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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In our sanctuary, there are two beautiful stained glass windows that have illumined the worship of the Holy Trinity community for over 100 years. In the light-filled south window, we see Jesus as a boy, teaching the scribes and Pharisees in the temple. And in the north window, Jesus welcomes children into his presence. While the ethnicity of the figures in the windows were clearly conceived from a Scandinavian point of view and historically inaccurate, I've often wondered what may have led the founders of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church to frame this sacred space with the faces of children.

Whatever the reason may have been long ago, these windows have been quietly informing my relationship with the children and youth of this faith community for over 20 years. To whom does the kingdom of God belong? Jesus confronts the culture of his day and boldly proclaims that the kingdom of God belongs to the smallest and the least—especially children. Nathan Frambach, Professor of Youth, Culture and Mission at Wartburg Theological Seminary says, "Jesus points to children at several places in the Gospels as persons to emulate. He reminds us that children are not valuable because of what they might become; children are valuable because of who they already are." Jesus is saying pretty clearly that the youngest members of our community already have all that is needed to belong to the kingdom of God. Children are already innately spiritual. They remind us how to be inquisitive and imaginative, how to trust, and how to love. Being mindful of who they already are can help us make sure that we "do ministry with children, not to them or for them." (Nathan Frambach).

As I begin serving in the role of Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, I invite you to join with our children as their faith story unfolds. The faith formation of our children and youth is not simply the responsibility of our Sunday school or Confirmation leaders or our pastors. And though parents and guardians are the *primary* actors and guides in nurturing the faith of their children, they long for a strong network of friends and family who seek out ways in which to connect spiritually with the youngest members of our community. This Rally Day, September 11, would be a great time to connect with a child or teenager. Greet a child or young person by name when you see them at church. Pray regularly for that child and their family. Find out when their birthday or baptismal anniversary is and send them a card. Most importantly, watch for ways in which that young person may have caused you to experience God more deeply and then share that with them!

I am grateful for a community of faith that welcomes everyone, no matter where they are on their journey of faith. Our children may be our best reminders that this journey is not about the destination, but about the One who walks with us. It is about relationship, with God, and with one another.

—Ann Schrooten, Coordinator of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

LUNCH AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Join us for music and food in the garden at noon. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion.

Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."



READINGS

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

AUGUST 14 "Payday Lending Reform Efforts"

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Parish Organizer

Holy Trinity has been a leader in the fight for predatory payday lending reform in Minnesota since 2012, with a valiant, but ultimately unsuccessful legislative attempt in 2014 in which many HT members were engaged. Now, the federal government is getting involved, proposing new rules to rein in these lenders. Parish Organizer Meghan Olsen Biebighauser will walk us through where we've been, what the proposed rules mean for us in Minnesota, and where the work in Minnesota may be heading, as we at HT will continue to discern our role together.

AUGUST 21 "15 Now"

Robin Wonsley

What can you buy with just one hour of your current hourly wage? If you are like most workers today, making less than the national minimum wage, you can barely afford milk or bread with your hourly wage. Worker's wages have been stifled over the past three decades and have not been raised to meet respective cities ever increasing costs of living. We've seen this play out in Minneapolis, with recent reports stating that the city is leading the country in racial and economic disparities.

This is why 15 Now and coalition partners are leading the fight to improve economic conditions for Minneapolis workers by putting a \$15 charter referendum amendment on the ballot in November. With this ballot initiative, we will have the opportunity to use our collective voting power to change Minneapolis for the better, and to ensure equitable wages for workers across the city.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM

Join us for the seventh annual Johnson Symposium on Faith & Society as we welcome Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 8:30. a.m. More details and registration information will be available soon.

PARISH INFORMATION

INVITATION TO JOIN HOLY TRINITY'S YOUTH CHOIRS

Youth choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 7, this year. Children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to join us in sharing God's love through song! Children's Choir sings approximately every 6 weeks for worship and Cantate! every 4-6 weeks. Rehearsals are as follows:

- **Wednesday, 6:00-6:40 p.m. Children's Choir (Grades 1-4)**
- **Wednesday, 6:40-7:15 p.m. Cantate! (Grades 5-8)**

Please contact Director Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org if you have a child who is ready to sing with us! Short one-on-one voice checks (10 minutes) are scheduled for the following dates for both NEW and RETURNING singers:

- **Sunday, August 14, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday, August 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday, August 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room**

All singers are welcome!

SUMMER CHOIR OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Everyone is welcome to sing as a choir in worship on Sunday, August 21, at the 11:00 service. No advance preparation is required; simply show up at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse.

LET'S GO CAMPING! AUGUST 19-21

Children and Family Ministry is planning a group camping trip for anyone who would like to have a somewhat rustic experience without going too far from home. We'll camp at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park from August 19-21. Contact Theresa Rian with questions. Sign up in the Community Room.

ENCORE! THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 8:00 A.M. AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

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PARISH EVENTS August 14-20, 2016

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Lunch and Music in the Garden
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mosaic Workshop on 4th floor
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread

World Hunger by Myrna/Dodd Lamberton, Paul Krumrei, Joyce Peterson, Kris/Paul Christians

Refugee Resettlement by Myrna/Dodd Lamberton, James Hartsoe, Kris/Paul Christians

Special Gift to the Library by Deb Sodt

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 14, 2016

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig
Brian Lenz	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Tom Hickok
Gerry Werth, Chris Engen	Communion	Carol Kelly, Cori Gershon
Erin Arifin, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Linda Woytasek
Bev/Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Lynda/Dennis Nordholm, Joshua Combs, Martha Mueller
Martha/Harry Mueller	Coffee Servers	Rachel/Jim Trelstad Porter
Dennis Nordholm, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Scott Cole, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Vicki Mann

Financial Report	August 7	Year to date
Budget requirement	14,432.69	461,846.15
Budget Receipts	10,800.08	438,255.446
Opening Doors	26,193.37	245,482.47
World Hunger	245.00	3,291.68
Refugee Resettlement	200.00	1,020.00
Longfellow Alt. H.S.	40.00	410.00