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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

IN THE WILDERNESS

The First Sunday in Lent this year found us waking to a wilderness of snow which blanketed the Twin Cities. It also featured Luke's Gospel text with Jesus undergoing forty days of temptation and testing in the barren, bleak wilderness of the Judean desert. Fresh from the waters of his baptism in the Jordan and full of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit leads him into this wilderness where the devil tempts him. 'Devil' literally means 'slanderer' in the text and the approach is a very subtle form of lying – more like 'stretching the truth'. The temptations aren't to commit gross evil. They are more like invitations to do good (or seemingly good) things, but for the wrong reason or at the wrong time. Sooner or later such invitations reveal their true colors.

This year at Holy Trinity during Lenten Sunday worship services we will be remembering our baptism in various ways. As the baptized, there is no escaping the wilderness. The Spirit given in our baptism even leads us there. We don't choose to be there. We don't want to be there. But be there we must...and not just once. The reality is we find ourselves in and out of the wilderness all along our baptismal journey. It is there, however, that our faith and character is developed. At the same time the voice of the slanderer attempts to weaken our faith and undermine our character, another Voice can be heard. It is the Word of God to encourage us, to strengthen our faith and character, and to unite us in community.

As single people, as couples, as families, as a congregation...we strive to live faithfully in our daily life and work. We will walk through wilderness times of dryness and drought. We will face times of temptation and testing. We will encounter struggles we fear might overwhelm us. The tempter's voice will seek to compromise our identity as baptized followers of Christ and compromise the values we hold deepest. That voice will ask, "What's wrong with...?" or "Why not...?" and then suggest an easy way out. But there are no short-cuts through life, especially not as we strive to life faithfully as Christians. There are no short-cuts to authentic witness to our faith. There are no short-cuts to resolving conflict and seeking peace. There are no short-cuts in the fight for justice.

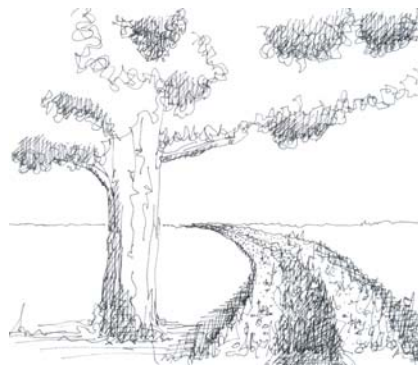
Shun not the wilderness, O baptized children of God. Pay attention to that other Voice you also discover there. Receive the Word. Partake of the Sacrament. Immerse yourself in the Scriptures. Listen to one another. Blessings on your Lenten journey.

Bruce C. Arnevik, Interim Pastor arnevik@htlcmpls.org

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Please pray for **Lois Roos** and her family as they mourn the death of Lois' mother **Leona Walstrom**; **Don Overby** and his family as he enters hospice care; for **Irene Mack Murphy**, as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Constancy is a theme of the readings for this Sunday: God's faithfulness extends to all generations. Jesus mourns the sacred city Jerusalem and longs to gather all people under God's protection and care.



LESSONS

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27 (Ps. 27:5)
- Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
- Luke 13:31-35

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

**March 4 "O Lord, heal me" - Distress and Healing
 Fred Gaiser, Professor of Old Testament,**

Early on, God announces to Israel, "I am the Lord your healer" (Exodus 15:26)—one of God's own self-definitions. What can we expect from such a God? Part I: All have occasion, no doubt, to cry with the psalmist, "I am weary with my moaning"(Psalm 6:6); but will all be able to say that "the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping" (v. 8)? How does faith matter in our experiences of illness and healing?

**March 11 "Faith has made you well" - Healing of Jesus
 Fred Gaiser**

Part 2: Four people in the New Testament hear these comforting words from Jesus. We will look at the story of one of them (the tenth leper) to learn what it means to be "well" in Christ.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Theme: "From the Heart"

Reflections on the faith journey. The theme will give members of Holy Trinity an opportunity to talk about their faith journey, as individuals and as members of this congregation.

Wednesday, February 28

6:15 pm Supper – Homemade soup;

Please make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Ann Schrooten**

Wednesday, March 7

6:15 pm Supper –Homemade soup; make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Mike Mann**

PARISH INFORMATION

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY AND WATER

“Throughout Lent, the baptismal font will be sign and symbol as we walk the Lenten journey with God in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ” (from the Lenten brochure). As we reflect on this sign of God’s grace, we may consider the many aspects of water: Water nourishes body and spirit. It is life-giving, beautiful and refreshing. Yet we recognize that pollution, lack of conservation, and misuse of water bring scarcity and devastation to peoples around the world. During Lent, the Social Issues table will display materials and current articles for our reflection.

NAME TAGS

Throughout this interim period we’ll continue using name tags to help us learn (or remind us of!) each other’s names. After this period we can evaluate and decide if we want to keep them or go back to no name tags. .

– Outreach Committee

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS – reading for Lent

Several new Lenten books have been purchased for the library. In *The Last Week*, Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossman, offer what they believe is the real story of Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem. The authors dig into the Gospel of Mark’s day-by-day account of the week leading up to Easter. *Bread and Wine: readings for Lent and Easter* offers meditations from a wide spectrum of classic and contemporary Christian writers such as Karl Barth, C. S. Lewis, Philip Yancey, and Madeleine L’Engle. Look for these books and others on the library table in the Community Room.

LOAVES AND FISHES - March 14

Holy Trinity is responsible for cooking and serving a meal at the Loaves and Fishes site at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 18th Avenue and 24th Street. There is a need for cooks, servers and a clean-up crew. The schedule is:

2:00 pm Cooking 5:00 pm Serving 6:00 pm Clean-up

“STRAIGHT INTO GAY AMERICA” - March 13

In 2005, Lutheran pastor Lars Clausen rode over a thousand miles by unicycle gathering stories of people living through one of the most polarizing political and religious issues today: the status of gay and lesbian people in society and the church. Clausen speaks Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 pm, Augsburg College (Science Hall building, room 123.)

GREEN TIP FOR MARCH – ELECTRONIC WASTE GROWING

The vast majority of old televisions, computers and cell phones and the dangerous lead, mercury and other toxic materials inside—are sitting in storage or ending up in landfills. Nearly everything in today’s electronics has a value. Some components are resold to companies willing to take used items for a discount. Others are sent overseas where they will be broken down, toxics extracted, metals and circuits resold. To find out where to recycle your electronics visit: www.greenguardian.com

MEALS ON WHEELS: Holy Trinity drivers are needed the week of March 19-23. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Community Room.

PARISH EVENTS March 4 - March 10

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| SUNDAY | 8:45, 11am | Worship Service of Holy Communion | 9:45 am | Sunday Church School | 9:55 am | Adult Forum |
| | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service | 1:00 pm | Drama Rehearsals | | |
| MONDAY | 11:00 am | Tax-Aides | 7:00 pm | Social Issues, Worship | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Chris. Ed., Outreach | | | | |
| TUESDAY | 11:00 am | Tax-Aides | 5:30 pm | 3 rd yr confirmation | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Tutoring; Rehearsals | 7:30 pm | Soccer | | |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:15 pm | Lent Soup Supper | 6:30 pm | Children’s choir | | |
| | 7:00 pm | Evening Prayer | 8:00 pm | Choir | | |
| THURSDAY | 5:30 pm | 4 th yr confirmation | 7:00 pm | Rehearsals | | |
| FRIDAY | 7:00 pm | Rehearsals | | | | |
| SATURDAY | 10, 11 am | Rehearsals | | | | |

40 FAMILIES IN 40 DAYS – Donation Drive during Lent

The Minnesota Council of Churches’ Refugee Services seeks to collect items for refugee families to furnish their homes. Furniture, household items, cleaning supplies, paper and pens are solicited. Contact Christine Hallenbeck at 612-230-3219.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 4, 2007

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| Preacher | Bruce Arnevik |
| Celebrant | 8:45 am / 11:00 am |
| Liturgist | 8:45 am Richard Liedholm / 11:00 am Wayne Vetter |
| Crucifer | 8:45 am Andrew R.K. Johnson / 11:00 am Korla Masters |
| Communion Asst | 8:45 am Lois Roos, Jane Kretzmann |
| | 11:00 am Phil Jury, Linda Jury |
| Acolytes | 8:45 am Kevin Kane / 11 am Madeline Block, Kelsey Porter |
| Greeters | 8:45 am Kevin Proescholdt / 11 am Margaret/Ron Peterson |
| Ushers | 8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, David Kohlstedt, Vernon Michaelson |
| | 11:00 am Lee Kampinen, Tim Mann, Ron Peterson |
| Altar Guild | 8:45 am Jeanette Brown, Carole Schneiders |
| | 11:00 am Lynda Nordholm, Dennis Nordholm |
| Nursery | 8:40 am Margaret Carlson / 10:30 am Maelene Krig |
| Coffee Servers | 8:45 am Charlene Warne, Lois Roos |
| | 11:00 am Matt Kane, Liz Conway |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Holy Trinity Theatre Circle presents: *The Man Who Came to Dinner!* March 15-17, 7:30 pm and March 18, 4:30 pm. All invited.

Confirmands and adults invited to *Lost Boys of the Sudan*, Children’s Theatre, March 27, 8 pm.

WHAT TIME WAS THAT MEETING? – The Holy Trinity website now displays a **monthly calendar**, thanks to webmaster Jeff Hoch, volunteer Cliff Brown, and Google. See www.htlcmpls.org

FINANCIAL REPORT February 25 Year to date

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| Budget Requirement | 11,244.23 | 89,953.84 |
| Budget Receipts | 10,666.40 | 83,049.65 |
| World Hunger | 31.00 | 5932.14 |
| African AIDS Fund | 61.00 | 157.07 |
| Hymnals | 17.50 | 105.00 |