luke. Moreover, both Matthew and Luke appear to have drawn a generous amount of materials from a document known as Q. As indicated, Matthew and Luke clearly had independent sources of material.

The last of the gospels is John. It is a writing with a character and style quite unlike that of the other gospels. Some of the differences are obvious. John seems to imply a longer ministry than the other gospels (up to three years). Jesus is represented as making four visits to Jerusalem over the course of his life. John also says that Jesus concentrated his ministry in Judea rather than Galilee. John the Baptist appears in the story but not as the baptizer of Jesus. The disciples seem to have rather little place in the story. John Gabel and Charles Wheeler also point out that John's description of Jesus is not as the active, engaged person of the other gospels, participating in everyday life, but as one who enters everyday life only periodically. In John's gospel Jesus seems much more reflective, given to long discourses designed to explain his identity, his relationship to God and his purpose for being on earth. The gospel readings from John that have been used during the past several weeks (especially from chapter 17) are good examples of these long and often repetitious speeches.

In John there are some recurring words such as *light, darkness, life, glory, grace, and truth*. While these are not unfamiliar words, John gives them a new meaning. There is a much greater degree of abstraction in John than in the other gospels. It is more like a theological meditation than a narrative of activity. This becomes evident in the very beginning of the gospel. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being." As one continues in the reading of the first verses of John, it becomes clear that in this kind of abstract language, a summary of the whole story of Jesus is provided.

As distinctive as is John's gospel, it is not entirely unrelated to the other gospels. There are a number of passages that seem clearly to have come from the synoptic gospels. The writer of John must have had access to at least some of the other gospels. John, of course, used this and all other materials for his own theological purposes.

All things considered, the story of how the gospels came into being is fascinating. For me, at least, it makes the gospel narratives more believable.

Ronald K. Johnson, Pastor

## SWAHILI, ENGLISH SPEAKING COME TOGETHER

It is entirely appropriate that the two language constituencies of this congregation come together on the Day of Pentecost. While the liturgy will be largely in English, the music will be African in character. The Swahili Choir will be part of the service.

Following the second worship service, there will be a meal and fellowship. The food will be that which is characteristic of Tanzania. Cost of meal is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Please make a reservation.

## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am

In the Church Library

**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**

Environmental concerns were on the agenda of the 2006 Minnesota legislative session. While hopeful legislation was passed addressing mercury pollution, much remains to be done.

**June 18 "A Vision for Christian Education"**

**Pastor Stacy K. Johnson**

# PARISH INFORMATION

## NEW MEMBERS SERIES

Persons interested in the life of this congregation are invited to a three-session series designed to acquaint them with the primary affirmations and principles that shape the life of Holy Trinity. The sessions are as follows:

- June 4 "Christian Identity, Baptism and Worship"
- June 11 "The Story of the Bible"
- June 18 "Mission of the Church"

These sessions are conducted from 9:45 to 10:45 am (between the two morning worship services) in the office conference room.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

It is very helpful to have volunteers in the office. The goal is to have a person in the morning and a person in the afternoon each day of the week. There are some openings in our schedules that we would like to fill. To volunteer, please call Janice Lehman in the church office.

## BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP

This is an annual trip that includes youth and adults. Entry into the Boundary Waters will be through the Gunflint Trail. Departure from church will be at 8:00 am on Friday, August 8 and return will be in the evening of Monday, August 21. Cost of trip will be \$125. Please register now. There will be a meeting of participants in July to determine equipment needs.

## LIBRARY ACQUISITION

*A Field Guide to Narnia* by Colin Duriez can be very helpful for entering the fantasy world of C.S. Lewis. This book will help you dig deeper into the Narnia series and its implications for understanding the Christian life.

## SOME GOOD NEWS

The House of Representatives voted to prevent the enforcement of an Administration policy that has led to federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, to stop protecting 20 million acres of the nation's wetlands and more than 60 percent of the nation's stream miles under the Clean Water Act. This victory was the result of many people contacting their Congressional Representative.

## OUTREACH EFFORT

Volunteers are needed for the distribution of brochures relative to the Summer Program. The next distribution night is Tuesday, June 6, 6:45 pm. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.

## TEACHERS FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

There is yet a need for teachers and other staff relative to the first session of the Summer Program, which is Vacation Church School. The dates are June 19-22, in the morning. There would be opportunities for you to be in a classroom or in the "city" that will be established in the gym. This is an interesting and exciting week. Please volunteer.

PARISH EVENTS June 4-June 10	
SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am New Member Series 9:55 am Adult Forum
	12:00 noon African Festival, meal
MONDAY	7:00 pm Social Issues, Outreach, Worship/Music, Youth
	7:00 pm Church Property
TUESDAY	6:45 pm Outreach Effort
WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm Choir

**SPECIAL GIFTS** by Orlando/Marion Tweet and in memory of

- **Cora Westergreen** by Inez Olsen, Dr. Michelle Legault
- **Randall Kindley** by William/Eunice Milbrath, Sharon West/Mary Redgrave, Chris/Mary Engen, Deb Sodt/Brian Lenz, Judy/Lauri Isaacson, Theofanis/Freda Stavrou, Barbara Frey, J./ Sally Lieberman, Tina Sanz, Michael/Linda Cramer, Gordon/Barbara Murdock, Victoria Coifman

**SPECIAL GIFT (food shelf)** by Irene Pederson

**GIFT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (fence)** by Virginia Smith

**SPECIAL GIFT** in memory of

- **Randall Kindley** by Susan/Michael Wootten

**SPECIAL GIFTS** in memory of

- **Fred McGee** by Pat/Bev McGee, Mary Ellen Olson, Birgit Birkeland, Lorraine/Charles Gravatt, Robert/Margaret Bredeson, Noel/Alberta Evans

**GIFT TO LATINO MINISTRY** by Debra Olson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS June 4, 2006	
Preacher	Ronald K. Johnson
Celebrant	8:45 am Stacy K. Johnson / 11:00 am Faith Lugazia
Crucifer	8:45 am Ron Johnson / 11:00 am Korla Masters
Liturgist	8:45 am Richard Liedholm
	11:00 am Susan Wootten, Andrea Mwalilino
Communion Asst	8:45 am Lois Roos, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am Shedrack Balira, Meshack Balira
Cantor	Choir
Acolytes	8:45 am Sarah Anderson / 11:00 am Megan Libra, Andy Myers
Greeters	8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt / 11 am David Broberg, Liz Blood
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Vernon Michaelson, David Kohlstedt, Ron Mack Murphy
	11:00 am Kathy Hollander, Ben Wootten, Ron Peterson, Tim Mann
Altar Guild	8:45 am Carol Berg, Sandra Thornby
	11:00 am Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek
Nursery	8:40 am Roxanne Ekstrand / 10:30 am Tom Kleven

## SHOWBOAT PERFORMANCE

This is the last notice relative to the performance of "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway" at the Minnesota Centennial Showboat. The date is June 20<sup>th</sup> and the performance is at 2:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$16. Transportation will be provided.

## FINANCIAL REPORT May 28 Year to date

Budget requirement	10,905.77	239,926.92.
Budget receipts	3,218.50	237,161.57
World Hunger	281.00	4,388.00
Capital Improvements	500.00	11,383.00
African Pastors Endowment	5.00	200.00
Nonviolent Peaceforce	.00	506.00

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