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

LOVE UNKNOWN

One of my favorite hymns for Lent and Holy Week is “My Song Is Love Unknown” (ELW 343), a text written by Samuel Crossman in 1664. The first stanza has this poignant line: “Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.” I like to think that in this context being lovely is not about beauty or worthiness, but about being in relationship to others. By showing love to each other, we create relationships and expand our community; we all grow lovelier in the process.

Most families have a canon of stories that are told at holidays, stories about how Grandma and Grandpa met, or about the first time your mom held you in her arms, or about that time we tried to flood the backyard to make a skating rink. They usually start with “Do you remember the time...?” or “Have I ever told you about...?” These stories tell us who we are and what makes us distinctive as a family. They highlight what quirks make us loveable or difficult to love. They are often hilarious and seem to grow larger in size with each retelling. Usually recollection is not the only goal of family storytelling; laughing, crying, and eating together tells us who we are and grounds us into a tradition, a history. The sharing of these stories is an act of love and relationship building: love shown that we might lovely be.

During Lent this year we will get to hear some of the greatest stories the Judeo-Christian family has to share. The Old Testament lessons on Sundays include Noah and the flood, the promise to Abraham and Sarah, and the Ten Commandments. During Wednesday night worship we will hear the readings for the Easter Vigil, which include the creation story in Genesis, Abraham and Isaac, the deliverance at the Red Sea, and the valley of the dry bones. It’s our hope that by anticipating the Easter Vigil readings, we can spend more time with these seminal stories of faith and engage with them in several creative ways.

So, I invite you to worship with us this Lenten season, whether with your family or on your own, whether you are hearing these stories for the first time or have heard them countless times before. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with a short service in the sanctuary at noon and again at 7:00 p.m. The Bartsch Room will host our Wednesday evening worship services at 7:00 p.m. each week, as well as the three days of Holy Week services leading up to Easter. I am grateful to worship with all of you at Holy Trinity, and look forward to the season ahead with anticipation and joy.

—David Sims, Cantor

ENCORE! BREAKFAST

The 3rd Thursday of every month meet other retired people, talk about what you’re interested in or what you’re up to. Are you looking for someone to walk with you around a lake? Talk about the latest current events. Join a group of people at Turtle Bread (34th Street and 42nd Ave) 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19.

BOOK STUDY

Join Nicki Hines and Pastor Ingrid for a book study on Elizabeth Johnson’s *Quest for the Living God*. With Johnson’s book as a guide, we’ll discuss the images of God we carry and explore images that might expand our understanding. Tuesdays, February 10, 17, 24 from 7-8:30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers.

In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.



LESSONS
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

FEBRUARY 8 Annual Youth Recital
We will feature the children and youth of Holy Trinity in our Annual Youth Recital in the Sanctuary.

FEBRUARY 15 “Fifty Years of Wilderness:
Sigurd F. Olson and the Wilderness Act”
Kevin Proescholdt
The fall of 2024 marked the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act, the landmark law that established the National Wilderness Preservation System and provided protections for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and other places around the country. Minnesota’s Sigurd F. Olson played an important role not only with passing the law, but in developing earlier protection for the BWCAW and promoting the concept of wilderness. He and his colleagues often invoked the values of humility and restraint in their efforts for wilderness conservation. Their work helped provide the legacy of wilderness that we enjoy today.

TWO SERVICES ON ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18)
We will have two services on Ash Wednesday: one at 12:00 noon and one at 7:00 p.m. Both services will offer communion and imposition of ashes, and both will be in the sanctuary. There will be a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

AUDITIONS FOR HTTC PRODUCTION “ANATOMY OF GRAY”
The Holy Trinity Theatre Circle will hold auditions for our spring production, “Anatomy of Gray,” on Sunday, February 8, starting at 12:30 p.m., and Monday evening, February 9, starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Bartsch Room. There are parts available for persons aged 15 and up (there are not opportunities for younger children this time). In particular, we are looking for a mid-teen girl and an older teen/young man for principal parts. Along with the major speaking parts, there will be opportunities for “townspeople” with lines of dialogue assigned. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script—**NO PREPARATION OR PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**. Rehearsals will begin mid-February. Performances are April 16-19. Contact Peter Johnson for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The working group has requested and received proposals from 6 architectural firms. These proposals are not about the design of the project, but rather serve to identify each firm's strengths with the type of renovation. We anticipate all interviews will be completed by the end of February and hope to have a recommendation for the Council's consideration by early March. A special meeting of the congregation would then be called to vote on the recommendation prior to entering into a contract with the selected firm. Check out the bulletin board in the Community Room for detailed information. The working group welcomes your ideas.

LONGFELLOW ENERGY FAIR

Come learn about all things energy: cost-saving tips for your home, actions you can take, affordable solar, Minnesota's energy future, and transit tips. Saturday, February 7, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. here at Holy Trinity, hosted by the Longfellow Community Council Environment and Transportation Committee. \$10 includes lunch. Register at longfellow.org/energy.

FUNDRAISER FOR CTUL

Retail janitors and fast food workers are surrounded by a luxury of food and goods, yet they can't afford to provide for their own families. You're invited to a Pancake Brunch Fundraiser to help workers organize for fair wages through the organization CTUL, Sunday, February 15, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church (2511 E. Franklin Ave.). CTUL has an inter-faith history & a history with Holy Trinity. Suggested donation of \$5 (student/low-income) to \$15 for pancakes, egg bakes, coffee, and more. For more information: www.ctul.net. A related graphic/comic book, *Worker Justice*, is now in our library.

KINSHIP WITH CREATION—FREQUENT FLYER CHAMPION

If you think your last vacation was long, the Arctic tern has the longest recorded migration of any bird on our planet. A banded Arctic tern has a confirmed round-trip migration of over 44,000 miles from its breeding grounds in the Arctic to its wintering grounds in Antarctica. That's over 10 times the distance from Minneapolis to London.

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PARISH EVENTS February 8-14, 2015		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation; 9:45 am Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:30 pm	HTTC Auditions in Bartsch Room
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:30 pm	HTTC Auditions in Bartsch Room
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Nurturing, Chris. Ed. meet
	11:00 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am	Text Study
	3:30 -5:30 pm	Open Gym
	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Book study
	10 am-3pm	Mosaic workshop
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5:30 pm	Choir families supper; 6-7 pm Youth choirs
Thursday	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers; 7:30 pm Adult Choir
	6:00 pm	New Member Class
Friday	5:00 pm	Winter Retreat, ends Sunday
Saturday	8:30 am-3 pm	Longfellow Energy Fair

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 8, 2015		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Maggie Weiss, Grayson Wieczorek	Acolytes	
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	Meghan Olsen Biebighauser
David Berg, Rick Liedholm	Communion	John Sulzbach, Deb Anderson
Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	DeWayne/Melanie Townsend and family
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Bob/Helen Norheim, Cory Bryan
Gerry Werth Family	Coffee Servers	Pamela/David Rediger
Gerry Berglin, Dennis Nordholm	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Dennis Nordholm
Financial Report	February 1	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	69,913.46
Budget receipts	8,137.53	78,797.76
Boiler donations		67.00
Exodus Appeal	1,005.00	1,625.00
World Hunger	150.00	266.00
Special gift in memory of Vi Madson by Dick/Betty Julin		
World Hunger in memory of mother, Delores, by Deb Sodt and by Ray Sanders		