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WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:45 and 11:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am

CHICKEN WINGS, HOLY WINGS

In last Sunday's Gospel from Luke 13:31-35, Jesus calls the political ruler Herod a fox. He then goes on to liken himself to a mother hen who wants to shelter and protect her chicks from the fox. Thinking of Jerusalem, he says, *How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood...* Jesus - like a mother hen? What kind of an image is this? It's not the image of God as a strong, predator eagle, *You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.* (Exodus 19:4) It's the image of a chicken...and a female one at that.

The Old Testament has many references to the wings of God as a place of refuge: *All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.* (Psalm 36:7);...*hide me in the shadow of your wings.* (Ps.17:8); ...*the Lord...under whose wings you have come for refuge.* (Ruth 2:12) But chicken wings? Barbara Brown Taylor writes (*The Christian Century*, 2/25/1986), *If you have ever loved someone you could not protect, then you understand the depth of Jesus' lament. All you can do is open your arms. You cannot make anyone walk into them. Meanwhile, this is the most vulnerable posture in the world – wings spread, breast exposed – but if you mean what you say, then this is how you stand...Jesus won't be king of the jungle...What he will be is a mother hen, who stands between the chicks and those who mean to do them harm. She has no fangs, no claws, no rippling muscles. All she has is her willingness to shield her babies with her own body. If the fox wants them, he will have to kill her first. Which he does, as it turns out...*

What kind of weakness is Jesus promoting? Where are the weapons to defend against the fox? What about 'peace through strength'? How passive. How counter-intuitive to those of us wired for defense, for aggression, for self-protection. 'Nonviolent PeaceForce'? How could that ever work in the real world?

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me... we sang on Sunday. No matter how mature our faith, no matter how far we may have traveled in our baptismal journey, no matter how much we may do for others, we never outgrow our own need for the shelter and protection of these holy wings. At the same time, others need them too. Like mother hens, we need to offer wings of refuge to those who are vulnerable and exposed to the fox, those longing for safety and looking for home, those left out of the privileges and opportunities we may take for granted, those whose wings may be broken in body or spirit. We offer our wings where we live and work. As a congregation, we offer our wings as we continue to extend the safety of our welcome and work for justice in the world. At the end of the day we just might discover that being like a mother hen – being just such a chicken – is often the bravest way to be in a world full of too many predators, cowards and pretenders.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

God knows our deepest needs and yearnings. Jesus reminds his hearers that the time to repent and seek God's grace is the present moment.



LESSONS
 Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am Library

**March 11 "Faith has made you well" - Healing of Jesus
 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 self-definitions. What can we expect from such a God? 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.

**March 18 "Holistic Health"
 Ann Rabie, RN**

Increasingly health professionals are recognizing the need for holistic healing. Ann Rabie, a parish nurse, will share how this happens in faith communities.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Theme: "From the Heart"

Wednesday, March 7

6:15 pm Soup Supper; please make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Cliff Brown**

Wednesday, March 14

6:15 pm Soup Supper; please make reservation

7:00 pm Evening Prayer - **Jane Kretzmann**

CONCERNING PEOPLE: Please pray for **Teddy Tangen**, 11-month-old son of **Mark and Chelsea**, as he recovers from cleft palate surgery; **Don Overby** in hospice care at home; **Irene Mack Murphy**, as she continues with therapy for rotator cuff surgery; **Bud Dixon**, as he recovers after knee surgery; **June Englund**, now home recovering from a leg fracture; **Virginia Lee**, home and recovering from a broken shoulder; the family of former member and friend of Holy Trinity **Florence Sherman**, who has died at 100 in Arizona. Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe return of **Kirk Jensen** from Afghanistan.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTATION

It's finally here – the opening of Jerome Kaufmann and Moss Hart's comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. Directed by Peter Johnson, the cast is made up of adults and youth affiliated with Holy Trinity. Performances are March 15-17, 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 18 at 4:30 pm. Come a bit early to be assured of a good seat: it promises to be a fine evening of entertainment.

Also: Spend some time getting to better know lovers of the Holy Trinity Theatre Circle. Join in a **pre-theater dinner** Saturday, March 17 (5:30 pm) at El Norteno Authentic Mexican, 4000 E Lake St, or pre-theater coffee and discussion Sunday, March 18 (before the 4:30 performance) at Blue Moon Coffee Café, 3822 E Lake St. Sign-up sheet in the Community Room.

IS IT SPRING YET?

Maybe not, but **Daylight Savings time** is here—next Sunday, **March 11!** Remember to set your clocks on Sunday to one hour later.

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

When Jim Wallis, author of the best selling book, *God's Politics*, was on the road talking about his book, people wanted to know how they could influence government policies to better reflect their moral values. The book *Living God's Politics* is Wallis' answer to the question. It offers the tools and techniques that will change the political landscape for the better.

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

LONGFELLOW HOUSING TASK FORCE March 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

At Hiawatha School Park, 4305 E. 42nd Street. Seventy percent of NRP Phase II funding is dedicated to housing related programs and projects--an amount equivalent to \$1.2 million! The LCC Housing Task Force will be responsible for gathering information, creating programs and making other important decisions on how to best use these funds. Whether you've participated in LCC housing activities in the past or are new, your input is welcomed. If you would like more information, contact Chris at 612-722-4529.

THANK YOU FROM BUNAZI: To all those who contributed to the fund for Books for Bunazi, Tanzania. The students and teachers will be delighted.

NAME TAGS

Throughout this interim period we'll continue using name tags. If you wish, you may bring a recycled tag from home. – Outreach Cmte

WHAT TIME WAS THAT EVENT?

Check the Holy Trinity website's **monthly calendar** at www.htlcmpls.org. **Submit items for the calendar** by emailing calendar@htlcmpls.org.

PARISH EVENTS March 11 - March 17

SUNDAY	8:45, 11am Worship Service of Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday Church School 9:55 am Adult Forum
	1:00 pm Drama Rehearsals
MONDAY	11:00 am Tax-Aides 7:00 pm Stewardship/Finance
	7:00 pm Nurturing, Property committees
TUESDAY	11:00 am Tax-Aides 7:00 pm Tutoring; Rehearsals
WEDNESDAY	2:00 pm Loaves & Fishes at Holy Rosary
	5:30 pm 2 nd year confirmation 6:15 pm Lent Soup Supper
	6:30 pm Children's choir 7pm Evening Prayer 8pm Choir
THURSDAY	7:30 pm Performance: <i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>
FRIDAY	7:30 pm Performance: <i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>
SATURDAY	7:30 pm Performance: <i>The Man Who Came to Dinner</i>

GIFT TO AFRICAN AIDS PROJECT in memory of

- **Aunt Ethlyn**, who recently passed away, by Carole Lang

GIFTS TO BOOKS FOR BUNAZI by Sandra Thornby, John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Paul/Lois Eid, David/Carol Berg, Chris/Mary Engen, Tom/Kari Kleven, Cathryn Olson, John/Kay Buzza, Dave/Nancy Moe, Ron/Margaret Peterson, Bill/Eunice Milbrath, Peggy Nevers, Bud/Sylvia Dixen, Joyce Peterson, David Swanson, Joel Wiberg, Del/Betty Anderson, David/Bev Mooney, Kenneth/Barbara Larson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 11, 2007

Preacher	Bruce Arnevik	
Celebrant	8:45 am Joel Wiberg	/ 11:00 am Gary Sartain
Crucifer	8:45 am Paul Ramsour	/ 11:00 am Will Roberts
Liturgist	8:45 am Joyce Peterson	/ 11:00 am Deb Anderson
Communion Asst	8:45 am Richard Liedholm, Carol Masters	
	11:00 am Linda McMahon, David Lindell	
Acolytes	8:45 am Wyatt Rada	/ 11 am Fiona Carson, Gunnar Rudrud
Greeters	8:45 am Deb Sodd	/ 11:00 am David Broberg
Ushers	8:45 am Bob Peschiutta, Ron Mack Murphy, Sally Kohlstedt, Chris Engen	
	11:00 am Rod Johnson, Alan Libra, Kathy Ohler	
Altar Guild	8:45 am Bev Peschiutta, Elsie Heyer	
	11:00 am Pat Lundquist, Carol Lane	
Nursery	8:40 am Joy Nelson	/ 10:30 am Kirk Jensen
Coffee Servers	8:45 am Jean Swanson/ Kevin Proescholdt	
	11:00 am Deb Sodd/Brian Lenz	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Congregations Caring for Creation / MN Interfaith Power and Light, spring networking event, March 15, 6:30-8:45pm at Christ Lutheran-105 University Ave. St Paul (across from State Capitol).

Meals on Wheels: Holy Trinity drivers are needed the week of March 19-23. Please sign up or call the office to volunteer.

Confirmands and adults are invited to attend *Lost Boys of the Sudan*, Children's Theatre, March 27, 8 pm. More info to come.

FINANCIAL REPORT March 4 Year to date

Budget Requirement	11,244.23	101,198.07
Budget Receipts	9,906.40	92,956.05
World Hunger	25.00	618.14
Capital Improvements	100.00	2,260.00
African AIDS Fund	51.00	158.07