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

EASTER EVENING

The Gospel passage appointed for Easter Evening is Luke 24:13-39, the story of two disciples meeting Jesus on their walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

"What are you discussing with each other?" It's much more than casual conversation. This question is not meant merely as an ice breaker when the resurrected Jesus approaches two disciples on the road to Emmaus. I assume there were obvious signs in their facial expressions demonstrating that what they discussed was no mundane matter. They moped slowly along the path, "looking sad," Luke tells us. It was the death of Jesus that they had been talking about. What else? Who could fully comprehend what it all meant? Their own leaders had handed him over to be crucified by Roman officials; his life was over, and with him their last hope. On the road to Emmaus the disciple Cleopas utters what has often been called the four saddest words in all of Scripture: *But we had hoped.* "But we had hoped," he said, "that he—Jesus—was the one to redeem Israel, but now there's nothing left to cling to, so we're walking back home with sadness and with shattered dreams."

That's what they were discussing with each other as they walked along and Jesus came up alongside them. That was their answer to him. So what is yours? What are you discussing with each other now that our Easter celebrations are over? What occupies the real, significant conversations you've had lately? What are the things that demand your attention and that you cannot help but think about?

"What are you discussing with each other?" Jesus asks. And we might respond, "Well, what do you think? Are you the only one who hasn't heard the news? We live in a confusing world where evils such as racism and terrorism persist, where global temperatures are rising, where illness and grief often weigh us down. It seems that nothing will ever really change. There is much to talk about."

Then Easter tells us that Jesus chooses to become a travel companion with us through our difficult questions and complicated emotions. As a matter of fact, I think that's a big part of the reason for gathering together week after week for worship, not just during the Easter season but throughout the year. Like the two disciples on their way back home to Emmaus, we need Jesus to come and join us on our journeys. We need the scriptures opened up for us, too, so that we can see that God is never confined to only the expected ways of acting. We need to be welcomed at the table where Jesus characteristically blesses and distributes bread freely to any who will receive it. We need it again and again because each week is a journey of its own, with unique questions to be discussed and with unique hopes and disappointments. And so carrying with us all of those things that we may be discussing or are perhaps too afraid to discuss with others, we gather on the first day of the new week to receive an encounter with Christ that will again cause our hearts to burn within us.

Easter blessings to you all. Christ is risen and accompanies us on the journey!

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.



READINGS
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

APRIL 3 "Groundbreaking for New Construction"
The work on the building renovation begins soon! For the next several months, the east entrance will be closed for construction. The north (library) entrance will become the temporary accessible entrance. Join us near the east entrance as we don our hard hats, break ground, and give thanks to God for a project that will offer a new welcome to our congregants and the community.

APRIL 10 "Multicultural Emphasis"
Pastor Marchelle Hallman,
Chaplain at Lino Lakes Correctional Facility

OPENING DOORS UPDATE

We are pleased to report that we have now received more than \$723,000 in gifts and pledges for our building renovation, which is about 85% of our campaign goal of \$850,000. Thank you to the many Holy Trinity members and friends who have so generously offered support! If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to, forms are available on the Community Room bulletin board near the *Opening Doors* display. Gifts for the project, marked "Opening Doors," may be placed in the offering basket.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call the office if you want to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery.

PARISH INFORMATION

KINSHIP DINNERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AND 9

Twice a year the Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals, which allow members to dine together and learn about each other in the warmth of someone's home. We choose dates around the time that we receive new members, so that we can invite these newest branches of God's living tree to a gathering soon after their arrival. The meals are for anyone interested in a more intimate gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room by April 3.

STUDY TRIP TO GERMANY

There are still places to be reserved for those wishing to participate in the Study/Travel Seminar to Germany in October of this year. A deposit of \$375 paid to the Holy Trinity church office will guarantee you a place on the trip.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 8-10 A.M.

The men of Mother St. James AME Church invite us to their next Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 16, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at St. James, 3600 Snelling Ave. S., Mpls. All are welcome for great food and fellowship, a guest speaker, and of course, prayer. RSVP is vital by April 11 to Dodd Lamberton (prdodd@gmail.com).

FAITH [IN]ACTION, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6:00 P.M.

Persons interested in visiting an exhibit at United Seminary in New Brighton entitled Faith [In]Action? are invited to meet at Holy Trinity on Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. to carpool to the exhibit which examines the role of faith communities in response to the overwhelming number of black people who have died while in the custody of policing systems. Return to the church would be expected by 8:30 p.m. Please indicate interest in attending by contacting the church office or Randy Nelson.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS

This year, Bread for the World has set its advocacy goal on improving women's and children's health at the international level. Information on our annual Offering of Letters is available in the Community Room. Letters can be written on Sunday, April 3, following both services.

PROPERTY WORK DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 9:00 A.M.

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-noon. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, April 23.) Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS April 3-9, 2016

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Groundbreaking
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings at Himalayan
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Adult Education
	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	11 am-2:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 3, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Maggie Weiss, Peter Weiss	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Marianna Hefte
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen
David Berg	Assisting Minister	Paul Chindvall
Josh Becker, Linda Berglin	Communion	Cliff Brown, Allison Johnson
Carol/David Berg	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Rosemary Foley
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Kirk Jensen, Oskar Jensen, M. Olsen Biebighauser
Erin/Johannes Arifin	Coffee Servers	Linda/Phil Jury
Joyce Peterson, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Scott Cole, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Rod Johnson

	March 27	Year to date
Financial Report		
Budget requirements	14,432.69	187,625.00
Budget receipts	16,332.36	205,767.88
Opening Doors	10,333.71	104,726.39
World Hunger	25.00	508.00

Opening Doors in memory of **Mary Lindell** by Lois Eid, Carol/David Berg
Worship and Fine Arts by Nicholas Ellison
World Hunger by Paul Krumrei