



HOLY TRINITY

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THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Mark K. Holman and Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Pastors

ONLINE LENTEN MEDITATIONS

"For God shows no partiality." Romans 2:11

Lent is a season I associate with facing up to bad deeds and "giving things up" in order to grapple with what C.S. Lewis refers to as "the strangest story of all, the story of the Resurrection." The somber mood and the story are a struggle for me every year. But, Lent can be a time of preparation and new beginnings; an opportunity when I don't just focus on where I've failed, but also "turn myself around" (repent) toward something new. This year the "turn around" for me includes taking very seriously this Roman's text of God having "no partiality," especially around racial and cultural differences. We are all children of God and there should be no favorites even if the world doesn't reflect that belief. Even so, how can I be the best part of myself individually even with my blind spots and privilege? How can I be empowered in my community to make the world more just for all, not just the people like me?

During Lent, Holy Trinity will offer online meditations with a racial justice theme. They'll be a part of my Lenten journey and I hope they'll be a part of yours. The meditations will come to you through email each Thursday beginning March 2. All the meditations address our call and response to racial justice. Each week you'll receive a link to a short video, a verse from scripture, a quote, a few questions for you to contemplate, and a prayer. Some of the video speakers offer an opportunity to get a sense of how the world looks to them and to think about new ways of interacting with less bias and privilege. Others look at broader racial issues like immigration or hidden bias.

How can you use these meditations? Use them at your convenience and in the comfort of your home. Engage in regular conversation with a partner or friend over coffee. Some meditations are appropriate for older children and can be used in a family context (parents need to determine appropriateness). Another option is to join a "Designated Discussion Table" during the Lenten Soup Suppers in the Community Room (March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5). A member of our Racial Justice Group will be there to facilitate conversation. Get a bowl of soup and pull up a chair.

Hopefully, these meditations will challenge your thoughts and feelings about racial justice and enrich your Lenten season. Watch for them in your inbox.

"Nobody's free until everybody's free." Fannie Lou Hammer

—Libby Olstad

NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WORKSHOP

Presented by Holy Trinity member Sara Jensen and YWCA staff

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (tea and cookies provided)

Sunday, March 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (bring a bag lunch, beverages provided)

In this workshop we will explore five techniques for engaging in difficult conversations. We'll talk about when, where, and with whom each technique is most effective and have a little time to practice some techniques with each other. Sign up in the Community Room for one of these dates (workshop content will be the same both days) and indicate if child care is needed. Free will offering will go to the YWCA Minneapolis Racial Justice Department.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.



READINGS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

MARCH 5

"Adult Forum with David Weiss"

For the next three Sundays, David Weiss reflects alongside—and beyond—the Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), on a Christian spirituality for a changing climate. Asking, "What do these times require of us?" Weiss sketches the shape of a response that is at once fully human and fully Christian. He suggests three distinctive dimensions to our personal and communal spiritual response: anguish, hope, and resistance. Indeed, Weiss asserts that—perhaps more than ever before—in this time of climate change, being faithful means becoming an apocalyptic evangelical prophetic church. These lectures will be public theology, offering a thoughtful, provocative, and accessible adventure in theology.

Session One: Apocalyptic: owning the anguish that is ours. In the Bible, apocalyptic literature seeks to make sense of world-ending events. Climate change is an apocalyptic event. There is no "do over," no turning back the clock—or turning down the temperature. So the first dimension in a Christian spirituality that can undergird a faithful response to climate change is one that enables us to own the anguish that is ours. We need ways to feel the sorrow, to grieve for what has been lost. At the same time, we must counter the temptations to denial and despair. Considering examples from biblical imagery and the Christian tradition, we will look for ways to plumb the depth of almost unfathomable lament...without altogether losing hope.

MARCH 12

"Adult Forum with David Weiss"

Session Two: Evangelical: haunted by holy hope. To be evangelical is not primarily about saving souls; it is foremost about bearing good news. On the other hand, in the face of climate change, "good news" dare not be naïve optimism. If we have a word of hope to utter (somewhere on the far side of that almost unfathomable lament) it is because God haunts us still. Because there is a holy hope that hovers, beckoning us to believe that even now God can do a new thing. From their enslavement in Egypt to the Exile to the crucifixion to the persecution of the early Christians—and beyond, God's people have known what it is to be haunted by holy hope. It's our turn.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 12.
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.

PARISH INFORMATION

CTUL PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., 3715 CHICAGO AVE. S.
Join the CTUL Worker Center Sunday, March 12, for their annual Pancake Brunch Fundraiser to celebrate low-wage workers taking a stand for justice in the workplace and beyond. After 6 years of organizing in the retail cleaning and fast food industries, they are preparing to take CTUL's work to the next level. Suggested donation of \$5 (student/low income) to \$15. Vegan and gluten free options. For more information contact jilian@ctul.net/612-332-0663.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS MARCH 5, 12:15 P.M.

Head to Himalayan at 12:15 p.m with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29, AND APRIL 5

Lenten Soup Suppers, Labyrinth, and Evening Prayer Services

All are invited to partake in the Lenten soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Food is provided; free-will donations are accepted. The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room. The labyrinth will be available for walking and contemplation from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Library each Wednesday.

KINSHIP MEALS APRIL 7 AND 8

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 April 2.

REQUEST FOR A RECLINER

Do you have an extra recliner? A member who recently relocated could use a recliner for her space. If you have a recliner in very good condition, please call Martha Mueller. Delivery will not be the responsibility of the generous donor!

FARE FOR ALL/SHOE BUS AT HOLY TRINITY MARCH 15

Fare For All is an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. The Shoe Bus sells children's shoes for \$2 and adult shoes for \$5. Shoes are new or gently used. The Shoe Bus and Fare For All are open to everyone, Wednesday, March 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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PARISH EVENTS March 5-11, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	12:15 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Children/Family Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	5:30 pm	Labyrinth (in the Library)
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	9:00-11:00 am	Sanctuary Mvmt Rapid Response Training

Special gifts in memory of Ted Dooley by Sandra Nelson, Mary Ellen Olson, Nancy/Joel Wiberg, Lynda/Dennis Nordholm, Linda McMahon, Carol/Dale Bosch

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 5, 2017

8:45 AM	Assisting Minister	Bob Aldrich
Cathy Alpizar	Acolytes	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley
Johnny Waddick, Amelia Waddick	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
Paul Thorson	Communion	Katy Benson, Laura Bolstad, Kris Christians
Pam Blomgren	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Cori Gershon
Bev Peschiutta, Dianne Mascher	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Alan Libra, Deb Sodt, Donna Scott
Bob Peschiutta, Julie/Tom Cahoy	Coffee Servers	Deb Anderson, Tracey Baubie
Carol/Ken Masters	Counters	Gary Johnson, Scott Cole
Annie Hines, Joyce Peterson	Closer	Rod Johnson

Financial Report	February 26	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	132,525.00
Budget Receipts	11,565.28	129,916.02
Opening Doors	6,358.71	29,689.64
Longfellow Alternative H.S.	20.00	160.00