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LITTLE ONES, WELCOME TO YOUR WORLD

excerpt from October 4 sermon by Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

Little ones, welcome to your world.

This is a world filled with beautiful things: butterflies and cobwebs, cloud wisps and rainy days, maple leaves and gentle winds, wild geese and rivers that sparkle in the autumn sunlight. Here you'll encounter beauty in rosy cheeks and wool sweaters, grandma hugs and baby kisses, morning laughter and dreams that gladly usher in the night.

Little ones, welcome to your world.

This is a world set free to be creative. The aunties tell the story of the beginning of all things: God came close to the Earth, getting dirt under the divine fingernails in the formation of every animal of the field and every bird of the air. We, too, are adamah—that is, of the dirt. Creativity is never neat and orderly; it's always dynamic, open-ended, evolving, and messy. To be honest, this makes most people nervous—especially religious people. But rest assured, God saw that it was good, and God sees that it is good. It's all created for you, and you are created for all things.

Little ones, welcome to your world.

This is a world teeming with love. It's all of God. It's mediated through brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents, friends and teachers, mentors and complete strangers. Furry pets and good books and tender music are gifted lovers, too. Love has amazing powers. It fortifies our best impulses. It undergirds our most courageous acts. Love is God's creation; it pours down upon us like rain showers in the spring. There is no taking shelter from it. We are soaked.

Little ones, welcome to your world.

This is a world where the people you love most will suffer. It often happens when you're not expecting it—addiction, depression, cancer, sudden cardiac death, Alzheimer's. Illness comes by many names. No matter what you're told, there are no mental exercises that fully prepare you to face the fragility of those you love. It will interrupt the life's rhythm on which you've come to depend. One wise person says that "to spend one night with real pain is to discover depths of reality that are roped off while everything is going fine." But ask my friends Mary and Martha, Lazarus and the guy I just healed over there, and they'll tell you that even in the midst of suffering and death, God is there—nearer to the suffering and the heavy-hearted than their very breath, closer to the dying than the loving hands that cling to them.

Little ones, welcome to your world.

This is a world that has struggled. Someday way too soon you'll learn about the places where creation and community are fractured by things like economic exploitation, climate change, racism, violence, and patriarchy. You have no choice in the matter. If it's any comfort, Abraham and Sarah didn't either. You will inherit the sins of your ancestors. You'll notice inequity woven into the fabric of daily life. You'll discover that your forbearers have mistreated the Earth. You'll blush that so much money has been hoarded under the guises of security and legacy. You'll question why we need to say things like Black Lives Matter, as if there were another viable alternative. You'll learn that we still execute those we'd rather God not redeem and that we still let gun violence go unchecked again and again. You'll find that patriarchy's residue requires lots and lots of hot water and scrubbing.

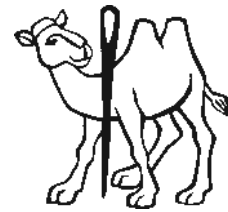
In the midst of the struggle, remember:

This is a world that is changeable. You stand in a long line of prophets—Miriam, Huldah, Isaiah, Deborah, Jeremiah, and Anna, women and men who have been persecuted for critiquing the status quo. There will be times when you'll wonder if the struggle is headed anywhere, if your voice is heard by anyone, if your work is in vain, if your complicity in the very things you oppose nullifies your efforts. You will grow weary; ask Andrew, Thomas, James, John, Judas, or any of the other dudes around here, and they'll tell you that disciples are often tired. Take heart in the fact that nothing is beyond God's redemptive reach—the marketplace, the Earth, the law, the violence, the structures of inequality. All is subject to God's reformation—and by extension, ours. It can be changed. It is being changed before our eyes.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.



ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

READINGS

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 11 "New Member Welcome"

Please plan to attend our new member welcome in the Community Room. We will hear current members Kwame Owusu-Acheampong and Donna Scott offer reflections on their participation in this community. And we'll have the opportunity to meet the people choosing to become partners in ministry at Holy Trinity!

OCTOBER 18 "Conversation with Senator Marty" Senator John Marty

Senator John Marty will be with us to review the 2015 legislative session and look toward the future.

ANNUAL OUTREACH MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:00 P.M.

The Outreach Committee at Holy Trinity finds that small active working groups allow us to connect our gifts and passions with opportunities more directly than monthly meetings. We do meet once a year, however, to review the past year's work, to dream about the year to come, to set goals, and to identify budget priorities. On October 26 from 7-8:30 p.m., we invite attendance of those who have been involved in our partnerships or work with:

The Swahili Congregation; Racial Justice; St. James AME Church; Broadway High School; The Lutheran Volunteer Corps; Wellstone House; Fare for All; Midtown Farmer's Market and Open Streets Corn Giveaway; Theatre Circle; Music in the Garden and Food Trucks; The Longfellow Corn Feed

Haven't been involved, but would like to share your gifts? Come! We'd love to have you.

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This is a world where hope resides. Sometimes it grows dim. Often it's elusive. But hope is the undercurrent of the whole creation. If we listen closely, we'll hear it circulating among the elders, and we'll see it in the birth of the village's newest child, and we'll desperately try to capture it on our smartphones when Pope Francis comes to town. The Spirit ensures hope springs and pulses and sways and grooves, and it asks us to move with it—not into another world—but deeper into this one. The Spirit invites us into the commonwealth of God that has already come among us, a realm that is unfolding in, around, and through you.

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—Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

PARISH INFORMATION

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 13-14, 2015

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation out of which the Lutheran Church emerged, there is an opportunity to explore our Lutheran heritage. The Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society will feature Dr. John Nunes from Valparaiso University, where his teaching supports the study of Christian values in public and professional life. Dr. Nunes previously served as president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. His experience and work throughout the world will inform his presentations on "Re-Imagining the Reformation from the Edges." Submit your registration form to the office or online (htlcmpls.org/symposium).

KINSHIP DINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 & 24

Twice a year the Nurturing Relation 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.

CTUL (Center for Workers United in Struggle) is working with a coalition to pass the Working Families Agenda, including municipal proposals in Minneapolis for paid sick days, fair scheduling, and an end to wage theft. The City Council is now asking for public comments from Minneapolis residents about these policies until October 16. Your voice on the issue matters. CTUL invites you to email Minneapolis City Council at workingfamilies@minneapolismn.gov and share a simple message: passing the Working Families Agenda will make the city safer, healthier, and more equitable.

BENEFIT CONCERT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3-5 P.M.

You are invited to an uplifting afternoon of music with folk and jazz artist Claudia Schmidt. This concert is being sponsored by regular visitors Mary Opila and Marge Higgins, of Encore Upholstery Studio, with all proceeds going to "Bridging" – a nonprofit organization that provides furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Free will offering at the door.

JULBORD SCANDINAVIAN DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The Julbord, a Scandinavian dinner, will be held December 5, 2015, from 2-6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now in the church office or (new this year!) at htlcmpls.org/julbord.

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PARISH EVENTS October 11-17, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45-11:00 am	Plant Sale
	10:00 am	New Member Welcome
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Plant Sale
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:00 pm	Children & Family Committee
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Friday and Saturday		Adult Fall Retreat at Villa Maria

Special gifts in memory of Bill Roberts' mother and Virginia Jury's sister, by Sandra Nelson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 11, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Emily Davison, Molly Davison
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Roberta Shaw
Rick Liedholm, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Carol/John Kelly
Linda/Gerry Berglin	Altar Guild	Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Deb Sodt, Helen/Bob Norheim, Mark Hiner
Nancy/Dave Moe	Coffee Servers	Judy/Troy Davison
Pam Blomgren, Chris Engen	Counters	Gary Johnson, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Deb Sodt

Financial Report	October 4	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	559,307.69
Budget receipts	15,516.28	513,840.95
World Hunger	-	2,714.50
Broadway School	-	1,869.00
Exodus Appeal	55.00	14,242.84
Disaster Relief	-	1,815.00