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

BREAD OF LIFE

You may have noticed that we have been talking a lot about bread in worship lately. In chapter six of John’s Gospel, we hear the story of how a multitude was fed with just one boy’s offering of two fish and five loaves. After everyone had eaten, then Jesus gives a long explanation of the miracle’s meaning. He explains that he himself is the bread of life, given to the world for abundant, everlasting life. He recalls God’s people wandering in the wilderness generations before and how God nourished them with the gift of manna. He proclaims that God is still present for them, especially in his own life, death, and resurrection. Characteristically for the fourth Gospel, this discourse about bread is long and wordy, and it takes us a full five Sundays to get through it.

But first, before any words of explanation were given, the people were fed.

It seems often the case in my own life that I understand God’s nourishing grace after I have experienced it. I don’t always expect to be refreshed when I come to worship, but I almost always leave having received something I needed. I don’t often prepare for encounters with Christ during a workday, but an experience with a friend or stranger can provoke me to reflect for days afterward how Christ may have been present in the moment.

In these late summer weeks, how is Christ feeding you? Christ is present at our table in worship, surely, but where else have you been nourished by grace?

Last Saturday night, I was awakened by a late night text message on my cell phone from a friend and colleague in pastoral ministry. It simply read:

Every time we get to this stretch of John bread texts, I so yearn for a bread and wine party: eat, talk, laugh, cry, pray. Can you and the family come over tomorrow afternoon?

I drowsily answered yes and fell back to sleep. The next afternoon we gathered at her house and did all the things she promised: we ate, talked, shared our laughter and tears, and we prayed. Though I didn’t expect it, Christ was present to feed us all. We were blessed.

That’s my bread of life story for this week. I would love to hear yours.

— Pastor Jay Carlson

CONFIRMATION ADULT SPONSORS

Holy Trinity has had a sponsorship program for our Confirmation youth for more than ten years. Youth need many adults in their lives—even when the relationship with their parents is solid and communication is good. Research from Search Institute points out that having a “web of adult connections” is a huge asset in the development of a healthy young person. Sponsoring a young person during his/her period of preparation for Confirmation seems to be an ideal way of providing structure for HT adults to spend more time with its youth.

The relationship between sponsor and Confirmand develops uniquely in each pairing in a way that fits conveniently into each of their lives. It is supported with group activities planned by the Youth Committee and the time commitment is not great. If you think you might be interested in becoming a sponsor (this fall or at some point in the future), or if you would simply like additional information about the program, contact Pat Libra or ask any of us on the Youth Committee.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation.



READINGS
Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

AUGUST 16 “BWCA Experience”
Linda McMahon and John Sulzbach

Linda and John are part of a group of 18 Holy Trinity members and friends who have recently returned from paddling around the Boundary Waters. They will offer their reflections on Holy Trinity’s annual BWCA excursions.

AUGUST 23 “The Economics of Climate Change”
Erik Nelson (son of Randy & Joy Nelson)
Faculty member, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

In addressing climate change, a significant question is whether adaptation to climate change is a more efficient strategy than mitigation. Determining the efficient level of mitigation is very difficult because the impact of climate change is very uncertain. Erik will suggest several approaches to designing climate change policy given this uncertainty.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Please join us for Music in the Garden on Sunday, August 16, from 12-1 p.m. *Lake Street Bridge* (Bob Aldrich and Paul Baglyos) will provide the entertainment, and a light lunch will be served. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5.

GLORIA RINGER OPENINGS

There are currently three openings for new ringers in the Gloria Ringer Handbell Ensemble. We are seeking musicians with keyboard, percussion, and/or significant instrumental experience. Previous ringing is a plus but not necessary. A sense of adventure and humor is, however, a MUST! Rehearsals are generally on Sundays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and Saturdays before we ring on Sunday mornings. If you are up for the challenge (and the blessing), please contact Director Ann Schrooten.

PARISH INFORMATION

PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 7 P.M.

Holy Trinity, St. James A.M.E. Church, and the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will lead a prayer vigil at Holy Trinity to remember those killed at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. in Charleston. Please plan to join us for worship.

SUMMER CHOIR—SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

All are welcome to sing in the choir on August 23 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

SHE SWINGS! AT ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Sunday, August 23, 1:00 p.m., Connie Evingson will perform as part of the Cool Summer Jazz Series of Women's Voices at St. Albert the Great, E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

DIRECTORY

A directory of Holy Trinity members will be published soon. It will include family member names, address, phone numbers, including cell phone, and email addresses. If you would like to update your contact information, or if you prefer that some of your contact information is not included in the directory, please contact the church office at office@htlcmpls.org or 612-729-8358 by Aug. 25.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTATE! BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9

All children in grades 1-12 are invited to join one of our three choral ensembles for youth:

- **Children's Choir**, Grades 1-4, rehearses Wednesdays, 6-6:30 p.m.
- **Cantate!** Grades 5-8, rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- **Justified By Faith**, Grades 9-12, rehearses occasional Sunday mornings

If you will be new to choir this fall, Ann Schrooten would like to meet with you at ONE of the following times for a 5-10 minute introduction to singing in choir: Sunday, August 30, 9:45-10:45 a.m. OR Wednesday, September 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please contact Director Ann Schrooten to reserve a time.

HOLY TRINITY SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Did you miss a Sunday this summer? Do you want to review a sermon you heard? Now all of our Holy Trinity sermons are available online. To listen to a recording of the sermon, visit our website at htlcmpls.org. If you want to sign up to have the text of the sermon sent to your email inbox each Monday, go to the pastors' blog at holytrinitypastors.org.

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PARISH EVENTS August 16-22, 2015		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	Music in the Garden and lunch
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	10 am-3 pm	Mosaic Workshop
Thursday	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service
	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread

World Hunger in memory of Doris Neuendorf by Freda Miller

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The Dan Cheung Insurance Agency is offering a free Defensive Driving Course for people age 55 or older. It qualifies participants to receive a 10% discount on auto insurance for three years. Tuesday, August 18, 5:30-9:30 p.m. or Wednesday, August 19, 12-5 p.m. Call 612-728-1000 to reserve a space in the class.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 16, 2015			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Josh Becker	Crucifer	Anna Brelje	
		Acolytes	Ethan/Kristen Townsend
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Sandy Hoverson	
		Communion	Melanie Townsend, Stella Townsend
Nancy Madich, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Pat Lundquist	
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	
DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Coffee Servers	Melanie/DeWayne Townsend	
Donna Heyer	Counters		
Closer			

Financial Report	August 9	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	447,446.15
Budget receipts	10,916.49	432,423.22
Broadway School	-	1,659.00
Exodus Appeal	5.00	7,602.84
World Hunger	81.00	2,275.00
Disaster Relief	-	1,305.00
Retired African Pastors' Fund	-	315.00