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

## FROM RICK PRESCOTT, DIRECTOR OF ADULT CHOIRS

As I look back at Lent, Holy Week and Easter, the music continues to resonate. I can't begin to count the number of anthems, liturgies, psalms and hymn stanzas the musicians prepared (with joy!) along the way, all in the interest of bringing the stories and important themes of the season to life.

It has been my great pleasure, privilege and honor to support the congregational song here for the past 11 years. But I have come to recognize the need for a time of renewal, both for me and for the music program. So I have decided to resign as Director of Adult Choirs effective May 31. My last day in worship will be May 18.

There are several reasons behind this decision, but pressure from anyone within the congregation is not among them. To the contrary, I have felt supported and appreciated at every turn. Jay and the members of the Personnel Committee worked diligently to craft a plan which would allow me to remain on the staff. But it has become clear that there are important conversations which must be had about how the staff would be best structured for the future. Beyond this, regular renewal and the welcoming of new voices are both key ingredients for keeping such a program healthy and vibrant.

I also have realized that I'd like to worship with my family, which can only be done at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, where my wife, Victoria, is the pastor. I want to be fully present to support her ministry, and to see our sons, Noah and Truman, sing in the children's choir or portray angels and shepherds in the Christmas pageant.

So I have made this decision with clear eyes, if a heavy heart, since it means the end of a music-making relationship I have cherished, as well as departure from a community which has always embraced me warmly and felt like home. I will miss so much, and so many, but I also recognize and accept that all seasons pass.

Please accept my best wishes for blessings on your ministry. Holy Trinity is a special place, doing important work. A robust congregational song is essential to all of the church's ministry activities, and I have no doubt that it will remain well-supported. You have good and wise leadership, and solid grounding in the intention of being Christ to the world. I will be with you in spirit. I will cheer for you from afar. I will remember and hold close the time we have had together. And I'm hopeful that our paths will cross again.

In the peace of Christ,

—Rick Prescott

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*



LESSONS  
Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
I Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

ADULT FORUM  
10:00 am — In the library

MAY 11 "A Free Consultation on Estate Planning"  
Lee Kampinen

Holy Trinity member and attorney Lee Kampinen will guide a discussion about the reasons for estate planning and the tools for individual situations including wills, trusts, designated beneficiaries, Power of Attorney, Health Care Directive, and charitable gifts and bequests. Learn about avoiding probate, the probate process, and tax consequences. Prepare your questions!

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.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for the friends and family of Holy Trinity's evening custodian, **Mike Prawalsky**, who died this past week. We celebrate the arrival of the Iraqi family we are assisting with resettlement in St. Paul.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## SPRING CLEANING

Everyone is welcome to come and help clean Holy Trinity, inside or out, depending on weather. Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

The next parents' night out will be on Friday, May 16, 6-9 p.m. Drop kids fifth grade and younger off between 6 and 6:30 and pick up before 9. Sign up in the Community Room or contact the church office for more details. We also need adult and youth volunteers to sign up in the Community Room.

## ENCORE! BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER

All are invited to join the Encore! group (formerly 50s & Beyond) for breakfast and conversation on the third Thursday of each month. Meet at Turtle Bread, 34th Street and 42nd Avenue at 8 a.m. beginning May 15.

## 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, July 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](http://htlcmpls.org).

## HOLY LISTENING TRAINING

In response to the powerful conversations about grief and loss in this season's adult forums, Pastor Ingrid, the Nurturing Committee, and a few wise members are hosting two training sessions for those who want to be better equipped to bear the burdens of their neighbors. If you're not sure what to say or do when someone shares deeply with you, when your friend experiences deep loss, or when your children confront change, please plan on attending one of these sessions. Sign up in the Community Room. Thursday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to noon or Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

## PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP

Are you interested in contributing your time and talents at Holy Trinity? For the next several weeks, we will highlight an opportunity for you to be involved in worship services. **Nursery helpers** are needed to care for our youngest members. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor, across from the library. Toys and snacks are provided. If you enjoy playing with and caring for young children, this may be the place for you! Call the church office with questions or if you might be interested.

## PARISH EVENTS May 11-17, 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
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Stewardship, Nurturing, and Chris Ed Committees
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Kairos - for Council and Committee Chairs
	10:00 am	Lectionary Text Study
	5:30 pm	Choir families' meal
Thursday	6:00 pm	Children's Choir 6:40 pm Cantate!
	6:00 pm	Adult Choir Dinner and Rehearsal
	8:00 am	Encore! Breakfast - Turtle Bread Co.
Friday	9:00 am	Holy Listening Training
	10:00 am	Yoga for Seniors
Saturday	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	9:00 am	Holy Listening Training
	9:00 - 12:00 pm	Spring Clean Up

Special Gifts in memory of **Bob Kelly** by Bob Wetzler & Robert/Shirley Larson.  
 Special Gifts to children/youth choirs in memory of **Ann Schrooten's mother LaRayne** by Paul/Lois Eid & John/Carol Kelly.  
 Boiler Fund by Stephanie Oyen/Stephen Kung, Randy/Joy Nelson, & in honor of **Ron/Margaret Peterson** by Jim/Marcia Sheldon.  
 World Hunger in honor of **Ron/Margaret Peterson** by John/Carol Kelly.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS May 11, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson	
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen	
Danya/Anton Werth	Acolytes	S Christians, O Jensen	
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Korla Masters	
Anne Beschnecht	Crucifer	Anna Brelje	
L Steinfeldt, J Peterson	Communion	S Roberts, S Wootten	
Gerry/Linda Berglin	Altar Guild	Fortier/Lane, L Woytasek	
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Riley Conway, Mark Hiner Bob/Helen Norheim	
	Nursery	Kari/Tom Kleven	
David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Susan/Mike Wootten	
Bob Peschiutta, A Hines	Counters	Vicki Mann, Bruce Johnson	
	Closer	Cliff Brown	

	May 4	Year to Date
Financial Report		
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	244,644.23
Budget Receipts	10,059.13	247,976.31
World Hunger	50.00	10,448.57
Boiler Donations	1,535.00	19,661.50

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