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

## MINISTERS, NOT MESSIAHS

After more than 40 years of ordained ministry, my dad retired this week. While I missed being at Holy Trinity last Sunday, it was fun for me to be able to worship with him and his congregation of First Lutheran in Columbia Heights as he preached and presided at the table there for the last time. During the children's sermon, they showed photos of his baptism, confirmation, and ordination. During the lunch, people shared stories of what his care and leadership meant to them. It was a time for all of us to reflect on his years of service in the Church. For me, it was a time to reflect on my own life as a "PK" (Preacher's Kid).

While some other PKs I know resent growing up in the "fish bowl" of a parsonage, I am grateful for what that meant for my own participation in the church. My parents brought me to baptism, Sunday School, confirmation, and youth group events, which not only formed my faith but introduced me to close friends. I got to spend summer afternoons reading books in my dad's office or helping out around the church with such important tasks as stuffing envelopes or sharpening the sanctuary pencils. I occasionally joined the church office staff for coffee breaks, where someone would inevitably offer me juice and cookies. Through all of this, I came to think of my home congregation as an extended family.

There were many people and events that led me to discern a call to ordained ministry myself, but seeing the fulfillment my dad received from his vocation was certainly a factor in that decision. I am quite sure that he went through challenges from time to time in his church work, but if there was ever stress or frustration I never saw it overwhelm the joy with which he seemed to serve as a pastor. At my seminary graduation, someone asked my dad how he had been able to continue in his vocation for so long (about 30 years at that time). His answer was that he always tried to remember that it was Christ's church and not his. He understood that his first call was to follow and that he could trust in grace to accompany and support him for the mission of the church.

I try to remember this promise in my own life and ministry, and it is a promise for all of us in whatever we are called to do. During times of change, which the Church encounters in this and every age, it is a helpful reminder that the living Christ is leading us. We work hard for the sake of the Gospel, but we can trust even more in the nourishing, sustaining, equipping grace of Christ. I hear that same message in a popular poem written by Bishop Ken Untener, often attributed to Oscar Romero:

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of a future not our own.*

—Pastor Jay Carlson

### ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day Weekend). Please join us!

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. The story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*



### READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 4-17

Mark 7:24-37

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

### SEPTEMBER 6 No Adult Forum

Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER 13 "A Church Fully Committed"

Debra Rodgers is a leader for racial justice, having trained and worked with some of the leading racial justice organizations including Race Forward, The Organizing Apprenticeship Project, and Hackman Consulting Group. For ten years, she served as First Universalist Church's director of faith in action and helped to lead the congregation into its vision of being a church fully committed to racial justice.

### RELATIONSHIP CARE WORKSHOP

Join Holy Trinity and Christ Church couples on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a relationship care workshop and meal from 1-6:30 p.m. with Karen Stevensen, a licensed independent clinical social worker. Karen uses her experience as a counselor and turns it around to prevent the issues that couples bring to her. The presentation and all materials will be friendly to partnered couples of all ages. Nursery care will be available. Cost will be \$70/couple. Scholarships are available; speak to Pastor Ingrid. Sign up in the Community Room by September 20.

### TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29—BOOK STUDY WITH JULIE CAHOY AND CHRISTINE BRAND

"Peace Like a River" is a best-selling novel by Leif Enger, who took the title from the lyrics of the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul," which was sung at his wedding. Participants are encouraged to secure their own copy of the book. The group will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Mary Martha Room. Sign up in the Community Room by September 13.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

In order to move forward with the next phase of the building update, the Council has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider Council's recommendation to approve the architectural fees associated with the creation of construction documents.

### ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKLET

We will once again be creating an Advent devotion booklet featuring daily reflections written by Holy Trinity members and friends. If you would be interested in writing a 300-400 word reflection on the daily lectionary texts, please sign up in the Community Room. Typed or handwritten reflections are due to the office (htoffice@htlcmpls.org) by October 18.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—MUSICAL MOSAIC IN THE RAIN GARDEN**  
Please join us at 12:00 p.m. for a light lunch and wedding cake as we dedicate the mosaic in the Rain Garden and celebrate the wedding of Anne Curtin and Cori Gershon. All are welcome.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 7:00-8:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome, as we'll be instituting some changes in practices! Sign up in the Community Room by September 20 so we know to look for you.

### YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT

On Friday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host three youth choirs in a USA-Mexico Friendship Concert. The Cantabile (conducted by Ann Schrooten) and Concert Choirs of Angelica Cantanti Youth Choirs from Bloomington and a youth choir from Morelia, Mexico will share music with each other. Free and open to the public.

### RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSIONS

Holy Trinity will offer three discussion groups on addressing racism starting in October. Groups will meet six times over the course of three months. The purpose of the groups is to provide an environment for exploring racism and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Discussions will also attend to our faith and to how we can take action to promote racial justice. Paul Kivel's book, *Uprooting Racism: How White People can Work for Racial Justice*, will be used as a shared foundation and guide. All groups will be at Holy Trinity and child care provided as needed. Sign-up sheets with dates and times for the groups are in the Community Room. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ingrid or Libby Olstad.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Hen House (114 S 8th St.) at 12 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by September 20, so organizers know how many seats to save.

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### PARISH EVENTS September 6-12, 2015

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday		Labor Day; Building Closed
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

### RALLY DAY — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Our fall kickoff will be September 13, when we will welcome all ages to begin a new year of learning programs. Sunday School meets at 9:45.

Our celebration on September 13 will also include Music in the Garden featuring the Jack Brass Band and a simple meal outside after the 11:00 service. Please join us to help kick off another year of worshipping, serving, and learning together!

	10:00 AM
Crucifer	Cliff Brown
Acolytes	Grayson Wieczorek, Anton Werth
Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm
Communion	Roberta Shaw, Cori Gershon
Altar Guild	Rosemary Foley, Bev Peschiutta
Ushers	Bev/Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani
Coffee Servers	Deb Sodt
Counters	Pamela Kildahl, Wayne Vetter
Closer	

Broadway School by Gerald Sagendorf

Special gift in memory of Doris Neuendorf by Carol/David Berg, and in memory of mother, Ivah Wilson, on her birthday, by Carole Schneiders  
World Hunger by Ray Sanders

Financial Report	August 30	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	489,394.23
Budget receipts	12,861.41	467,667.04
Broadway School	150.00	1,839.00
World Hunger	100.00	2,483.50
Exodus Appeal	5,055.00	13,667.84