



HOLY TRINITY

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## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

If you have young children in your house, I want to thank you for bringing them to church. I know how difficult Sunday mornings can be with little ones. Some parents have said that bringing their kids to worship is about the hardest thing they do during the week. But it really does matter. It matters to your child's developing faith life. It matters to the other kids who don't want to be the only ones in the pews. It matters to the rest of us whose worship is enriched by their presence and the reminder of the wonderful diversity of God's worshipping community. That's why we want to help you in your challenging task of guiding children to worship on Sunday mornings. We have activity bags and children's books you can bring into the sanctuary, and there's always the nursery down the hall for when you need that, too. Whatever happens, please know that Pastor Ingrid and I are grateful for you and your children in worship, no matter how much they squirm, giggle, or squeal. Thank you.

If you do not have children at home, then we would like to encourage you to consider sharing your pew this Sunday with someone else's child. Take a Sunday to help a child learn about worship by sitting with them and being a guide for them. It may not be right for every child, so ask a parent what they think. For many kids, sitting in a new part of the sanctuary with different adults around them could give them a new perspective on the worship service. Maybe they'll pay attention a little more. Maybe they'll feel a little more grown up and more like an active participant in the congregation. At the very least, they'll be reminded that there are other adults at church who know them and care about them. And we'll all be reminded that the kids who show up on Sunday mornings belong to all of us.

The Kleven family led our reflection during one of our Wednesday Evening Prayer services last Lent. Here's part of what Kari shared about the story of Abraham and Isaac and a faith in God that gets passed down through generations.

*Abraham is blessed, and his and Sarah's descendants multiply as the stars of heaven. And here we are, generations later, looking back on where we came from, living day by day, raising the next stars in our own little line of descendants, every once in a while being reminded how much they don't belong to us really, even as we pour our whole hearts into doing the best we can to raise them faithfully. Part of that for us has been bringing them to church. Now nothing seems very difficult when compared with what Abraham went through, but hey, sitting in the pews with young children can be tough!*

*My thinking lately has been that if we did all that work to figure out how to be in services together during those squirmy years, we ought to be reaping the benefits now, when they can mostly sit still, and it is just a pleasure to be next to them for an hour. So I say to them clearly, I think, how much I want them to come to church with us so we can worship together. Sometimes, maybe even often, they come because they know we want them to. And that's fine. We appreciate it. And sometimes I say that we don't go just for ourselves anyway, expecting to get inspired or comforted or whatever else we think we may need or want—though often those things happen—but we go because we are a part of this community and it's just what we do.*

*Now I know that coming to church is only one expression of faith, and hopefully Tom and I show our kids through our words and actions how we try to live into our identities as children as God and live by the example of Jesus. But they also see how deeply flawed we are, as kids really do see the worst of their parents. So we need them to see you all, too, in your journeys as Abraham's descendants. And I tell them that people like to see young people in church. It makes them feel hopeful. So we show up, and we don't know what might come our way; maybe it's an encouraging message, or a good conversation, or a particularly good snack in the Community Room.*

It is a gift to be the church with all of you. Thank you for showing up!

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Today's gospel is a story we find comforting. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*



### READINGS

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:13-16

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

#### OCTOBER 4 "My Life Story, My Faith Story" Kathleen Gabrielsen

As part of our occasional series on how members' life stories and faith stories come together, come and hear Kathleen Gabrielsen reflect on her journey.

#### OCTOBER 11 "New Member Welcome"

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 in the Community Room.

#### PLANT SALE AT HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

In light of the congregation's unanimous vote to continue into the next phase of planning for the renovation of the building's east entrance, the Church Council has decided to extract the plants from the garden on the east side of the building. With the blessing of Kathy Hollander, gardener extraordinaire, and under the leadership of Janelle Dahmen, master gardener, the plants will be dug up on Saturday, October 10 and will be made available for sale on Sunday, October 11. We hope you'll help these plants find a new home. Proceeds will go toward the plants that will be purchased after the renovation work is complete.

#### 20S, 30S, AND 40S AUTUMN CLEAN UP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Join the 20s, 30, and 40s group from 2:00-5:00 p.m. as we clean up the yards of some of the congregation's elders. We'll go to a local restaurant when the work is complete.

#### THANK YOU FROM CORI GERSHON AND ANNE CURTIN

We'd both like to thank everybody who attended the 11:00 service on September 20 and witnessed our marriage ceremony. Having your strength and support means more to us than you may ever know. Furthermore, we give special thanks to all that left us cards and especially those who included gifts inside their cards. Later, as we opened each card, we were continually amazed when we found a gift inside. We hope you stayed for the Wedding Reception and Mosaic Dedication after the service was over. It was a magical celebration with sandwiches, beverages, and wedding cake. Did you see the cake? It was fantastic! Thank you.

#### JULBORD SCANDINAVIAN MEAL, SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 2-6 P.M.

Tickets for the Julbord are available now. Tickets are \$18 and are available in the office.

#### SOLAR POWER IS COMING TO HOLY TRINITY--STAY TUNED!

## PARISH INFORMATION

### YOUTH LOCK-IN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Students in grades 6-12 and their friends are invited to join us for late night games, food, and worship. This year's lock-in will go from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

### IDENTITY, THEOLOGY, AND PLACE CONFERENCE OCTOBER 9-11

We invite all committed to the journey of decolonization—indigenous peoples, colonial settlers, and others—to explore a theology of restorative solidarity, ecological sustainability, and connection to place at Church for All Nations. Talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information. The Minneapolis Area Synod is contributing \$75 toward the registration fee of all members of local ELCA churches.

### MINNESOTA MEAL—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:00 P.M.

Each fall we gather for a meal of local food and give thanks for the bounty of God's creation. Bring your favorite local food dish to pass and hear a presentation by the keepers of Gandhi Mahal's rooftop garden and in-restaurant aquaponics system. Confirmation students and sponsors are encouraged to attend together.

**DIALOGUE LUNCH WITH JACK NELSON-PALLMEYER, OCTOBER 7**  
Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Associate Professor of Justice and Peace Studies at St. Thomas University, will present and lead a discussion of the Pope's recent Encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home." Register by October 2 by phone (612-729-8358) or online ([htlcmpls.org/dialogue](http://htlcmpls.org/dialogue)). A donation of \$5 at the door is suggested.

**KINSHIP DINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 & 24**  
Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by October 18.

### ADULT RETREAT—FINAL CALL

Three spaces remain for the Adult Retreat at Villa Maria in Frontenac, Minnesota, October 16-17. Cost is \$100. Speak with Pastor Ingrid if you are interested in attending.

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### PARISH EVENTS October 4-10, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings at Le Town Talk
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Christian Education Committee
	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice Committee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Dialogue Lunch w/ Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All Express
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs 6:30 pm Trinity Singers
Friday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm-12:00 am	Youth Lock-in

**Building Fund** in memory of **Harold Zebisch** by Carol/John Kelly  
**Special gift** from the estate of Roy J. Winkelman; in memory of **Doris Neuendorf** by Linda/Gerry Berglin, Lynda/Dennis Nordholm, Deb Sodt, Kathy Hollander/Rod Johnson, Carolyn Moe, Carol Crowe, Mary/Chris Engen; and in memory of mother **Mary Torness** by Jane Rasmussen  
**Disaster Relief** by Stephanie/John Sulzbach  
**World Hunger** in honor of Alex Jury's wedding by Stephanie/John Sulzbach

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 4, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Paul Thorson	Crucifer	David Krig
Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Mason Helmel
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
Lyle Steinfeldt, Pam Blomgren	Communion	Linda McMahon, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Stella Townsend
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Joshua Combs, George Madich, Meghan O. Biebighauser
Nancy/Dave Moe	Coffee Servers	Stephanie/Scott Cole
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Vicki Mann, John Kelly
	Closer	John Kelly

Financial Report	September 27	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	545,325.00
Budget receipts	4,131.15	498,324.67
Building remodel	30.00	34,815.00
Disaster Relief	500.00	1,815.00
Exodus Appeal	505.00	14,187.84