



On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org
WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

CHRIST'S LIVING MEAL

Two weeks ago, Holy Trinity participated in the Open Streets day on Lake Street. The city had blocked off the road to car traffic, and a stream of people walked and biked past our church all afternoon. We had decided to set up a table there on Lake Street and hand out free sweet corn to passersby. The Outreach Committee's original idea was that this could be a way of supporting local farmers, but then they also decided the corn was also in celebration of our church's ministry of "lending an ear" to the neighborhood for over 100 years. In any case, we handed out 1200 ears of corn that day, and our neighbors were delighted by it. One by one, we caught people by surprise with our offer, and many couldn't believe it was free. Someone took a picture and tweeted it out on social media, saying, "The Lutherans are giving out corn!" You wouldn't believe the pile of corn we had out there, and yet it was gone in just a few hours.

I'll admit that I almost didn't take part in open streets and the great corn giveaway two weeks ago. I had just returned from family camp. I was tired, and there were tasks to get done at home, as there always are. But I am sure glad I did go. In the span of just a couple of hours, I talked with friends from Holy Trinity and friends from the neighborhood, residents of the apartments and relatives of residents, our state representative, business owners, neighborhood activists, and many strangers. The life experiences and life concerns varied greatly among them. Someone engaged me in a theological discussion; someone wanted to talk about our church's work with payday lending; someone told me about a troubled relationship with his son; someone just wanted to sit in the shade with me for a while. And what I found as I handed out corn and talked with people on the street is that I was being fed as much as anyone that day. I was getting a taste of God's good, wide-open kingdom. It turns out I was a guest at a very unique banquet.

A meal like that changes your perspective. It makes a difference for how you go about the rest of the day, even the rest of the week.

Christ invites you today to be fed and changed by a living meal.

—Pastor Jay Carlson

RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSIONS

Holy Trinity will offer three discussion groups on addressing racism starting in early October. Groups will be small and will meet six times over the course of three months. A commitment to attend all sessions is expected. The purpose of the groups is to provide an environment for exploring racism and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Discussions will also attend to our faith and to how we can take action to promote racial justice. Paul Kivel's book, *Uprooting Racial Justice: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*, will be used as a shared foundation and guide. All groups will be at Holy Trinity and child care provided as needed. Watch for the sign-up sheets with dates and times for the groups in the Community Room later in August. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ingrid or Libby Olstad.

HOLY TRINITY SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Holy Trinity's sermons are available for listening (htlcmpls.org) and for reading (holytrinitypastors.org).

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter; in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.



READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

AUGUST 23 "The Economics of Climate Change"
Erik Nelson (son of Randy and 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.

AUGUST 30 "Reflections on Augsburg College Youth Theology Institute (ACYTI)"
Meagan Fortier

Come hear about Meagan's experience at ACYTI and get an exclusive inside on her paper that will be published in one of Augsburg's online journals.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 6 (LABOR DAY)

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6. Please join us!

FUNERAL COORDINATORS

We are looking for 2-3 people to help coordinate funeral receptions. It involves inviting people to bake bars, serve refreshments, set up, or clean up. If you're interested or would like more information, please call the church office or speak with Pastor Ingrid.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Would you have time on Sunday mornings—even just occasionally—to help with the faith formation of our younger members? Sunday School is a great opportunity to build meaningful relationships. Sign up in the Community Room or speak with Pastor Jay.

RELATIONSHIP CARE WORKSHOP SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Join Holy Trinity and Christ Church couples on Saturday, September 26, 2015, for a relationship care workshop and meal from 1-6:30 p.m. with Karen Stevensen, a licensed independent clinical social worker. Karen uses her experience as a counselor and turns it around to prevent the issues that couples bring to her. The presentation and all materials will be friendly to partnered couples of all ages. Nursery care will be available. Cost will be approximately \$70-100/couple. Scholarships are available; speak to Pastor Ingrid. Sign up in the Community Room.

BROADWAY GIFT LIST

School is right around the corner, and Holy Trinity will once again be partnering with Broadway High School, the school for parenting and pregnant teen women, located a few blocks east of the church. The school store and students could use a few items as they get started, including juice boxes, water, granola bars, fruit snacks, fruit roll-ups, pretzels in small packs, popped corn in bags, ramen noodles, and general school supplies. Please drop these items off in the box in the Community Room. Thanks for your generous contributions.

MEMBER 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 not be included in the directory, please contact the church office at 612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org by August 25.

Jay Carlson and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors
Office phone: 612-729-8358

U.S. Postage Paid
Periodical

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH USPS 777-060
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Community Church, c/o Holy Trinity
2730 E. 31 St. Mpls., MN, 55406. Published weekly by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
612-729-8358. Periodicals postage paid at St. Paul, Minnesota. Pastors Jay Carlson,
Ingrid Rasmussen

PARISH EVENTS August 23-29, 2015	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am Volunteer Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am Adult Forum
Tuesday	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm Swahili Service
Friday	11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion
	6:00 pm 20s, 30s, 40s BBQ at Allison Johnson's

Special gift in memory of Doris Neuendorf by Vi/Vern Michaelson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 23, 2015		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
	Acolytes	
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter
	Communion	
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Libby/Keith Olstad
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Sally/David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Joshua Combs, George Madich, Lee Kampinen
Mary/Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Joy/Randy Nelson
Bev Peschiutta, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Vicki Mann
	Closer	

Financial Report	August 16	Year to date
Budget requirement	13,982.69	461,428.85
Budget receipts	6,754.13	439,177.35
Broadway School	-	1,659.00
Exodus Appeal	1,005.00	8,607.84
World Hunger	16.50	2,283.50