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

### FAITH RHYTHM

We cross paths with a thousand definitions of “the good life” over the course of time. Profound transformations in the definition have occurred through human history. Philosopher Aristotle said it’s an active, virtuous life. In imperial China, poetry and brush painting came to symbolize the good life. Rapper Kanye West said good equals drama-free. Ms. Merriam-Webster told me this past week it’s a life marked by a high standard of living, citing winning the lottery as a prime example. How have you and yours defined the good life?

Over forty years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. said we didn’t need to look too hard to see that most of modern America’s definitions of the good life grow out of what he called the “drum major instinct”—that is, humanity’s “want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade.” (If not for ourselves, then certainly for our children.) It’s as true today as it was in 1968, and it’s something that most, if not all, of us share with our ancient ancestors—the Pharisees and the chief priests, the apostle Paul and the tenants tending those parabolic fields.

The violence in today’s gospel story can be a little off-putting. Some of you would rather not read these stories in church; frankly, there are some days that I’d rather run a marathon than preach on them. But that impulse is fleeting, (a) because I really don’t like to run that much; and (b) because the moment I turn on the television, or read the newspaper, or spend time with friends, I am reminded that the violence we find in Matthew’s gospel isn’t prescriptive, it’s descriptive—that is to say, Jesus is simply highlighting what we know is already happening around us.

You see when humanity allows its “drum major instinct” to define the good life, then we begin to value power over vulnerability, to operate out of scarcity rather than abundance, to hoard rather than share, to participate in violence rather than celebration. The “drum major instinct” leads chief priests and tenant farmers, you and me into an understanding of the good life that is governed by something other than the gospel truth. I don’t think Matthew’s tale is first and foremost pronouncing doom; it’s simply pointing out the harm that humanity perpetrates on itself and all of creation when things like power, scarcity, and consumption reign supreme.

Despite its prevalence, it’s not the only way. There’s another rhythm to be found in Jesus Christ—you know, that divine prophet that came into the world with so very little, but lived dangerously free sharing food, relationship, and love with those deemed least worthy. It’s a rhythm that leads toward truth, toward uncalculated grace, toward unlikely forgiveness, and toward peace we believe to be beyond our reach. It’s a rhythm that binds us with the lives of our neighbors and with the health of all creation. It’s a rhythm that reminds us that God is here, in the midst of our messy becoming, already speaking a new, hopeful word. It’s a rhythm that leads toward life, good life.

— Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*



#### LESSONS

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

#### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the library

#### OCTOBER 12 “NEW MEMBER WELCOME”

Please join us in the *Community Room* as we welcome new members into this community of faith. Scott Cole and Sandy Hoverson will tell about why they choose to be a part of the Holy Trinity community. New members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves. And treats will be served. Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit’s work!

#### OCTOBER 19 “TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES”

Randy Nelson

In anticipation of the Symposium theme to be addressed by the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber on November 7 & 8, members of Holy Trinity will reflect on our identity as individuals and as a community.

#### ALL SAINTS’ SERVICE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On Saturday, November 1, we will gather in the Bartsch Room at 4:00 p.m. to remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. This service will attend to the full range of emotions that accompany the loss of beloved friends and family members. Please join us as we grieve together, sing together, pray together, and celebrate love together. Worshipers are invited to bring a picture of their loved one(s); these saints will surround us in worship.

#### JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM

Registrations are still being accepted to hear Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber speak at the fifth annual Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society, November 7 & 8, 2014. Space is limited and filling up quickly.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Youth Committee is sending care packages on behalf of the congregation to Holy Trinity young people who started college this fall or are beginning their second year. Please sign the cards on the table in the Community Room on Sunday, October 12, for Alex Benson (Univ. of Kansas), Nyssa Capman (Augsburg), Fiona Carson (St. Olaf), Kevin Kane (Drake), Kelsey Porter (Macalester), Tyler Spratt (Transitions Plus), Julian VanDoeren (Dunwoody Inst.).

### KINSHIP DINNERS

Kinship Dinners will be held on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. Sign up to be welcomed into a member's home, served a marvelous meal, and invited into good conversation. This is a fun way to connect more deeply with other Holy Trinity members and friends. Sign up before October 19.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR GAME NIGHT!

Saturday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. Chili – snacks – games galore! Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of comfort food, laughter, and some fun competition playing favorite games and new games.

### PARTNER PARISH

Are you interested in Holy Trinity developing a partner parish relationship with a congregation in either Nicaragua or El Salvador? What could we learn from such a partnership? What could such a relationship mean for our teens and adults who visit there? How could this inform our vision for mission in God's world? Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7:00p.m., for an exploratory conversation with Elizabeth Moreira, Director of Project Minnesota/León and Deborah Allan, leader in First UU's Youth Cultural Exchange that has had over a decade of relationship-building in León, Nicaragua. Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Peace With Justice Committee.

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY

Holy Trinity will again be delivering meals the week of October 20-24. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days of the week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 50th St. and 35th Ave. S., at 11:10 a.m. Meal delivery takes about 1 hour. Sign-up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS October 12-18, 2014		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation 9:45 Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Handbell rehearsal
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	7:00 pm	Stewardship, Christian Ed, Broadway School
Tuesday	11:00 am	Text Study
	6:30-8 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	4-6 pm	Fare for All Express
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:00-7:00 pm	Youth Choirs
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 am	Encore at Turtle Bread
Saturday	8-1 pm	Holy Trinity at Midtown Farmer's Market

Financial Report	September 22	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	13,591.35	543,653.85
Budget Receipts	10,860.18	507,886.30
Boiler Donations	15.00	25,488.50
World Hunger	100.00	11,198.57
Disaster Relief	135.00	185.00
African Pastor's Endowment	50.00	1,310.00
Exodus Appeal		7,758.00

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 12, 2014		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jay Carlson	Preacher	Jay Carlson
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Soren Kung, Josie Hines	Acolytes	Will Kelley, Sam Kelley
Nicki Hines	Assisting Minister	Sandy Hoverson
Troy Davison	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
Joyce Peterson, Josh Becker	Communion	Laura Bolstad, Katy Benson
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Dick/Betty Pittelkow
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Neil Anderson	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Bob/Helen Norheim, Mark Hiner
Donna/Elsie Heyer,	Coffee Servers	Peter/Amy Johnson
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Gary Johnson, Bruce Johnson
	Closer	Deb Sodt

Special gifts to World Hunger and African Pastors Fund by John/Stephanie Sulzbach  
Special gift to Ebola Response by Delila Cotton, Alyssa Erickson/Kwame Owusu-Acheampong, and Donna Scott