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

## THE MYSTERY OF THESE DAYS

The leftover palms from Sunday’s worship services have been cleared away to be burned or composted. Now we turn our attention to the great Three Days of the Christian calendar and prepare ourselves to enter into the mystery of Jesus’ self-giving service, death, and resurrection. Each of the four services in the coming week has a specific entry point into this mystery, but death and resurrection are both present in each one. Even as we gather for communion on Maundy Thursday we know and trust the promise of new life, and on Easter Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of the one who was crucified.

The coming days remind us of the core of our faith, and yet the significance of the stories we will read from the Bible might seem too enormous to fully grasp. How can we appropriately observe this time and these events of the life of Jesus? What is the proper response? What should we feel?

St. Augustine, who lived in the 4th Century, confessed guilt over not feeling enough sorrow upon reading the Passion accounts in the Gospels. Whether because of its familiarity or personal distance, it did not have great emotional impact on him. At the same time, in his youth he read stories of Virgil and other ancient writers and wept over them. He felt guilty that he wept over the wrong story.

But perhaps Augustine was too hard on himself. That’s not to say that our remembrance of Jesus should not touch us deeply, but there is no need to separate it too distinctly from other stories of sadness and pain. Stephanie Paulsell writes about this and says, “The human desire to transcend the circumstances of our lives and the human experience of being made vulnerable by love that are reflected in Virgil’s story are by no means alien to the Christian one.”

The Passion of Jesus is uniquely central to our faith, but the only reason we can enter into the story is because we ourselves know what it means for a life to be made vulnerable by love. We have experienced in our own time people longing for transformation and suffering pain because of it, such as those who marched at Selma and who even now work to end laws that allow discrimination. We have witnessed violent acts of hate and sudden, unpredictable tragedies. We ourselves have known sadness, abandonment, and grief. And yet we also have been gripped by hope. We know the power of resurrection in the midst of our real life struggles and suffering.

This week as we contemplate again the mystery of the great Three Days, we will add our laments for the life of the world and lay them at the cross of Christ. Let us remember that the Christ who was born among us, abandoned by his friends, and tortured on the cross suffers still throughout all of history. Christ suffers with all of us—the whole world that God loves so much—to lead us into abundant life.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

*With great joy we celebrate this day, as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Mark’s gospel ends abruptly, with astonishment and fear on the part of first witnesses to the resurrection. Yet this is only a new beginning to the story. Christ is present in the church’s joyful proclamation. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*



### READINGS

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

APRIL 5

Easter—No forum

APRIL 12

“Windsource 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.

### 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 Street and West 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.

### 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.

### “BROWN BAG” DISCUSSION WITH RANDY NELSON

Randy will host a “brown bag” discussion at noon on Thursday, April 9, on the article by Ezekiel Emanuel entitled “Why I Hope to Die at 75.” The article is available in the Community Room.

### ENCORE! POTLUCK APRIL 11

Have you been thinking about what to do when keeping up the house is too much? 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### HOLY TRINITY THEATRE CIRCLE PRESENTS *ANATOMY OF GRAY!*

HTTC's spring production of Jim Leonard's play discusses the issue of how a community treats strangers in their midst. Dr. Galen P. Gray lands in Gray, Indiana, in the center of wind, rain, and chaos. At first the community doesn't know what to think, but as the doctor begins to interact with the townsfolk with his "modern" medical treatments, it goes against everything the Gray folks understand about how their bodies work. In addition, the characters' understanding of scientific knowledge is nearly non-existent; they cling to the folklore they clearly think is how things are. Their minds begin to change when RESULTS begin to speak for themselves. Performances are April 16, 17, 18 at 7 p.m. and April 19, 4 p.m.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SUSTAINABILITY FAIR SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Free recycling for electronics & small appliances, bike tune-ups and used bike donation, clothing/toy exchange, more-with-less activities and products, activities for children, seed swap, free soup from Soup for You! Cafe, info about alternative transportation and energy, urban gardening, and sustainability organizations. Faith Mennonite Church, 2720 E. 22nd St., 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### *THE JINGLE DRESS*—THURSDAY, APRIL 23 AT THE MILL CITY MUSEUM

This movie tells a contemporary story of a Native American family that travels from their home on a northern Minnesota reservation to Minneapolis. Through their eyes we learn about their traditional culture as well as their experience staying in an urban setting. Music before the film starts at 6:00, movie shows at 7:00. Free. Sign up in the Community Room.

### SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE

The sound system in the sanctuary has been improved with new speakers and electronics. Thank you to the generous Holy Trinity members who provided the funds, including gifts in memory of Ron Peterson and Marion Englund.

### WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

At noon on Thursday, May 14, join Pastor Ingrid for David Brooks' presentation at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. In his forthcoming book, *The Road to Character*, he explores the importance of character development in building a meaningful life. The Holy Trinity van will depart from church at 10:45 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room. The event is free.

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PARISH EVENTS April 5-11, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	7:00 pm Peace w/ Justice
	11:00 am-2:30 pm AARP Tax Aide
Wednesday	11:00 am Text study
	3:30-5:30 pm Open gym
	6:30 pm HTTC rehearsal "Anatomy of Gray"
Thursday	10 am-3 pm Mosaic workshop
	5:30 pm Youth supper
	6:00 pm Children's spring activity
Saturday	12:00 pm Brown bag discussion
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	6:00 pm Encore! potluck

Learn about the rain garden mosaic project at  
[holyltrinitymosaic.blogspot.com](http://holyltrinitymosaic.blogspot.com).

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 5, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Troy Davison
Maggie Weiss, Linden Kung	Acolytes	Emily Davison, Molly Davison
Joyce Peterson	Assisting Minister	Libby Olstad
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Communion	Linda McMahon, Mark Hiner
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	DeWayne/Melanie Townsend and family
Bob/Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Bob/Helen Norheim
Harry/Martha Mueller	Coffee Servers	Mike/Vicki Mann
Gerry Berglin, Annie Hines	Counters	Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Vicki Mann
Financial Report	March 29	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	181,775.00
Budget receipts	5,792.28	174,002.79
Broadway School	290.00	644.00
Exodus Appeal	25.00	1,916.00
World Hunger	200.00	1,002.00
Broadway School by Dorothy Kelly, Tom/Julie Cahoy, Vi/Vern Michaelson, Maddy Mann, Sally Parks, Robert Brose, Margaret Peterson		
Exodus Lending in honor of Julie Wright's ordination by Deb Sodt		
World Hunger by Karen Batdorf, Vern/Vi Michaelson, Maddy Mann, Robert Brose, Margaret Peterson		