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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

ELCA Presiding Bishop (read: leader of the branch of the church to which we belong) Elizabeth Eaton has been talking a lot about race. She recently wrote an article, saying:

*We are an overwhelmingly white denomination in a culture that is still majority European American. Those of us who are white almost never have to think about being white. We can consider ourselves the norm. People of color, then, are implicitly expected to adapt. This, in and of itself, doesn't mean that we who are white are bad people. It's a system and reality that is already in place. We didn't create it. In fact, many of us can point to our own persecuted ancestors who came to America to have an opportunity for a better life.*

*But no matter where we came from or why we had to come, the mere physical characteristic of being white admits us to a certain degree of privilege, just as being right-handed is easier than being left-handed in our culture... I yearn, not for a color-blind world, but for a color-amazed world where distinctiveness and diversity aren't washed out but are noticed and treasured as God's gracious gift. The only norm is that we are all children of God and sisters and brothers to one another. We aren't there yet.*

Since I arrived at Holy Trinity, I've met many times with a working group of the Outreach Committee composed of people interested in intercultural development and racial justice. Allison Johnson, Mike Mann, Harry Mueller, Sara Jensen, Korla Masters, Lynda Nordholm, Jim Trelstad Porter, Eleni Wolking, Alyssa Erickson, and I have discussed why these matters are important to the church, and more specifically, why they are important to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. It's taken many vulnerable hours for us to articulate three reasons that we could agree upon—namely, (1) that exclusion harms God's creation; (2) that racism is a sin; and (3) that creation yearns for the Beloved Community.

"The Beloved Community" is a phrase first coined in the early twentieth century and popularized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fifty years later. Following a U.S. Supreme Court decision desegregating Montgomery's buses, King said that "the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friends. It is this type of understanding goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of [all people]." For King, the Beloved Community wasn't a lofty goal; it was something that could be realized by a critical mass of people committed to the long-term work of nonviolence.

Like Bishop Eaton, the members of the working group and I believe it is a good time for this congregation to engage in intercultural development and racial justice work with faithful intentionality. To this end, we invite you to join us on July 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the library. We'll watch a portion of the video series entitled *Race: The Power of an Illusion* and engage in discussion. Please join us and help us chart a course for the future of our work together.

Trusting in the Spirit's guidance,  
Ingrid Rasmussen, pastor

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*



### LESSONS

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

JULY 6 "EXODUS OR EXILE"  
Bob Hulteen

Liberation theologians in the majority world concentrate on the Exodus story as the story of their people. Some suggest that in the United States, the apt biblical story for the church is the Exile within Empire. Our discussion will focus on what might be true about that suggestion as well as how that might change how we live.

JULY 13 "REFLECTIONS ON THE WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL"  
Pastor Jay Carlson and Jeff Olsen Biebighauser

### NURTURING COMMITTEE INVITATION

The Nurturing Committee is tasked with integrating members into the life of the congregation, providing for the development of special groups, coordinating efforts to care for homebound persons, and providing congregational events that have a fellowship function. This year our work will include game nights, *Encore!* events, First Sunday Musings, downtown lunch gatherings, a Twins game, new member welcome events, prayer shawls, grief ministry, a *Sea Salt* outing, a weekend retreat, and more.

We'd love for you to join us in this work. Our next meeting will be a potluck at Pastor Ingrid's house on the evening of Monday, July 14. Talk to Nancy Moe or Pastor Ingrid if you plan to attend.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### LOAVES AND FISHES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

Holy Trinity is responsible for cooking and serving a meal at the Loaves and Fishes site at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 18th Ave. and 24th St. There is a need for cooks, servers and a clean-up crew. The schedule is: 2:00 p.m. Cooking, 5:00 p.m. Serving, 6:00 p.m. Clean-up. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office.

### FALL RETREAT—SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Trinity fall retreat offers adults a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and a chance to practice “mono-tasking.” Sound appealing? All are welcome, please join us! Friday October 17 to Saturday October 18, at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Frontenac, MN. Contact Liz Blood, Lisa Martens, or Meagan McLaughlin with questions.

### CREATION CARE TEAM MEETING

There is a Creation Care Team meeting scheduled for July 9, 5:30 p.m. All who are interested in Holy Trinity’s initiative are welcome. Need more information? Contact Dennis Ormseth or the church office.

### PEACE WITH JUSTICE FILM SERIES

All are invited to the showing of the documentary *Sea Change* on July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room at Holy Trinity. The film describes the changing oceans due to human-caused carbon emissions, through the story of a grandfather and his grandson, and steps we can take to reduce the severity of climate change. There will be a discussion after the film. Free of charge.

### LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Pam Kildahl will be available between services this Sunday (July 6) in the Community Room to collect payment from those of you who signed up to attend Lutheran Night at the Twins on July 22. Tickets are \$25. Checks made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will meet at Holy Trinity at 6 p.m. the day of the game.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TRAINING

We hope that everyone who enters this building on Sunday morning is greeted with a warm smile and offered a helping hand. Ushers—those people famous for their work with the bulletins—are essential to the work of hospitality. They form the backbone of our ministry of welcome at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you want to welcome member and newcomer alike, please come to our worship assistants training session on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary or contact Stella, our worship volunteer coordinator, for a private training. Ushers can sign up for 8:45 am only, 11:00 am only, or both. Thanks for sharing your gifts.

### PARISH EVENTS July 6-12, 2014

Sunday	8:45, 11 am	Worship Services with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	12:00 pm	Sunday Musings at Mosaic Cafe
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Sunday School planning meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Peace with Justice Committee
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Creation Care Team meeting
	7:00 pm	Film <i>Racism: Power of an Illusion</i>
Saturday	1:00 pm	Memorial Service for June Englund

Exodus Lending by Lyle Steinfeldt  
Boiler Fund by Donna Heyer, Doris Jewett

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS July 6, 2014

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson
Jim Hartsoe	Presiding Minister	John Buzza
	Acolytes	Eliza Roberts, Marianna Hefte
Stella Townsend	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
Pam Blomgren, Chris Engen	Communion	Bob Hulteen, Dawn Wiczorek
Bev Peschiutta, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Rosemary Foley, Linda Woytasek
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Bob/Helen Norheim, Alan Libra, J. Olsen Biebighauser
	Nursery	Kris Christians
Katy/Scott Benson	Coffee Servers	Dennis/Lynda Nordholm
Pam Blomgren, Chris Engen	Counters	Bruce Johnson, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Deb Sodt

Financial Report	June 29	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	353,375.00
Budget Receipts	10,329.06	346,807.93
World Hunger	-	10,660.57
Boiler Donations	55.00	24,855.50
ELCA Malaria Campaign	-	1,000.00
African Pastor's endowment	-	835.00
Exodus Appeal	300.00	7,418.00
Food Shelf	-	160.00

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