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

TAIZÉ IN LENT

The Taizé Community, the ecumenical community in Burgundy, France, wasn't part of our itinerary. However, when Paul and I realized how close we were to this worship center, we decided to stop and see the monastic community that has gained international recognition for its simple liturgies and short hymns meant to be sung several times through.

I had visions of what we would find when we got to Taizé. (They were completely unfounded.) I imagined a quaint little community, filled with brothers who would warmly welcome us and lead us deeper into the mysteries of God. I imagined a lot of silence. I also imagined a lot of darkness, probably because most of my experiences with Taizé hymnody had been at evening worship services.

I don't remember the details of how we got off the train and onto a bus headed in the right direction. I do remember that every few miles we saw a hitchhiker alongside the road. Oftentimes, they were about 14-16 years old. Each of them carried a small bag over her or his shoulder as s/he walked down the dusty French highway. And each had a cardboard sign that simply read: "Take me to Taizé."

This should have been my first clue that what we'd find at Taizé wouldn't resemble the community I had created in my mind's eye. When the bus pulled up and we unloaded, we were thrust among thousands of pilgrims from all over Europe and beyond. Many of them were teenagers. No one would call the scene "quaint." And silence was almost impossible to come by. Instead, a passionate energy infused the community that grew from one hundred brothers to include the almost one hundred thousand pilgrims that find their way to Taizé's doorstep each year.

Something draws them. Something drew Paul and me, too. I'm still not sure that I can place my finger on it, but the closest I've come is to refer to the words of Brother Roger, the community's founder. Brother Roger, before he was killed in 2007, said this:

"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone. Gradually the conviction took shape in me that it was essential to create a community with [people] determined to give their whole life and who would always try to understand one another and be reconciled, a community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything."

This is a vision that thousands will travel hundreds of miles to see and to experience. It's the center of life found at Taizé.

During the season of Lent, we're going to use Taizé resources for our Wednesday evening worship services at Holy Trinity. We'll gather in the Bartsch Room, which is now accessible for everyone because of its new lift. We'll sing together, hear God's word read, and pray. The services will be simple, shaped after the community that gathers and worships (even as I write) half a world away. This Lent, we'll gather as a community determined to give our lives, to understand one another, to be reconciled, and to grow in kindness of heart. Join us.

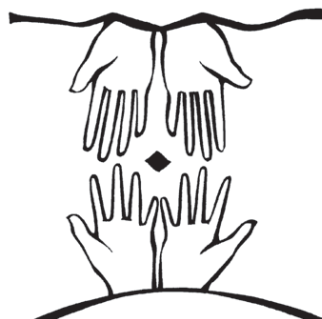
— Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection.

Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him.

We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.



LESSONS

- Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
- Psalm 119:33-40
- I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
- Matthew 5:38-48

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

FEBRUARY 23

"TANZANIA REFLECTIONS"

Pastor Jay Carlson and other Holy Trinity Travelers

Holy Trinity has enjoyed a relationship with the Northwest Diocese of the Lutheran Church in Tanzania for many years. A group of thirteen people from Holy Trinity recently visited Tanzania and will report on what they experienced and learned about the church's work there.

MARCH 2

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Rick Liedholm, Mary Lindell, and Paul Rasmussen

Please join us as we welcome fourteen new members into this community of faith. Current members Rick Liedholm, Mary Lindell, and Paul Rasmussen will give short presentations about their experience of life at Holy Trinity. New members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves. And treats will be served. Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit's work in this community!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays during Lent there will be a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by evening prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Lenten services start on March 5, Ash Wednesday. We need volunteers to make soup, set up, and clean up. Sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on February 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Jay or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE - FEBRUARY 23

Confirmation students will host the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale fundraiser (for youth mission and learning trips) on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5. We are accepting donations of baked goods for the bake sale.

WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL INVITATION

"What the Wild Goose community believes is best discovered through shared experience. There is no litmus test beyond an open heart. There is no creed required beyond a willingness to meet respectfully across lines of difference, to share wisdom and listen to each other's stories, and become more than the sum of our parts." The Wild Goose Festival is in Hot Springs, NC, from June 26-29, 2014. Learn more about the festival on their website, wildgoosefestival.org, then come to an informational meeting during the soup supper on March 5 in the Community Room. We may send a caravan of Holy Trinity members to North Carolina.

JOB OPENING AT TRINITY APARTMENTS

Volunteers of America has an opening Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The job responsibilities include reheating the meals that come from the caterer, serving, clean-up, and paperwork to track the meals for this federally-funded program. Applicants must have a high school degree or equivalent, be at least 18 years old, and be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Contact Nancy Christianson at 952-945-4156 or Cheryl Larew at 952-945-4155.

AARP TAX AIDE

Holy Trinity hosts AARP Income tax assistance for seniors and low income taxpayers. Mondays and Tuesdays, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. through April 15. No appointment necessary.

PHONE BANKING AT HOLY TRINITY

You are invited to join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition in phone banking for the Minimum Wage and Payday Lending Reform. Monday, February 24, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. Please call JRLC to register 612.870.3670.

PARISH EVENTS February 23 - March 1, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	8:00 - 1:00 pm	Pancake Breakfast
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:30 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>
Tuesday	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Open Gym
	7:00 pm	<i>Pastrix</i> Discussion at Sonora Grill
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Children's Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir, 6:40 pm Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	6:00 pm	New Member Class
	7:00 pm	Peace w/Justice Film, <i>Do the Math</i>
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
Saturday	10 am - 12 pm	HTTC Rehearsal, <i>Our Town</i>

Boiler Fund by Sandra Thornby, Sally/David Kohlstedt, Vern/Vi Michaelson, Dick Wilson, Bob Wetzler. **African Pastors Fund** by Tanzanian travelers. **Special Gifts** in memory of **June Englund** by Dana/Barbara Tickner, Joyce Faircloth, Shirley Paulsen. **World Hunger** in memory of **June Englund** by Kathryn Nevers.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS February 23, 2013

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson
Joel Wiberg	Presiding Minister	John Buzza
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen
Grayson Wiczorek	Acolytes	E/K Townsend
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Meagan McLaughlin
Anne Beschnett, Liz Rudrud	Communion	Sara/Kirk Jensen
Bev Peschiutta, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild	M/Karen McLaughlin
Bob/ Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	D. Sodt, J. Combs, M. Mann, J. Olsen Biebighauser
	Nursery	Roxanne Votaw
Pancake Breakfast	Coffee Servers	Pancake Breakfast
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	V. Mann, M E Olson
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm

Financial Report	February 16	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	95,139.42
Budget Receipts	6,278.50	95, 330.74
World Hunger	100.00	242.00
Boiler Donations	2,635.00	14,965.50
African Pastors Endowment	500.00	615.00

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