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

ASCENSION DAY

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1:8-9

Along with celebrations of Cinco de Mayo, May 5 is the date this year for marking Ascension Day. This date, forty days after Easter, follows the Book of Acts’ description that the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples and spoke with them about the reign of God “over the course of forty days.” Then, on the day of Ascension, he was taken out of their sight.

The number 40 has metaphorical significance in the Bible. It rained 40 days when Noah and his family were in the ark, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days, just to name a few instances. A rabbi told me once that he considers 40 to represent “dentist chair time.” No matter how long it really is, it feels long. (I should note that dentist friends have taken exception to that comment, but you get the idea).

Liturgical scholar Gail Ramshaw writes of the significance of the number 40 as well:

Perhaps the origin of this metaphor lies in the fact that 40 exceeds the lunar pacing of 30 days. Forty is a long time. But 40 is also mythically alive, a time pregnant with a religious future. Forty is how long we must wait for God’s intent to be realized. Forty is the metaphysical delay which all humans experience, the legendary period of hope, the duration of either joy or sorrow that opens to emotions unknown. It often takes 40 to open the door.

Christians adopted Luke’s chronology [for Ascension Day], whether because they accepted the historicity of a literal event on the hill near Jerusalem or because they knew that even after the transformation of Christ’s resurrection, we need to wait yet longer for its full manifestation. The mobs that worshiped on Easter Day have gone back home, and we do not yet see the universe made new.

It is a joy to be church with all of you this Easter season even as we await the full manifestation of resurrection. The Ascension does not mean that Christ has abandoned us for some far away heaven but rather pervades the earth. Christ is risen indeed and active among us in our lives and in our communities. Christ is still opening doors to new life, and as we keep watch we participate in the ongoing work of resurrection.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 15

We will gather for festival worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. All Holy Trinity members are also encouraged to attend a joint service with the **Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation** at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be present with us and will give the sermon. The Swahili Congregation will host a meal following the worship service. Sign up in the Community Room.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.



READINGS

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

MAY 8 “Introduction to a Theme: *The Body*”

Over the next several months the Adult Forums will explore what it means to be embodied persons created by God. How do we live abundant lives as physical, emotional, sexual, intellectual human beings? The Adult Education Committee will introduce the theme and invite your suggestions.

MAY 15 “Addressing Racial Injustices: Sky Room Field Trip” Holy Trinity Confirmation Class

Listen in on the conversations our confirmation students have been having with regard to racial justice. The students will consider the responses which the world and our congregation have called them to make. The adult forum crowd is warmly invited to ascend (via elevator or stairs) to the 4th floor, in order to listen to, reflect on, and be led by our youth.

LULLABY CONCERT WITH VOCALESSANCE AND LONGFELLOW H.S.

You are invited to a Lullaby Concert at Holy Trinity, May 20, 6:30 p.m. As part of Carnegie Hall’s Lullaby Project, VocalEssence will host a listening and sharing session of six newly written lullabies, jointly composed by students from Longfellow Alternative High School and composer Francisco Zúñiga. Sign up in the Community Room.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP—MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Young people age 4 through Grade 8 are invited to participate in an exciting music and learning opportunity this summer, June 13-16, 8:30-11:30 a.m. We will be praying and playing the psalms while learning to make music on a variety of instruments. Ann Schrooten will lead handbell music, and Andy Martin will teach the steel pan and other percussion. There will be a lunch and performance on the last day at 11:30 a.m. There will also be an opportunity for adults to play steel pans with Andy in the evenings during the week. Watch for more information coming soon!

PARISH INFORMATION

OPEN STREETS MINNEAPOLIS

Open Streets - East Lake is coming up on Sunday, July 24th. The East Lake Library, in partnership with Learning Dreams, is inviting Holy Trinity members to share experiential learning experiences with the community. Do you have a skill to share with our neighbors? Contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

The tall, colored window at the front of the church was designed and crafted by local glass artist Dieterich Spahn. It is made of faceted glass. At the time of its dedication in November 1975, it was described this way: "The window design is to convey the sense of the growth of light and life out of darkness. It therefore speaks of and points to the central reality and hope of the Christian faith—the Resurrection." Dieterich Spahn has a considerable presence on the Internet.

SAVE THE DATE—RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 7-8, 2016

Holy Trinity will be hosting a workshop on race, intercultural development, and white privilege for the St. Paul and Minneapolis Area Synods on October 7-8, 2016. We expect this will be a big event. More information to be distributed soon.

BIRD WATCHING FRIDAY, MAY 20, 7:30 A.M.

They're back!! Come check out the migrating birds and those staying here for the season. Join Keith Olstad in the Wood Lake Nature Center parking lot in Richfield at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20, for a couple of hours of bird watching and listening. Call Keith's cell if you have concerns about weather: 612-940-1534. On April 22, eight hardy Holy Trinity members birded Wood Lake and identified 30 species, in spite of the cold, windy weather.

SACRED SITES TOUR SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1-5 P.M.

The tour centers around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or "meeting place of rivers." The tour gives you an opportunity to learn parts of Minnesota history that have too long been ignored. For more information talk to Dennis Ormseth. Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS May 8-14, 2016

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	7:00 pm	Stewardship, Nurturing Committees
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Writers' Circle
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare for All
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Children/Family Committee
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
Saturday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	1:00-5:00 pm	Sacred Sites Tour

Opening Doors by Sharon West (Fuzzy) in honor of the latchkey kids who couldn't open the heavy door

World Hunger by Ray Sanders, Lois Eid

LWF Disaster Relief by Lois Eid

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 8, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Amelia Waddick, John Waddick	Acolytes	Mason Helmel, Oskar Jensen
Paul Thorson	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm
Mary/Chris Engen	Communion	Dennis Ormseth, Melanie Townsend
Erin Arifin, Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Rosemary Foley
Bev/Bob Peschiutta, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	Deb Anderson, Tracey Baubie, Mark Hiner, Lee Kampinen
	Coffee Servers	Sharon/Rob Englund
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen	Counters	Pam Kildahl, John Kelly
	Closer	John Sulzbach

Financial Report

	May 1	Year to date
Budget requirements	14,432.69	259,788.46
Budget receipts	9,005.78	277,080.30
Opening Doors	1,712.87	176,041.58
Disaster Relief	50.00	350.00
World Hunger	150.00	734.00