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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

A LIVING SIGN OF CHRIST ALIVE

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

After a joyful celebration on April 20, the Easter season continues for the next several weeks up until the Day of Pentecost on June 8. We continue to share the good news that Christ is living and present with us now to set free, renew, and walk with us. Of course, this is news that we celebrate throughout the year. As a people of resurrection hope, we can expect and take notice of signs of the living Christ around us.

I was on vacation last week and worshipped with another congregation, but I was glad to hear of the way that seminary student Meagan McLaughlin commented in her sermon at Holy Trinity on one such sign of Christ's living presence. She reflected on our congregation's work around the issue of payday lending, an issue that came up through our community organizing efforts, as an example of resurrection life.

Holy Trinity's work began with those willing to share their painful experiences of financial and emotional desperation that led to seeking out one high-interest loan, then another, until they were caught in a seemingly endless web of loans that only become more difficult to repay. By finding a safe space to share their stories, they touched each other's wounds, and found the promise of resurrection. They came to see that they were not alone, and just that fact, this not-aloneness, brought hope and resurrection. It was not easy, revealing stories that held such pain and shame, but their courage and vulnerability has made possible a vision and hope for change. As they have shared their wounds, others in similar situations have learned that there is hope. Resurrection is possible. Anna, Sherri, and Renee had the courage to speak publicly about their experiences, and through partnerships between the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition and other faith communities, change in laws around payday lending are being discussed at many levels, so that others will not be taken advantage of in this way. In fact, after two years of advocacy work, a bill placing restrictions on payday lending passed the MN House floor on Friday! Resurrection is possible. And with a grant from The Colonial Church of Edina and support from other community partners, Exodus Lending, a new low interest loan alternative envisioned by Holy Trinity members, will soon become a reality. Resurrection is possible, and because of those who have been willing to allow others to see their wounds, the risen Jesus who is always present has been able to work with and through them to bring resurrection not only to Holy Trinity, but to our community and state as well.

It is important that we celebrate the work we do together as a congregation. More than that, it is important that we recognize the presence of Christ who is at work through us. I am grateful for the way Meagan has helped to call our attention to this particular sign of resurrection.

We ourselves are a "living sign of Christ alive" as expressed in the hymn text by Susan Briehl commissioned for Holy Trinity's 100th anniversary. It is not only through our work but simply through our being who we are—unique individuals, blessed, called, and gathered into a worshipping community—that we give witness to the resurrected Christ. Thanks be to God!

—Jay Carlson, pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.



LESSONS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

MAY 4 "Book Discussion: *Proof of Heaven*" Joel Wiberg

Eben Alexander, a highly-trained and respected neurosurgeon was struck with a very serious and rare brain disease resulting in a deep coma for seven days. During these days he experienced what many call a near death experience (NDE). As a physician, surgeon and scientist Dr. Alexander had been highly skeptical of this phenomenon that some of his patients reported. His own NDE drastically changed that perception, and he has written about it in *Proof of Heaven — A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife*. We will discuss the book and the question of life after death.

MAY 11 "A Free Consultation on Estate Planning" Lee Kampinen

Holy Trinity member and attorney Lee Kampinen will guide a discussion about the reasons for estate planning and the tools for individual situations including wills, trusts, designated beneficiaries, Power of Attorney, Health Care Directive, and charitable gifts and bequests. Learn about avoiding probate, the probate process, and tax consequences. Prepare your questions!

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY LISTENING TRAINING

In response to the powerful conversations about grief and loss in this season's adult forums, Pastor Ingrid, the Nurturing Committee, and a few wise members are hosting two training sessions for those who want to be better equipped to bear the burdens of their neighbors. If you're not sure what to say or do when someone shares deeply with you, when your friend experiences deep loss, or when your children confront change, please plan on attending one of these sessions. Sign up in the Community Room. May 15 from 9 a.m. to noon or May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

BWCA MEETING – MAY 4

We are excited to have a very strong response to the BWCA trip this year. If you registered for the trip, please plan to meet in the library on Sunday, May 4th at 12:15 pm. We will ask for a deposit by June 1. If you are interested, but did not yet sign up, you are welcome to sign up on a waitlist which is available in the Community Room.

ENCORE! BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER

All are invited to join the Encore! group (formerly 50s & Beyond) for breakfast and conversation on the third Thursday of each month. Meet at Turtle Bread, 34th Street and 42nd Avenue at 8 a.m. beginning May 15.

REFUGEE FAMILY COMING!

The refugee family we are sponsoring is scheduled to arrive on Thursday, May 1. We have been paired with an Iraqi family of eight: two parents and six children ages 2-20. Dave Moe and his team are working to ensure the transition goes as well as possible. Contact Martha Mueller if you have lamps, blankets or jackets that you could donate. Call Dave Moe or the church office if you can help out in other ways in the coming weeks.

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Many people have expressed gratitude for the beautiful services that were held here during Holy Week. It reminds us of how many people contribute their time and talents to conduct worship services. For the next several weeks, we will highlight an opportunity for you to be involved in worship services.

Altar Guild

These volunteers work behind the scenes in a very important role: prepare the table for communion, wash the cups and communion ware, and launder and iron the altar linens (at home). Call the church office or sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH EVENTS May 4-10, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Wild Goose meeting
	12:00 pm	First Sunday Musings
	12:15 pm	BWCA meeting
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	10:00 am	Worship/Fine Arts
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Choir families' meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir 6:40 pm Cantate!
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors

Special Gift in memory of Bob Kelly by Maurice Berger
 Exodus Lending by John/Stephanie Sulzbach, Sally Parks, Pam Kildahl, Gary Johnson
 Boiler Fund by Harvey Gustafson, Bev McGee

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 4, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Jay Carlson	Presiding Minister	Jay Carlson
Soren Kung	Acolytes	Linnea Krig, Mason Helm
Andy R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Paul Ramsour
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	David Krig
B. Martens, P. Blomgren	Communion	Mike Mann, Sara Jensen
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	S. Townsend, R. Foley
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Neil Anderson	Ushers	Alan Libra, George Madich, Dennis/Lynda Nordholm
	Nursery	Roxanne Votaw
Gary Johnson	Coffee Servers	Susan Nixon, Wally Lentz
Donna Heyer, P. Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helm, John Kelly
	Closer	Rod Johnson

Financial Report	April 27	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	231,052.88
Budget Receipts	4,127.63	237,917.18
Food Shelf	0.00	160.00
World Hunger	0.00	10,398.57
Boiler Donations	60.00	18,126.50
Exodus Appeal	500.00	5,317.00
African Pastors' Fund	0.00	715.00

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