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PRAYER FOR THE MN HOUSE ON 04.19.21

—By Ingrid Rasmussen

Let us join our hearts.

Attentive One,
we come to you as weary people,
laid low by
unpredictability and unemployment,
virtual learning and Zoom fatigue,
isolation and ICUs.

We are weary from unattended grief—
the virus has claimed
our elders, our neighbors,
our friends, our spouses, our children.
If we're honest,
some days it feels as though
all we are doing is
holding our breath.

We pine for the life we knew
before words like quarantine and lockdown and aerosols
became part of our communal lexicon.

But if there is anything this time has shown us,
it's that "normal" had fault lines, too.
Pandemics have a way of further revealing preexisting ine-
qualities—in healthcare, in wages, in technology, in housing,
in hunger, in pocketbooks, in policing.

If normal wasn't right,
and if returning isn't an option, O God,
where then are we to go?

What are we to make of this moment?

Could it be, Holy One,
that something is waiting to be born—
like the moment when the seed,
planted in fertile ground,
is summoned forth—by sun and water and grit—
to become something new?

Could it be that this is the moment
when compassion and courage
empathy and wisdom
understanding and LOOOOVVVVEEEE
are finally given hospitable conditions
to change, to grow, to live?

Could it be that this is the moment
when that tender green
that brilliant green
emerges from the earth
as if to signal that nothing—

not partisanship,
not self-interest,
not anything, (cont. in next column)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

ADULT FORUM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)
Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

To view a recording of the forum from May 2, click [here](#).

SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.

MAY 9 "After the Verdict: A Time for Reflection"
An unstructured time to share thoughts and feelings on the
Chauvin trial and verdict.

MAY 17 Longfellow Rising, Part 1 of 2
Ingrid Rasmussen

More information will be available next week.

(Prayer, cont.)

not *even* money,
will stand in the way of
abundant life
emerging?

Renewing Spirit,

we want to believe this *is* the moment—
that even as we mourn George Floyd and Daunte Wright,
that even as we decry violence against another generation of
Black and Brown bodies,
that even as righteous anger and sacred lament are met with
military force,

[all as the world watches on]

Dear God, we want to believe this *is* the moment.

But we need you to fill in the spaces of our disbelief and
doubt.

We need you to bridge the chasms between peacekeeping and
peacemaking.

We need you to abolish the cynicism that quietly feeds brutality.
And from gravel road to city street, we need you to bind a
fragmented people together.

Living Spirit,

the truth is that you can already see a new world,
one we have not yet known.

May this be the moment, God of All,
when we catch a glimpse of *that world* arising.

AMEN.

PARISH INFORMATION

COVID VACCINATION BUS AT HOLY TRINITY MAY 19

Holy Trinity, Trinity Apartments, and Trinity on Lake are partnering to bring a vaccination bus to the front of the church on Wednesday, May 19, from 12:00–6:00 p.m. Do you still need a shot or have a neighbor who would appreciate the ability to walk over and be vaccinated? Email or call the church office to schedule an appointment. The vaccine will be Johnson and Johnson, so a second shot is not necessary. One shot and you're done!

SOUTH MPLS MEALS ON WHEELS JOB OPENING

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is seeking an Assistant Coordinator, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / \$15 per hour. For more information, contact Tom Overton (612-827-4237) or Mary Engen (612-716-6338).

HOLY TRINITY HONORED FOR SERVICE BY LSS

Each year, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota recognizes partnering congregations that are leaders in social ministry and social justice in their community, have a connection to LSS services in their area, and faithfully provide financial support for the service ministry of LSS. This year, LSS has presented Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis Area Synod) with the **Servant of Christ Award**.

Click [here](#) to see the video honoring Holy Trinity.

CONCERNING PEOPLE

The funeral for **Marge Torgerson** was Saturday. A recording of the service can be viewed [here](#).

GET TO KNOW THE STAFF: INGRID RASMUSSEN

I grew up in SW Minnesota. I was the third generation to be raised in the big red farmhouse on the family farm. My first job was working in the fields. I feel at home in those wide-open spaces.

I recently read an article entitled "In the Company of Women: The Pandemic Void Only My Girlfriends Can Fill." In addition to hugging my parents (and shoving my children into their arms), I cannot wait to spend meaningful time with my girlfriends when Covid fears and concerns are finally over. They encourage me—every once in a while—to be carefree.

I think Musee d'Orsay is the most beautiful museum I've ever visited. There is something so healing about stepping into a beautiful place that's been lovingly curated by someone else.

What do you think is your greatest achievement? Oh my, this is a hard question. I would probably say learning to share life with my husband, Paul.

What fills you with hope these days? My colleagues' persistence and resilience.

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION

Following the murders of way too many people of color at the hands of police, our good friends at CAIR MN are encouraging support of multiple bills before the state legislature. All of the bills are advocating for greater accountability. You can connect with the specific bills and/or lend your support [here](#). Thank you for your attention to this critical community concern!

—The Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group

[LEADING LIVES THAT MATTER](#) CONVERSATION GROUP

This book is a recommended read from the Collegeville Institute, especially for members of those churches involved in the Communities of Calling Initiative. Participants will meet in small groups of 4-6 beginning in June. If you have been discerning a change of direction in your life or simply wanting to pay more attention to the wisdom of the Spirit, this experience is for you. You will be inspired by great authors and poets, as well as the insights of fellow participants. One selection will be chosen for each session. Books will be provided to those who wish to have their own copy, but you don't need the book to participate. Email Ann Schrooten (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) if you are interested.

BIG MEETING NIGHTS MAY 6 AND MAY 11

This month we go back to the normal schedule (first Thursday and second Tuesday of the month). Pam will assume your committee is meeting unless you let her know otherwise. Committee chairs will send the Zoom link to their committees.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

View the worship service from Sunday, May 2, [here](#).

SWAHILI WORDS FOR TODAY

Another quarantine opportunity: Learn some Swahili words! Pastor Andrea will teach us some common Swahili words and phrases. More counting today! (Click [here](#) to hear pronunciations)

Five	tano	Eight	nane
Six	sita	Nine	tisa
Seven	saba	Ten	kumi

