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

WORSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY

This week a group of Luther Seminary students toured Holy Trinity and I was asked to speak for 10 minutes about our worship. I've had the privilege to serve as Cantor for one year, and I organized my thoughts by the people who have shaped its form over the years. I think our services have clearly been formed by:

People who love worship: Worship takes central place in our life together. At 60 minutes or less, we read all the lessons, sing the psalm, sing 4-5 hymns, rotate through 6 liturgies, listen to a sermon and prayers, and serve communion. Almost no announcements are spoken verbally; those can wait for the back of the bulletin, newsletter, or Community Room table. We don't have a children's sermon; the whole service is for children, and we would rather let them read the Word, acolyte, or sing as an integral part of the liturgy. Hymns come primarily from ELW and are supplemented by other sources to represent the depth of experience, global heritage, and theology present in the church. We don't split the services stylistically: whatever we sing or say, we will do so as a community, not as a subset of preferences.

People who love neighbors, including: Retired clergy, who preside when needed and bless us with their own take on the Words of Institution; various sexual orientations and gender identities, which makes us especially conscious of gendered language for God or the assembly; various physical abilities, which impacts church accessibility, large-print bulletins, hearing assistance; the rest of creation, which makes us mindful of singing and praying about creation care; visitors and members alike, for whom we reprint the liturgy to make it easier to follow, but show our deep appreciation of mystery, imagination, and wonder by not simplifying our words, hymns, or liturgy to the point of shallowness.

People who love each other: Pastors and musicians who respect each other, who work together to understand our various textual interpretations and creatively craft worship to unpack and share those ideas; many volunteers each week who serve as cantors, crucifers, acolytes, assisting ministers, communion servers, ushers, altar guild, coffee servers, bulletin folders. We delight in working together each week, and by cooperating and listening we can design worship that allows the Gospel to be proclaimed, bread broken, and the Spirit to speak.

I hope that when people say "We have good music at Holy Trinity," they don't just mean that the choirs sounded in tune and sang moderately difficult literature. I want "good music" to mean we sing together well as a congregation, that we sing from a variety of cultures and times, that we feel united as we sing a psalm together or proclaim "Holy, Holy, Holy" as one voice just before communion. As Cantor my primary choir is the congregation, and what a wonderful choir you are each week!

If you would like to go further in your choir singing and join one of our rehearsed choirs, please let me know and come to a rehearsal (Adult Choir: 7:30 every Wednesday, Trinity Singers at 6:30 the two Wednesdays before the 2nd Sunday). We are always looking for more voices to sing chorally on behalf of the congregation, and please speak with Ann if you are interested in ringing handbells or have a child who wants to sing in the younger choirs. I am grateful for all of your music, and look forward to worship each and every week.

—David Sims, Cantor

RALLY DAY

Our fall kickoff is September 13, when we will welcome all ages to begin a new year of learning. Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a.m. Our celebration also includes Music in the Garden, featuring the Jack Brass Band, and a light lunch after the 11:00 service. \$5 suggested donation for lunch. All are welcome.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross; so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.



READINGS
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

SEPTEMBER 13 "A Church Fully Committed"

Debra Rodgers is a leader for racial justice, having trained and worked with some of the leading racial justice organizations including Race Forward, The Organizing Apprenticeship Project, and Hackman Consulting Group. For ten years, she served as First Universalist Church's director of faith in action and helped to lead the congregation into its vision of being a church fully committed to racial justice.

SEPTEMBER 20 "The Making of the Mosaic"

Sharon Englund and other mosaic artists

Inspired by the mosaic work being done in the Phillips neighborhood, we began a mosaic project to add color and life to the Rain Garden. Come and hear Sharon Englund and many other artists describe their vision and the hundreds of hours it has taken to make it a reality.

RELATIONSHIP CARE WORKSHOP

Join Holy Trinity and Christ Church couples on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a relationship care workshop from 1:00-5:00 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 \$70/couple. Scholarships are available; speak to Pastor Ingrid. Sign up in the Community Room by September 20.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

In order to move forward with the next phase of the building update, the Council has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider Council's recommendation to approve the architectural fees associated with the creation of construction documents.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of September 21-25. Volunteers to deliver meals can sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 50th St. and 35th Ave., at the delivery area. Delivery takes about 1 hour.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—MUSICAL MOSAIC IN THE RAIN GARDEN

Please join us at 12:00 p.m. for a light lunch and wedding cake as we dedicate the mosaic in the Rain Garden and celebrate the wedding of Anne Curtin and Cori Gershon. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 7:00-8:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome, as we'll be instituting some changes in practices! Sign up in the Community Room by September 20 so we know to look for you.

TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 22 AND 29—BOOK STUDY WITH JULIE CAHOY AND CHRISTINE BRAND

"Peace Like a River" is a best-selling novel by Leif Enger, who took the title from the lyrics of the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul," which was sung at his wedding. Participants are encouraged to secure their own copy of the book. The group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Mary Martha Room. Sign up in the Community Room by September 13.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOK

We will once again be creating an Advent devotion booklet featuring daily reflections written by Holy Trinity members and friends. If you would be interested in writing a 300-400 word reflection on the daily lectionary texts, please sign up in the Community Room. Typed or handwritten reflections are due to the office (htoffice@htlcmpls.org) by October 18.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Periodically, those who live or work downtown meet for lunch. This time, you'll find them at Hen House (114 S 8th St.) at 12 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room by September 20, so organizers know how many seats to save.

MINNESOTA MEAL—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:00 P.M.

Each fall we gather for a meal of local food and give thanks for the bounty of God's creation. Bring your favorite local food dish to pass and hear an interesting presentation by the keepers of Gandhi Mahal's rooftop garden and in-restaurant aquaponics system. Confirmation students and mentors are encouraged to attend together. Sign up in the Community Room by September 27.

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PARISH EVENTS September 13-19, 2015

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Lunch and Music in the Garden
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	7:00 pm	Nurturing, Stewardship Committees
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread

Special gifts in memory of Doris Neuendorf by John/Carol Kelly, Nancy Madich, Carolyn/Jim Bjelland (Building Fund)

Gifts in honor of Joy/Randy Nelson's 50th wedding anniversary by Judy Isaacson (World Hunger) and Chris/Mary Engen (Broadway School Fund)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
	Crucifer	Anna Brelje
	Acolytes	Sara Christians
Lyle Steinfeldt	Assisting Minister	Meagan McLaughlin
Linda Berglin	Communion	Cori Gershon, Kris Christians
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Stella Townsend
Chris Engen	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Deb Sodt, George Madich
	Coffee Servers	Carol/John Kelly
Chris Engen	Counters	Vicki Mann, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Deb Sodt

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. Our next new member orientation will be held on Thursdays, October 1 and 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. We will welcome new members in worship on Sunday, October 11. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Jay or Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.