



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Hans Lee and Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastors

THE CITY, NOT FORSAKEN, IS HOLY, HOLY GROUND

Next week, with the help of some middle-school guides, our elementary-aged students will transform the gym into a city of their own design. They'll build their own homes, then decide what other places their community needs or wants—libraries, parks, hospitals, restaurants, etc. I'm sure we'll have some very creative city planners! Students will spend a significant amount of time considering the design of their city and their place in it. Will they choose to live near their friends? Near their work or public transportation? Next door to the zoo? They'll reflect on how it feels to make these decisions—how does their design reflect their values? Have we created the sort of healthy and just neighborhood that God has created us to build? Does everyone have the same freedom to make choices like these, both in our imagined city and in reality?

Without giving too much away, I can share that things will not always be easy for the residents of our yet-unnamed city. They'll face unexpected challenges and need to learn some basics of community organizing in order to fight back. We'll engage in some power analysis, come up with a plan, and hold a meeting with an elected official. We'll have some visitors whose real-life work is making sure our communities are healthy and equitable, and we'll hear how their faith inspires them. And, as in any good movement, we'll sing plenty of songs together along the way. We'll begin each evening with a community meal at 5:30 p.m.

We can't tell you how any of this is going to turn out—it's really in the hands of the city's future residents, but I hope you'll come down to the gym when you're here on Sunday, August 20. We'll have some of the city's residents and leaders available to give you a tour and tell you the story of the week.

There is still room in our city for more children to attend! Please email Ann Schrooten, Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org to register. If you consider yourself a friend to our community of children and youth and would like to serve as a "guardian" during the week by providing the evening meal or by welcoming visitors at the city gates, Ann would LOVE to hear from you.

—Meghan Olsen Biebighauser and Ann Schrooten

PEOPLE OF COLOR LISTENING CIRCLE INVITATION FROM PASTOR INGRID AND MICHAEL DOUGLAS, COUNCIL MEMBER

We would like to invite Holy Trinity members (18+ years of age) who identify as people of color for a meal and conversation at Holy Trinity, the first of three circle conversations that we'll host over the next several months. There are no expectations placed on the evening. Simply stated, this is a time for those who wish to grow in relationship with other members of color at Holy Trinity. We can secure childcare; let us know if that would be helpful. Please email Michael Douglas (michaeldouglas1968@gmail.com) or call the church office (612)729-8358 and let us know if you plan to attend the (free) meal and conversation on Thursday, September 14, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

ENDING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER, WED., OCT, 25, 12- 1 P.M.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Cooperative will host a lunch and fundraiser on Wednesday, October 25, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Free parking passes will be given to each guest. You will be served lunch while learning more about Beacon's programs. There will also be inspiring personal stories shared by residents who live in one of the Beacon facilities. Sign up in the Community Room; contact Mike or Marilyn Miller for more information.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.



READINGS
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the Library

AUGUST 13 "Update on Search for New Lead Pastor" Transition Team

The Transition Team is making great progress and is on target for completing our Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to all who have communicated your hopes, concerns, and wishes for this important next step we will take as a congregation. We will report on what we have learned so far and what to expect now that the Call Committee is forming. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Please join us!

AUGUST 20 "How Do We Challenge the Misuse of Scripture Against Women and Girls?" Sister Joan Mitchell

Join us as we explore the interpretation of scripture. We'll reflect on how to understand scripture passages that have been used to devalue or harm women and girls. Our question today is: How do Lutherans—in all our variety—interpret scripture, especially the messy bits?

ADULT FALL RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY, NOVEMBER 3-4

Adults of all ages are invited to Collegeville, MN for an overnight retreat exploring "A Theology of Enough." We'll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine Community at St. John's. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer Chapel and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 people. Cost is \$125. Scholarships are available. Sign up in the Community Room.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Lau Hawaiian Collective is a group of performing artists dedicated to the perpetuation of Hawaiian music with reverence and imagination. Volunteers are needed to bring fruit and pizza toppings and to be on the pizza making and baking team. Email Meghan (molsen@htlcmpls.org) if you can help. \$5 suggested donation for lunch. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—ONE SERVICE ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m. This is your opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from "the other service." We are pleased to welcome seminarian and child of this congregation, Korla Masters, as preacher!

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES: "SELMA" ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

The first of a three-part series, "Selma" will be shown following the 11:00 service and the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 24. We will gather in the Bartsch Room and enjoy a light lunch together. The film will be shown and a guided discussion will follow. The idea for this film series grew from our Racial Justice Conference last October. Join us for this inaugural event!

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR AUGUST 20, 9:45 A.M.

Everyone is welcome for the summer pop-up choir of 2017. Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome! Rehearse at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

INTERGENERATIONAL PICNIC, SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 4:00 P.M.

Join fellow members at an end-of-summer picnic on Sunday, August 27, at Wabun Park Pavilion F. Games for all ages start at 4:00 p.m.; we'll eat at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own utensils and beverage as well as a dish to pass.

LAY COMMUNION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPT. 17, 12:30 P.M.

A luncheon for Lay Communion Ministers and those persons interested in joining this ministry will be held Sunday, September 17, following the 11:00 service. Volunteers bring communion monthly to persons who are homebound or unable to come to Holy Trinity Sunday services. Training is provided; volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity. This luncheon will be a time to "touch base" and re-energize ourselves for the year ahead. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Community Room by September 10.

REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6 FOR HOLY TRINITY CHOIRS

Children's Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 6-6:45 p.m., Cantate! Youth Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 p.m., and the Adult Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Gloria Ringers, Holy Trinity's handbell ensemble, rehearses Sundays from 12-1 p.m. For more information on choral and/or instrumental opportunities, talk to Ann Schrooten (children, youth, and handbell) or David Sims (adult).

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PARISH EVENTS August 13-20, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	9:45 am	Children and Youth Choir Voice Checks
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Lunch & Music in the Garden
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	5:00 pm	Wilderness Reunion
	8:30 am	Property Committee
	5:30-7:30 pm	Vacation Church School : Holy Ground
	6:00 pm	Financial Stewardship Committee
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	6:30 pm	Racial Justice Working Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	4:00 pm	Palestine Group
Wednesday	5:30-7:30 pm	Vacation Church School : Holy Ground
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Thursday	5:30-7:30 pm	Vacation Church School : Holy Ground
Friday	5:30-7:30 pm	Vacation Church School : Holy Ground

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 13, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend	
Bea Martin, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Sara Christians, Kayden Nordby	
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Anna Brelje	
Pam Blomgren, David Broberg	Communion	Judy Davison, Cori Gershon	
Bev Peschiutta, Erin Arifin	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Linda Woytasek	
Bob Peschiutta, De Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Helen/Bob Norheim, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson	
Turid/Dennis Ormseth	Coffee Servers	Linda/Phil Jury	
Joyce Peterson, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Scott Cole, John Kelly	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	August 6	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	471,200.00
Budget Receipts	12,135.93	452,685.20
Opening Doors	617.37	112,756.22
World Hunger	60.00	2,550.00