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

EASTER SILENCE?

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them: and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:8)

This is a surprising ending to Mark's Gospel. The two Marys and Salome who witnessed the empty tomb said nothing to anyone. No hallelujahs. No proclamation of the resurrection. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. What was the root of this fear in them that provoked such silence?

There are many possible answers to that question, but what I think was going on most of all was that it was beginning to dawn on them in that moment that the God they had begun to learn about and believe in through Jesus was in fact bigger than they had ever imagined. This resurrection would change everything. This resurrection meant that Jesus was not just an interesting and inspiring teacher who had come and gone like so many before but was nothing less than a revelation of God's true intention for the world. This meant that the things he said about what God's reign will look like—how God loves the poor and marginalized, how God is willing to cross every barrier because of this radical love, how God is at work to restore creation, how the way things are is not how they must be—all these things, the resurrection showed those women, were still true and, in a sense, even truer than before. This meant that Jesus would still be who he was for them and at the same time so much more. The realization must have been for them absolutely thrilling and yes, also just a tad terrifying. If this is true, it changes everything.

The kind of silence, then, with which they left the tomb, I believe, was most of all the silence of eager anticipation. We all know that silence. It's the kind of silence that spreads over a theater when the lights dim and the curtain has yet to rise. It's the kind of silence you experience that moment on the front steps of a house after having rung the bell but before the host opens the door. It's the kind of silence that takes place in worship just before the reading of the Gospel, when a congregation stands and almost holds its collective breath wondering whether there might be a word from God for us today. Such a moment can be filled with a whole variety of feelings—fear and sorrow may find a place there—but above all it's marked with a daring hope that something new is about to begin.

Perhaps Mark, with this peculiar and abrupt ending, is acknowledging that he cannot conclude this Gospel because God is still writing it for each one of us. Perhaps Mark is suggesting to us that we also could stand to pause for a moment upon hearing again this news, this amazing promise of resurrection. Yes, we will sing our joyful hymns and shout hallelujah, but at the same time we would do well to take a moment to still ourselves and recognize that God is doing far more than we ourselves could ever do or even yet dream of doing. God's love cannot be controlled; it cannot be contained or shut out by any past sin or present power or future threat. God's love cannot be contained by death itself. Just think of what God's love might be doing in your life right now. Just think of the amazing, scary, life-giving possibilities. Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.



READINGS
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

APRIL 12 "Windsor Campaign" Faithful Energy Working Group

Join the Faithful Energy team as we launch our effort to promote wind energy in our homes. Bring your questions about subscribing to wind power and hear from fellow Holy Trinity members who have made this commitment as part of their stewardship of God's creation.

APRIL 19 "The Bible" Pastor Jay Carlson

Before he died last year, Dr. Marcus Borg, the presenter at our first Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society in 2010, wrote a book called *Convictions* with the subtitle "How I Learned What Matters Most." During Adult Forums in April and May we will have the opportunity to reflect on what matters most to us with stimulation provided by comments from Borg on what mattered most to him. Conversations will be centered on themes central to the Christian life and faith facilitated by Holy Trinity members and pastors.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting April 12 in the sanctuary, following the 11:00 service, to discuss the Building Project Working Group's recommendations and the next steps for a potential project to renovate the east entrance and relocate the church offices.

ENCORE! POTLUCK APRIL 11

A discussion, "What are you thinking about for housing in the next chapter of your life?" will be led by Carol and David Berg along with a potluck dinner for the next Encore! event, Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Bring a dish to share, as well as ideas for future activities.

WALKING TOGETHER

There will be a friendly walk by the mighty Mississippi on Tuesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Walkers will meet at the parking lot at 36th St. and W. River Road. Plan to wear sturdy walking shoes as we may head off of paved trails. Contact Theresa Rian for more information. Sign up in the Community Room, so we know to look for you.

PARISH INFORMATION

JOIN THE FAITHFUL ENERGY MOVEMENT

As part of our commitment to God's creation, Holy Trinity's building is now 100% subscribed to Windsource through Xcel Energy. The Faithful Energy Team is asking all Holy Trinity members to subscribe to wind energy at home. Visit htlcmpls.org/faithfulenergy for more information or to let us know that you subscribe already. We hope you'll join us as we kick off this effort Sunday, April 12. Our goal is that 80% of our membership will use wind energy by Pentecost.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION: FIGHT FOR 15

On April 15, tens of thousands of low-wage workers will take action for \$15/hour and union rights. In the Twin Cities, fast food and retail workers, students and university workers, and airport employees will come together to demand living wage jobs. Holy Trinity members can help by providing a healthy breakfast for striking workers and their supporters. If you'd like to help or learn about where you can join the strikers, please contact Joy Nelson.

HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS *ANATOMY OF GRAY!*

The characters in this play deal with the nature of God and the nature of prayer. June (the 15-year-old-heroine) desperately pleads with God to send a "healer" so that no one else in Gray will die when they get sick. Her pleading helps us to think about how God works in the world. Performances are April 16, 17, 18 at 7 p.m. and April 19, 4 p.m.

EXODUS LENDING IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Exodus Lending has launched its payday loan refinancing program. Exodus has its roots at Holy Trinity, the product of this community's concern for borrowers trapped in the cycle of debt after predatory payday lenders moved into the neighborhood. Keep up to date on Exodus Lending at exoduslending.org.

GAME NIGHT FOR 20S, 30S, AND 40S GROUP

Laura Bolstad will be hosting a game night at her house for the 20s, 30s, and 40s group on Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m., so it's time to get your game face on! Bring your favorite game(s) and/or a dessert/snack to share, and get ready to have some fun! Space is limited. Sign up on the sheet in the Community Room or talk to Laura for more information.

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PARISH EVENTS April 12-18, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Confirmation 9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm Congregational meeting
	1:00 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
	6:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
Tuesday	7:00 pm Stewardship, Chris Ed.
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am Text study
Wednesday	6:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	6:30 pm Writers' Circle
	10 am-3 pm Mosaic workshop
	3:30-5:30 pm Fare for All
	5:30 pm Youth supper 6:00 Youth choir
Thursday	6:00 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
	6:30 pm Trinity Singers 7:30 pm Adult choir
Friday	7:00 pm HTTC presents "Anatomy of Gray"
Saturday	7:00 pm HTTC presents "Anatomy of Gray"
	1:00 pm Funeral for Hazel Banasik
	7:00 pm HTTC presents "Anatomy of Gray"

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 12, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Meghan Olsen
Soren Kung	Acolytes	Biebighauser
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Sam Kleven, Anna Kleven
Linda Berglin, Rick Liedholm	Communion	Stephanie Cole
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Kari/Tom Kleven
Bob Peschiutta, John Goring, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Betty/Dick Pittelkow
Sally/David Kohlstedt	Coffee Servers	Alan Libra, George Madich, Lynda/Dennis Nordholm
Donna Heyer, Chris Engen	Counters	Vicki Mann, Deb Helmel
	Closer	Deb Sodt
Financial Report	April 5	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	195,757.69
Budget receipts	26,207.69	200,210.48
Broadway School	200.00	844.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,921.00
World Hunger	170.00	1,172.00

Broadway School by Libby/Keith Olstad, Kathryn Nevers, Dodd/Myrna Lambertson
World Hunger in memory of Hazel Englund Banasik by Kathryn Nevers, and by Pat and Alan Libra