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

## PRESENT IN EACH MOMENT

Pastor Jay and Pastor Ingrid have been sending out daily devotions by email during the season of Lent. If you would like to receive these devotions, please notify the church office. The devotion for March 21 is below.

*The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"*  
(Exodus 17:5-7)

"Is the Lord among us or not?" The question asked by the Israelites wandering in the wilderness is often ours, too. When personal or global concerns weigh heavily on us, it is only natural that we would question God. Where is God, exactly, in the midst of our struggles and worries?

When I heard Exodus 17 read aloud recently, the line that jumped out for me was the promise from Yahweh to Moses in verse 6: "I will be standing there in front of you." I wondered whether Moses knew where to go and whether he recognized God when he got there. But then I was left contemplating this promise as one for all of us. "I will be there in front of you. I lead your way. Even when the tribulations of your wilderness seem overwhelming, I am indeed among you."

Again, just like the people wandering between Egypt and the Promised Land, most of us have a hard time remembering and noticing the presence of God. We might wish for a sign or a greater sense of certainty—more than just a promise. But the good news is that God's loving presence for us does not depend on our own actions or even understanding. Whatever the circumstances, we can be assured that God has gone ahead of us to be present in each moment.

— Jay Carlson, pastor

*God is to be found not by stepping aside from the flow of daily life into religious moments and environments, or by looking away from creation to a spiritual realm beyond, but rather by entering the depths of the present moment. There we will find God, wherever we may be and whatever we may be doing. Our times of religious observation and meditative practice are not alternatives to encountering God in the ever-flowing stream of life. Rather they are moments of preparing ourselves to be alert to the One who is always and everywhere present, closer to us than we are to ourselves.*

— John Philip Newell, The Book of Creation

### Holy Week Schedule

<b>Maunder Thursday</b>	<b>6:15 p.m. — Soup Supper</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. — Service of Holy Communion</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. — Worship Service</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. — Easter Vigil</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>8:45 a.m. &amp; 11:00 — Festival Worship</b>

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.*



### LESSONS

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalms 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

#### APRIL 6

#### "Holding Grief"

David Berg

David Berg, Holy Trinity member and retired hospital chaplain, will share what he has learned through his ministry about the cumulative characteristics of grief. David will invite congregants to think through and document their encounters with loss, grief, and hope. Facilitated small group discussion will offer space for sharing.

#### APRIL 13

#### "Grief Ministries at Holy Trinity"

Our series on grief and hope continues with a discussion about the ways in which Holy Trinity members, pastors, and small groups accompany people in this community during times of loss.

### BWCA TRIP AUGUST 2014

The annual trip to the Boundary Waters is scheduled this year for Thursday, August 7 – Sunday, August 10. Please note that we will travel Thursday – Sunday this year, rather than our normal Friday – Monday pattern. We plan to enter through Sawbill and paddle/portage/camp for three nights. If you are willing and able to portage a pack or canoe, you are welcome to join us! Please sign up in the Community room. Direct questions to John Sulzbach or Linda McMahon.

### NEIGHBORHOOD PROCESSION WITH PALMS

On the afternoon of Palm Sunday, we join neighboring churches for an outdoor procession through our neighborhood. We'll stop at places symbolic of both hope and pain, offering prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and hope. We'll begin with lunch at Christ Church Lutheran (3244 34th Ave S) at noon, the procession will begin at 1:00, and will last for about an hour. Holy Trinity's van will provide transportation to and from Christ Church. All are welcome. Sign up in the Community Room and contact Pastor Ingrid or Meghan Olsen Biebighauser with any questions.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

The February adult forum on Holy Trinity's partnership with neighborhood schools sparked a number of ideas. All are welcome as we continue that conversation on Monday April 7 at 7:00 pm in the library.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

The annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters will be at the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 9th. This year we will write letters to urge Congress to reform international food aid programs. We will hand deliver the letters during Holy Week. For more information, contact Mary Engen or Sue Swanson.

## 50S AND BEYOND POTLUCK

Please join us for a gathering of folks interested in retirement, staying active, or general topics of interest on Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. You need not be retired nor "old enough" to join us. Please bring a dish to share and some ideas for future gatherings.

## MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals the week of April 14-18. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days of the week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 35th Ave. and 50th St at 11:10 a.m. Delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen.

## TAKE PART IN A CONGREGATIONAL SEASON OF LISTENING

Building on the work of the Vision Task Force of last year and recognizing the exciting growth within our congregation, the Holy Trinity Church Council has begun a process of careful discernment about plans for future mission and ministry at Holy Trinity. We will be working with Kairos and Associates, a local and faith-based consulting group, to launch a special time of listening.

As the first step of this process, we invite you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help us better plan for the future of our church's programs and facilities through members' anonymous responses. Holy Trinity members should have received an email on April 1 with a link to the CAT. Please click on the link provided to tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our congregation's ministry. If you did not receive the email or would prefer a paper copy, please call or come to the office.

## "CHASING ICE"

Join us for this 75-minute documentary illustrating the changing nature of Arctic glaciers with time-lapse imagery. Screening at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at Holy Trinity. Sandwich lunch, freewill offering.

## PARISH EVENTS April 6 - April 12, 2014

<b>Sunday</b>	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation, 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:30 pm	Peace with Justice film - <i>Chasing Ice</i>
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee
	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	School Engagement Meeting w/Outreach Committee
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5 - 8:00 pm	Labyrinth
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir, 6:30 pm Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service, 7:45 pm Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 pm	50s and Beyond Potluck
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors

**Boiler Fund** by Gary Johnson, Laura Bolstad, Lyle Steinfeldt  
**Food Shelf** by Carole Schneiders, Liz Blood **Exodus Lending** by Sandy Hoverson, James Hartsoe **World Hunger** anonymous donation.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS April 6, 2013

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	<b>Preacher</b>	Jay Carlson
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Tevy Nou	<b>Acolytes</b>	Eliza Roberts, Marianna Hefte
Joyce Peterson	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Linda Jury
Anne Beschnett, C Engen, L Martens, Bev Peschiutta, Shelley Grimes	<b>Communion</b>	Bob Hulteen, Dawn Wiczorek, Sean Gosiewski, Stella Townsend, Rosemary Foley
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob/Helen Norheim, A Libra, J Olsen Biebighauser
	<b>Ushers</b>	
	<b>Nursery</b>	Kris Christians
	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Kathy Ohler, Deb Sodt
D Nordholm, Chris Engen	<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Johnson, John Sulzbach
	<b>Closer</b>	Dennis Nordholm

Financial Report	March 30	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	176,687.50
Budget Receipts	6,377.76	154,655.97
Food Shelf	10.00	160.00
World Hunger	10,000.00	10,273.00
Boiler Donations	200.00	15,722.50
Exodus Appeal	440.00	490.00

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