



HOLY TRINITY

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## HOLY WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

As we prepare to meet Jesus and one another in the week we have come to call “holy,” may you find some meaning in these words from Anne Lamott in her book *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*. An excerpt on why she brings her son to church....

*The main reason is that I want to give him what I found in the world, which is to say a path and a little light to see by. Most of the people I know who have what I want—which is to say, purpose, heart, balance, gratitude, joy—are people with a deep sense of spirituality. They are people in community, who pray, or practice their faith; they are Buddhists, Jews, Christians—people banding together to work on themselves and for human rights. They follow a brighter light than the glimmer of their own candle; they are part of something beautiful. I saw something once from the Jewish Theological Seminary that said, “A human life is like a single letter of the alphabet. It can be meaningless. Or it can be a part of a great meaning.” Our funky little church is filled with people who are working for peace and freedom, who are out there on the streets and inside praying, and they are home writing letters, and they are at the shelters with giant platters of food.*

*When I was at the end of my rope, the people at St. Andrew tied a knot in it for me and helped me hold on. The church became my home in the old meaning of HOME—that it’s where, when you show up, they have to let you in. They let me in. They even said, “You come back now.”*

So friends, whether you are at the end of your rope or there to help tie a knot in it to help someone hold on; whether you are the letter Q and you don’t know where to find the U that you need, or you haven’t a clue at all about what letter of the alphabet you may be, come to hear the Word, to light a candle, to lend your voice to the song, to breathe together with God’s people. God will remind you that you matter. We are bound together. Come home.

—Ann Schrooten, Children’s & Youth Music and Children, Youth, & Family Coordinator

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### April 9—Palm Sunday

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Worship services of Holy Communion begin with shouts of *Hosanna!* as we recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. This year, the 11:00 a.m. service procession, led by our children, will begin outside and move into the sanctuary.

### April 13—Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Soup supper in the Community Room. All are welcome.  
7:00 p.m. The liturgy on this day contains central Christian elements: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. The *Cantate!* youth ensemble will help to lead worship in the Bartsch Room.

### April 14—Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tonight we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we remember his death, we voice laments for the suffering of refugees and immigrants, for widening divisions, for the loss of someone who understood us, for the church’s silence, for the water, and for all that grieves God and the church. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. The Adult Choir will lead our singing in the Bartsch Room. (continued on next column)

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*In today’s gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God’s promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.*



## READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

ADULT FORUM--in the Library

10:00 am

APRIL 2

“Adult Forum with Pastor Joann Conroy”

President, American Indian & Alaskan Native Lutheran Association

Join us as we welcome ELCA Pastor Joann Conroy, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe. Pastor Conroy is the President of the American Indian and Alaskan Native Lutheran Association. She was active in the resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline and is a leader for racial justice in the metro area.

APRIL 9

“Bees and Those Who Love Them”

Erin Rupp, Founder of Pollinate Minnesota

These days, it’s hard to be a bee. Beekeepers in Minnesota lose half of their hives every year and wild bees face similar fates. Learn more about who our bees are, what’s going on with them, and how we can help.

Minnesota is a national leader on this issue and Erin’s presentation will include policy updates. We’re home to 25 pollinator-friendly municipalities, and in August, Governor Dayton passed his Executive Order for Pollinator Protection, a thorough, science-based agenda to increase pollinator habitat and restrict the use of pesticides known to harm pollinators. With the Governor’s Executive Order, this 2017 legislative session has shaped up to be both a tremendous opportunity and the intense battle we’ve come to expect from our opposition.

## Holy Week Schedule (continued)

### April 15—Vigil of Easter

7:00 p.m. Filled with stories, songs, fire, water, and movement, the Vigil liturgy leads us into our celebration of Christ’s resurrection and renewal in baptism. Children will help to lead parts of this especially family-friendly worship service, and the Trinity Singers Ensemble will lead the music. The service begins in the Bartsch Room and concludes in the Sanctuary.

### April 16—Easter Sunday

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion to celebrate this good news. The Adult and Children’s Choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. At 9:55 a.m., there will be an Easter scavenger hunt for Sunday School children. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

## PARISH INFORMATION

### FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS

Head to Himalayan at 12:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets by the brightly-colored sign in the Community Room.

### PRAYER VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month, as well as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Area churches are working together to combat any form of abuse and the proliferation of prostitution that harms our community. Some upcoming opportunities to act against abuse and human trafficking include the following:

Thursdays in April at 7:30 a.m., a partner church will be hosting a Prayer Vigil on a designated street corner to pray over our neighborhoods and to create a holy presence among our streets and around our city. Between 6-8:00 a.m. are busy times of day for trafficking, so together we will create a positive, prayerful force on our streets to support victims and ask for an end to the demand.

**April 6:** Mount Olive Lutheran Church—3045 Chicago Ave S.

**April 13:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church—\*Meet at 15th Ave. S. and Lake

**April 20:** Holy Trinity Lutheran Church—2730 E. 31st St

**April 27:** Our Saviour's Lutheran Church—\*Meet at 3045 Chicago Ave. S.

### LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY EXPANDING

Lay communion visitors bring communion to homebound members once a month. Each visitor is paired with one household, so you build strong relationships. We have two new households—one in Apple Valley and one in Minneapolis. For the safety of all our congregants, all lay communion visitors must complete a background check. Pastor Ingrid would be glad to help you get started.

### EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to purchase an Easter lily for the altar area on Easter Sunday, please contact the church office. \$12 each.

### CONCERNING PEOPLE

Please pray for the 20 new members who joined this community on Sunday, March 26.

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PARISH EVENTS April 2-8, 2017	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am Sunday School
	10:00 am Adult Forum
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm First Sunday Musings
Monday	2:00 pm Swahili Service
	9 am-12 pm AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	4:00 pm Peace with Justice
	6:30 pm Adult Christian Ed. Committee
	11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion
Tuesday	9 am-12 pm AARP Tax Aide in the Library
	5:30 pm Labyrinth (in the Library)
	5:30 pm Trinity Singers
	6:00 pm Soup Supper
	6:00 pm Youth Choirs
Wednesday	7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm Adult Choir
	6:00-9:00 pm Parents' Night Out
	6:00 pm Kinship Meals
	Saturday various times Kinship Meals

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 2, 2017		
8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Assisting Minister		Liz Conway
Louis Kelley, Will Kelley	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Tevy Nou
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Brian Lenz, Rick Liedholm, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Gary Johnson, Rod Johnson, Linda Jury
Linda/Gerry Berglin	Altar Guild	Pat Lundquist, Stella Townsend
Bob Peschiutta, De Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Donna Scott, Mike Mann, Dewayne Townsend, Ethan Townsend
Mary/Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Martha/Harry Mueller
Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmel, Pam Kildahl
Closer		Vicki Mann

Financial Report	March 26	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	191,425.00
Budget Receipts	7,084.78	177,192.79
Opening Doors	3,683.71	43,787.96
World Hunger	35.00	666.00

Opening Doors in honor of new members by Deb Sodt