



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

BELOVED COMMUNITY

In her memoir, *My Beloved World*, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor writes about how growing up in the South Bronx opened up to her a much wider world. While at first she was suspicious of other cultures, including the “bland” German and Polish food of her neighbors, she eventually came to appreciate the differences. As she spent more time with her classmates at home with their parents, she developed strong relationships and even expanded her understanding of family.

But what really binds people as a family? The way they shore themselves up with stories; the way siblings can feud bitterly but still come through for each other; how an untimely death, a child gone before a parent, shakes the very foundations; how the weaker ones, the ones with invisible wounds, are sheltered; how a constant din is medicine against loneliness; and how celebrating the same occasions year after year steels us to the changes they herald. And always food at the center of it all. (Chapter 12)

The earliest Christian community, as described in Acts chapter 2, also seems to have broadened a sense of family. Those followers of Jesus gathered together daily at home and in the temple. They prayed together, they learned together, they shared their possessions, and they ate together.

Some of the church’s activities mentioned in Acts 2—wonders and signs, selling their possessions—seem so extraordinary that we might take it as metaphor. Other things on this list—fellowship and eating together—seem so common to us that we hardly imagine the Spirit might be involved. Yet it is the whole list together that describes the kind of community God was gathering. In their gathering at home, in their public worship at the temple, in their prayers and learning and eating, in their sharing and loving, God was changing the world.

God is at work in similar communities today. In our shared stories and lives, reconciliation and belonging, sheltering, healing, and meals, we too are brought into God’s vision for the world. The Spirit is present in all of these things, binding us to one another, and inspiring extraordinary love.

—Pastor Jay Carlson

RECEPTION HONORING RICK PRESCOTT

A reception celebrating the music ministry of Rick Prescott will be held after the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 18. This will be Rick’s last Sunday with us as the Director of Adult Choirs. Please plan to come to say thanks and to wish Rick well. We will gather outside in the garden, weather permitting.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in God’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ— our way, our truth, our life.



LESSONS

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- I Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

MAY 18

**“The Christian Funeral:
A Journey from Death to Resurrection”
Pastor Justin Lind-Ayers**

Without question, funerals are a time when we experience profound loss. As Christian communities, therefore, we fully name and acknowledge our grief and the sting of death in these tender times. But, we also journey together in the promise of Christ’s resurrection. And for centuries, the Christian funeral liturgy has sought to guide our journey in Christ, a journey from death to resurrection-life. Join Augsburg College’s Pastor Justin Lind-Ayres for some reflections and conversation on the power and purpose of the funeral liturgy as a crucial part of our pilgrimage in faith.

MAY 25

NO ADULT FORUM

IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

This year’s theme is “Under the Acacia Tree: A Celebration of Friendship and God’s Love.” Children age 3 through grade 6 are invited for five days, June 16-20, of learning, crafts, snacks, and music. The morning session, from 9:00-11:30 a.m., is free of charge. An afternoon option will be offered from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a registration fee of \$20 (Monday through Thursday only). Each child will need to bring a lunch if staying for the afternoon session. For more information or to register, call the church office at 612-729-8358 or visit htlcmpls.org.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Please note that Holy Trinity will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. on May 25th.

PARISH INFORMATION

PLANT SALE & NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH BROADWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Broadway High School is located in the former Longfellow Elementary school and serves pregnant and parenting teens.

The Outreach Committee is working to build a relationship with Broadway. Pastor Ingrid and Zoe Martinez met with the principal and a district improvement specialist to hear them describe the school's current needs and hopes for the future. Out of the meeting came some exciting partnership ideas, including: a knitting small group that would bring congregants and students together; the development of a music partnership; a series of sessions in which Holy Trinity members could present their passions (e.g., photography, painting, storytelling, accounting, camping). The church is in the development phase of this partnership; if you wish to be a leader in this effort, please speak to either Pastor Ingrid or Zoe.

In the meantime, please consider supporting this school with a purchase at their plant sale. They will be selling tomatoes, peppers, basil, and annuals on the corner of 31st St. & 31st Ave. from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on May 15-16 & May 22-23.

MUSIC STAFF UPDATE

During the past several months, Personnel Committee members have been listening carefully to various groups in the congregation regarding our future music staffing. Through surveys and interviews we've heard you articulate several priorities, including:

1. The importance of congregational song, which is shaped significantly by the organist's gifts and sensibilities.
2. Appreciation both for the rich musical tradition from Western Europe that originally shaped the Lutheran church and for a diverse set of musical traditions that value experiences of faith communities around the globe.
3. The deep worth placed in the children's, youth, adult, and bell choirs and the contributions they make to our shared worship life and spiritual growth.
4. A desire to structure our staff in such a way that allows worship planners to be creative and collaborative, thus enhancing the synergy that has long been part of this congregation's DNA.

With Rick Prescott's resignation, our planning takes a new turn. It will be sad to say farewell to Rick on May 18, but we support him in his own process of discernment and wish him well as he now will be able to worship regularly with his family. In light of this unforeseen change, the Church Council has asked the Personnel Committee to prepare possible staffing scenarios for the next meeting on May 19. We are grateful that Tim Buendorf is available to continue as our interim organist through the summer, and we still hope to have both the organist and choir director positions filled by September.

We can give thanks, especially in this Easter season, that the risen Christ is present with us and goes ahead of us for the sake of ongoing fruitful ministry. Our careful listening to one another in the past several months has been important work which will inform all future decisions about worship and music at Holy Trinity.

PARISH EVENTS May 18-24, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation Class
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:00 pm	Reception honoring Rick Prescott
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	10:30 am	Healthy Seniors
Wednesday	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	4:00 pm	Fare for All Express
Friday	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors

Special Gift in memory of **Mike Prawalsky** by Joyce Peterson. **World Hunger** in memory of Ann Schrooten's mother **LaRayne** and **Aunt Agnes**, by Lyle Steinfeldt. **Boiler Fund** by the MN Swahili Congregation, Shawn/Susan Barry, and in memory of **Mike Prawalsky** by Sue Salm. **Refugee Family fund** by Ron/Sue Swanson. **Exodus Lending** by Karen Batdorf, Sally/David Kohlstedt. **African Pastors fund** by Bud Dixen.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 18, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Oskar Jensen
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
R Liedholm, J Kretzmann	Communion	Z Martinez, A Brelje
Bev Peschiutta, S Grimes	Altar Guild	Dick/Betty Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, Sally/Dave Kohlstedt	Ushers	J Kelly, R Peterson, D Sodt, J Olsen-Biebighauser
	Nursery	Jeff Weiss, Gretchen Lund
Mary/Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Martha/Harry Mueller
Ron/Margaret Peterson	Counters	W Vetter, G Johnson
	Closer	John Kelly

Financial Report	May 11	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	258,235.58
Budget Receipts	9,844.98	257,821.29
World Hunger	131.00	10,579.57
Boiler Donations	2,015.00	21,676.50
ELCA Malaria Campaign	30.00	30.00
African Pastor's endowment	50.00	765.00
Exodus Appeal	270.00	5,587.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

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