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

#DECOLONIZE LUTHERANISM

Earlier this year, a meme popped up in my Facebook news feed saying, “You might be Lutheran if your VBS snack is tostadas.” It was a response to the stereotype that all Lutherans eat lufse and lutefisk and a challenge to the assumption that Lutheranism is made up only of people of northern European heritage. The Lutheran church is a global church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America does not belong only to white Germans and Scandinavians. Ethnicity does not define our church.

Other similar memes soon began popping up in the weeks and months following. Eventually it grew to be much more than posts on social media. A movement began to take shape with the name “Decolonize Lutheranism.”

Francisco Herrera, a Ph.D. student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, says this of the Decolonize Lutheranism movement:

It’s about creating a Christian community where no one has to prove to anyone else that they’re a human being, let alone a child of God. So many of us are through with being “issues” or “problems” or “too much/too soon/too fast” and not Children of God.

This past weekend, more than 200 people from all over the United States met in Chicago for the Decolonize Lutheranism conference. After participating in the weekend, Herrera wrote:

As we came together to ask what this day was all about, with little surprise and boundless joy I realized that as we were dreaming of what Lutheranism could be and could become, all of us assembled truly and surely became the very church for which we sought. We were a church where a queer woman of color had her call recognized by the community and wasn’t gas-lighted into oblivion. It was a place where a black man could talk about Black Lives Matter – accompanied by loud hoots of acclamation as his face streamed tears of relief. Gender non-conforming and trans folks had all the harassment-free bathrooms they needed and no one ever asked anyone if they were really Lutheran. No one. Not once. And in that wonderful, wonderful day a special clemency, a fresh conviction, and – yes – an amazing Grace – filled every space of the seminary.

I will continue to listen to and learn from the Decolonize Lutheranism movement. They are helping us to hear and proclaim the gospel promise that each person is God’s beloved child. I invite you to visit their website (decolonizelutheranism.org) to learn more about getting involved and their core commitments, including the following four goals: decolonize justification, decolonize leadership, decolonize the story, and decolonize evangelism.

—Jay Carlson, Pastor

ANNUAL OUTREACH MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 P.M.

Years ago, the Outreach Committee at Holy Trinity determined that small active working groups allow us to connect our gifts and passions with opportunities more directly than monthly meetings. We meet once a year to review the past year’s work, to dream about the year to come, to set goals, and to identify budget priorities. On November 15 at 7:00 p.m., we invite attendance of those who have been involved in our partnerships or work with the Swahili Congregation, Racial Justice, St. James AME Church, Longfellow Alternative School, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Wellstone House, Fare for All, Open Streets Corn Giveaway, Theatre Circle, Music in the Garden, and/or the Longfellow Corn Feed. Haven’t been involved, but would like to share your gifts? Come! We’d love to have you.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.



READINGS

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

OCTOBER 30 “My Life Story, My Faith Story”
Cori Gershon

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from Holy Trinity member Cori Gershon. By sharing her coming out story, Cori will also connect her journey to the theme of “the body.”

NOVEMBER 6 Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney
The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney, our 2016 Symposium presenter, will lead the adult forum and preach in worship.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 4-5, 2016

Register now 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. Register online or use the registration form on the brochure found in the Community Room.

ENCORE! EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11:00 A.M.

On Saturday, November 12, Encore! will take a trip to the K’UL chocolate factory, located across the street from Pizza Lucé on 22nd and Franklin Avenues. The tour takes 1-2 hours, depending on the size of the group. We’ll learn about beans and history then tour the facility and make our own chocolate bars for \$3.50. Sign up in the Community Room.

STEWARDSHIP BREAKFAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Financial Stewardship Committee invites all members of the congregation to a light breakfast on November 20 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the church gymnasium. We will celebrate the completion of the building remodel project, engage in conversation about the stewardship of our lives, hear about new opportunities for participation at Holy Trinity, and offer financial pledges for 2017.

PARISH INFORMATION

WALK TO END HUNGER NOVEMBER 24

On Thanksgiving morning, South Mpls. Meals on Wheels (SMMOW) will participate in the Walk to End Hunger at the Mall of America. SMMOW brings a hot, nutritious meal and a friendly smile at noontime, Monday-Friday, to people in our community who are unable to cook for themselves due to age or disability. SMMOW "Hunger Fighters" hope to raise \$2,000 to offset the cost of meals for low-income clients. To donate, go to walktoendhunger.org, click on Meals on Wheels, then So. Mpls. Meals on Wheels Hunger Fighters. If you'd like to walk with the team, click on Join Team. The cost to register is \$25 for adults, free for age 18 and under. It's a family-friendly event with music, games, and activities. Questions? Contact Mary Engen or Stella Townsend.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Three Holy Trinity young people—Ella Cook, Emily Davison, and Anton Werth—are preparing to affirm their baptisms on Sunday, November 13. They have participated in confirmation instruction for over three years, including Sunday morning classes, retreats, trips, and special events. They have been supported and encouraged by family members, sponsors, a wonderful team of confirmation teachers, and you!

HOUSE PARTY AT PASTOR JAY'S FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to Pastor Jay's home for a meal at 6:30 p.m. This event is being coordinated with Parents' Night Out, so caregivers can drop off their children at the church for the evening. Sign up in the Community Room by November 13.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 4:00 P.M.

On Saturday, October 29, we will gather in the Bartsch Room at 4:00 p.m. to remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. This service will attend to the full range of emotions that accompany the loss of beloved friends and family members. Please join us as we grieve together, sing together, pray together, and celebrate love together. Worshipers are invited to bring a picture of their loved one(s); these saints will surround us in worship.

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PARISH EVENTS October 30-November 5, 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
Tuesday	12:15 pm	"Safeguarding God's Children" Training
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:00 pm	Youth Choirs
Thursday	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00 pm	Racial Justice 1.0 Discussion Group
Saturday	7:00 pm	Johnson Symposium on Faith & Society
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Special gift in memory of David Sims' grandmother by Sandra Nelson.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 30, 2016

	8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Grayson Wieczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes		Claudia Jensen, Sara Christians
Anne Beschnett	Crucifer		Bob Hulteen
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister		Sharon Englund
Kevin Proescholdt, Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Communion		Libby/Keith Olstad
Erin Arifin, Shelley Grimes	Altar Guild		Roberta Shaw, Cori Gershon
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers		Judy & Emily Davison, DeWayne & Ethan Townsend
Carol/David Berg	Coffee Servers		Zoe/Miguel Martinez
Chuck Jordan, Julie Cahoy	Counters		Lee Kampinen, Wayne Vetter
	Closer		Rod Johnson

Financial Report	October 23	Year to date
Budget requirement	14,432.69	620,605.77
Budget Receipts	19,290.78	580,740.38
Longfellow Alt. H.S.	-	640.00
Opening Doors	3,163.37	291,973.02
Refugee Resettlement	-	1,405.00
World Hunger	-	5,568.68