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

SUSTAINED BY THE GIFT OF WATER

The gift of water plays important roles in several of the readings in worship during the season of Lent. Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about being born of water and Spirit, Jesus offers a Samaritan woman life-giving water at the well, the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 leads us beside still waters. There are, of course, many other scripture passages about water, from the Spirit of God “hovering over the waters” in Genesis 1 to the last page of Revelation when the angel showed John “the river of the water of life.”

Our service of baptism includes a prayer of thanksgiving for the waters of baptism, which recounts the stories of saving waters: the flood, the crossing of the Red Sea, Hagar, Naaman, and the baptism of Jesus. When we said this prayer on Sunday for the baptism of Marjorie Patchin, we also named specific bodies of water that have been important to her parents: Lake Okabena near Worthington and the pond on the Patchin family farm in Iowa.

Water is a daily part of life for all of us. Most of the time it is a blessing that refreshes our bodies and makes land fertile to offer food for life. At other times and in many places of the world, it destroys cultivated fields, villages, and lives. Water has a multitude of meanings on this planet, but it is absolutely essential for life. As Larry Rasmussen said when he was here this fall for our symposium, “No blue, no green. No green, no you.”

A particular contemporary justice concern is “water grabbing.” Transnational companies in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are diverting water resources and watersheds and depriving vulnerable communities from this gift of water that is so essential for their livelihoods. Water is increasingly treated as a commodity to be owned rather than a public resource to be shared. Limiting or preventing access to clean water is both a violation of human rights and an act against God’s creation.

As we hear the water stories of the Bible during Lent and remember God’s gracious presence for us revealed in our own baptisms, we might give special attention also to our daily care for the unique gift of water.

— Pastor Jay Carlson

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesdays during Lent there will be a soup supper from 5:30-6:45 p.m., followed by evening prayer service at 7:00 p.m. We need volunteers to make soup, set up, and clean up. Sign up in the Community Room.

EASTER LILIES AND TULIPS

If you’d like to order Easter flowers for the altar area, please call the church office. The cost is \$11.

MARCH FOODSHARE CAMPAIGN IS HERE

Fight hunger in Minnesota! Bring your donations of cash or nonperishable food items to Holy Trinity until Palm Sunday, April 13. There is a collection basket in the Community Room.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

In today’s gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God’s grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter.

As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God’s mercy and forgiveness.



LESSONS
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM
10:00 am — In the library

MARCH 23 “SHATTERED DREAMS, RESILIENCY AND HOPE ”

Ted Bowman is an educator, author, and consultant at the U of MN. Life rarely happens as desired or planned. Detours and surprises are the stuff of living. While many such detours are disappointing, others shatter dreams and can throw people off their usual resilient responses. Miscarriage, infertility, a death, loss of job, divorce, a medical or mental health diagnosis, are but a few examples.

In response, both the conspicuous responses AND the shattering of dreams must be faced. In order for many to move forward, we must grieve lost expectations in order to dream new dreams and create new plans.

In this session, participants will be presented with frameworks and tools for understanding and responding to losses, including shattered dreams. Connections to honest hope will also be addressed.

MARCH 30 “CIRCLE DISCUSSION”

Members of the congregation will share stories of grief and hope.

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS *OUR TOWN*

This delightful drama by Thornton Wilder is about the folks in Grover’s Corner, New Hampshire. Wilder encourages us to think about our lives in new ways—both the common and the unique. We invite you to join us! March 20, 21, and 22 at 7:00 p.m., and March 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gym/Theater. Admission is free. Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

PARISH INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Several Holy Trinity members will be hosting fellowship meals on Saturday, March 29. If you like to eat and would like to meet new people in this congregation, please sign up in the Community Room and indicate whether you'd prefer to attend a brunch or an evening dinner. New members will receive a special invitation in the coming days. Join in the fun.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS

This congregation gives prayer shawls to members and friends who are hospitalized, preparing for surgery, or experiencing other difficulties. Prayer shawls are tangible means of God's grace. They provide warmth and comfort, reminding recipients of the community that surrounds them. If you are interested in making prayer shawls (either on your own time or in a group), please contact Liz Blood or Kathy Ohler. They have simple patterns and materials for you to use.

LABYRINTH WALK

The labyrinth will be available in the 1st floor room across from the Bartsch Room 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent. Volunteers will be available to guide new users.

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 p.m. in the church library.

YOUTH TRIP MEETING

An informational meeting about the youth trip this summer to visit the Heifer International Ranch in Arkansas will be held Wednesday, March 26, at 6:00 p.m. Students entering 7th grade through 12th grade are welcome to participate. The dates of the trip are July 19-26.

SCREENING OF *CHASING ICE* AT HOLY TRINITY

Chasing Ice, a 75-minute documentary illustrating the changing nature of Arctic glaciers with time-lapse imagery, will be screened at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Holy Trinity. Sandwich lunch provided, free will offering accepted.

Financial Report	March 16	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	149,504.81
Budget Receipts	11,181.13	144,043.71
Food Shelf	10.00	30.00
World Hunger	31.00	273.00
Boiler Donations	-	15,382.50
African Pastors' endowment	-	665.00

PARISH EVENTS March 23-29, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	<i>Our Town</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Committee Chairs
	11 - 2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	3:30 - 5:30 pm	Open Gym
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:00- 8:00 pm	Labyrinth
	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00 pm	Heifer International trip meeting
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service
Thursday	7:45 pm	Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
Saturday		Fellowship Meals

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS March 23 2013

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Jay Carlson	Presiding Minister	Jay Carlson
Grayson Wiczorek	Acolytes	Mason Helmel, Sara Christians
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
Jane Kretzmann, Andy R. K. Johnson, Anne Beschnett	Communion	Nancy/Dave Moe, Troy Davison
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Betty/Dick Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, Sally/David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Deb Sodt, Mike Mann, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Nursery	Pat Libra
Jeff Weiss, Gretchen Lund	Coffee Servers	Sue/Bill Roberts
Vern/Vi Michaelson	Counters	Vicki Mann, Mary Ellen Olson
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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