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

CALLED TO CONVERSATION

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery March this year, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote a message on racial justice. Her call to conversation remains an urgent one, as now Baltimore can be added to the list of places where anger and pain have recently drawn national attention.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We need to talk. Ferguson, Missouri; Norman, Oklahoma; Madison, Wisconsin; Staten Island, New York; and Charlottesville, Virginia: recent events in these and other places prove we are not living in a post-racial society. I know it's difficult to talk about race because too many Americans do not want to believe racism still exists in our country. Yet, as always, Christ promises to be alongside us, even in the most difficult of times, working for our reconciliation. Because of God's promise, we can and must have a deep, honest and even painful conversation about racism.

Overt forms of racism are no longer legally sanctioned, but the legacy of racism, sadly, endures. Institutional policies and practices still privilege some while limiting access and opportunities to others. Today, the Voting Rights Act has been weakened by the removal of federal oversight of local voting laws and millions of poor and people of color fill the cells of our criminal justice system.

We have said, "Racism – a mix of power, privilege, and prejudice – is sin, a violation of God's intention for humanity." (Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, 1993) Ongoing racial justice conversations are occurring and work is happening. But in cases where these are not, we shouldn't wait until another racial event is widely reported before we talk.

As a church called to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we must continue to listen deeply, to speak out about racial equity and inclusion, to respect and uplift the dignity and humanity of every person and to join with others in organizing for change. In baptism we have become part of the body of Christ and in Christ there is no barrier between us. I pray that our Lord will use us and this moment to make this baptismal promise a reality in our lives and in this church.

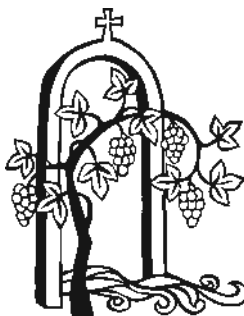
We will continue to seek opportunities to talk about racial justice at Holy Trinity in book and article discussions, Bible studies, Sunday morning forums, and other special events. Our Intercultural Development team has been working hard to put together helpful resources and to lead us in these important conversations. Please keep watch for these opportunities and take part when you can.

I also invite you to listen carefully and compassionately to the experiences of your friends and neighbors related to issues of race. Your listening matters. It is part of the ministry of reconciliation to which we all have been called. Our journey toward racial justice is often difficult, but I am grateful for this community of faith in which to share it.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.



READINGS

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

MAY 10 "Ray Makeever Concert"

Adult Forum, Confirmation, and Sunday School will meet in the Bartsch Room for a concert by Ray Makeever.

MAY 17 "Salvation/Eternal Life"
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser

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 May we will have opportunities to reflect on what matters most to us with stimulation provided by comments from Borg on what mattered most to him.

WALKING TOGETHER—PART TWO

There will be a friendly walk on Tuesday, May 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. around Minnehaha Falls. Walkers will meet at the south side of Sea Salt Restaurant in Minnehaha Park. Plan to wear sturdy walking shoes as we may head off of paved trails. Sign up in the Community Room so we know to look for you.

COUNCIL RETREAT UPDATE

At our Council Retreat Sunday, we learned about each other and spent some time with the following questions taken from a practice known as *The Prayer of Examen*. We'd love to hear you reflect on these, too! Looking back over the past year at Holy Trinity, for what are you most grateful? What moments of our life together make you thankful? What community patterns do you notice developing? When did you feel most alive? When did you feel most drained? When did you have the greatest sense of belonging? When did you feel most alone? When did you give love? When did you receive love? What patterns do you want us to keep living tomorrow?

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Lutheran Night at the Twins is Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Tickets are \$25. Sign up in the Community Room.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND—PENTECOST

Sunday, May 24, is the Day of Pentecost. Holy Trinity will have only one worship service, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us!

PARISH INFORMATION

ENCORE! EVENT: BECKETWOOD COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY

A tour of Becketwood, 4300 W. River Parkway, is scheduled for June 3 at 10:30 a.m. We will tour in small groups, each with a resident guide. After the tours, a buffet lunch will be available; we will be seated at resident tables. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00. After lunch we will have an opportunity to meet with the Sales Coordinator, Maura Kolars. Please RSVP to either Nancy Moe or Gerry Berglin by May 20.

BIKE TO CHURCH ON MAY 17

In conjunction with Bike to Work Week, all who are able are invited to bike to church on Sunday, May 17. Extra bike parking will be available.

SHARE YOUR WISDOM WITH THE ARCHITECTS

The Design Team invites interested individuals to join in the conversation with the architects from Miller Dunwiddie, the firm chosen by the Council to develop drawings for the east entrance of the building. We would like your voice to join the several standing committees already scheduled to meet with them. Many time slots are still available on the afternoon of May 13; please sign up in the Community Room.

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM

At noon on Thursday, May 14, join Pastor Ingrid for David Brooks' presentation at the Westminster Town Hall Forum. The Holy Trinity van will depart from church at 10:45 a.m. Sign up in the Community Room. The event is free.

JOINT SERVICE WITH SWAHILI CONGREGATION ON MAY 17

Holy Trinity and Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will worship together at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17. Immediately following the service, we'll share a meal. Members of the Swahili Congregation have generously offered to cook! If you plan to stay and eat, please sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, May 10, so we can plan accordingly.

TACO TOUR

Join Holy Trinity members of all ages for the 2nd Annual Taco Tour on Lake Street, Saturday, June 27, 11:30-2:30! Discover the spicy flavors of the Latino food district on Lake Street by touring 9 authentic restaurants offering their own taco specialty. We'll bike from stop to stop. (There is a shuttle for those who don't wish to bike.) Sign up in the Community Room to secure your free ticket.

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PARISH EVENTS May 10-16, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am Adult forum, Sunday School, & Confirmation Intergenerational Event in Bartsch Room
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	7:00 pm Stewardship, Nurturing, Chris Ed.
Tuesday	11:00 am Bible Study
	6:30 pm Writers' Circle
Wednesday	10 am-3 pm Mosaic Workshop
	5:30 pm Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm Youth Choir
	7:30 pm Adult Choir
Thursday	12:00 pm David Brooks at Westminster Church
Friday	Synod Assembly
Saturday	Synod Assembly

Gifts to Broadway School by Kari/Tom Kleven; World Hunger by Karen Batdorf, Kari/Tom Kleven; Disaster Relief/Nepal by Gary Johnson, Sue/Mark Hiner, Shelley Grimes, Stephanie/John Sulzbach

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 10, 2015		
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
	Lisa Martens	Crucifer Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
	Soren Kung, Linden Kung	Acolytes Oskar Jensen, Linnea Krig
	Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister Wayne Vetter
	Mary Young, Brian Lenz	Communion Deb Sodt, Keith Olstad
	Lisa/Bruce Martens	Altar Guild Libby/Keith Olstad
	Bev/Bob Peschiutta, John Goring, Marcea Mariani	Ushers Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Alan Libra
	DeWayne Townsend III, Marcea Mariani	Coffee Servers Betty/Dick Pittelkow
	Annie Hines, Dennis Nordholm	Counters Mary Ellen Olson, Wayne Vetter
		Closer Rod Johnson
Financial Report	May 3	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	251,688.46
Budget receipts	12,057.28	262,457.31
Broadway School	100.00	1,399.00
Disaster Relief	375.00	395.00
ELCA Malaria Campaign	20.00	20.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	1,941.00
World Hunger	120.00	1,763.00