



HOLY TRINITY

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

TRANSITION

For just over a month now, I've had the privilege of serving as Interim Pastor of Holy Trinity. Nearly 7 months ago, you entered into a time of transition when you said good-bye to Pastor Jay, and just a couple weeks ago Pastor Ingrid began her maternity leave (for the purpose of welcoming Solveig Evelyn into the world!). I'm coming in somewhere past the halfway point.

There are two purposes of intentional interim ministry. The first is to simply step in and do what pastors do. In the case of Holy Trinity, that is to preach, plan worship, provide pastoral care, and participate in a variety of administrative tasks, including working with staff, Church Council, and committees.

The second purpose is to provide leadership related to the transition, in preparation of calling the next pastoral leader to serve among you. This involves working with the Transition Team and helping the congregation to be clear about its identity, as well as its strengths and particular challenges.

At Holy Trinity, this "in between time" is well underway. The Transition Team has finished its work and the congregation will elect a Call Committee on September 24.

I've known of and appreciated the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for many years. And now what I see up close has confirmed my long held opinions of this place. A few observations:

- Holy Trinity listens to its neighborhood. Your recent work in the area of pay day lending, and the formation of Exodus Lending, is just one example of how you partner with God and others in the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing what comes next.
- You have a healthy understanding of the relationship between lay leadership and staff. Because you are a congregation with an extraordinary number of strong leaders, this is something that needs to be clarified on a regular basis. I've always believed that strong staff and strong lay leadership go together. Holy Trinity is a living example of this. You are a healthy congregation.
- Worship is the center of your life together. It is done with excellence and wide participation.
- You are willing to take risks. I am particularly impressed by your current commitment to racial justice. It is one thing to engage in this work on an intellectual or theoretical level; it is another to engage personally (e.g., the Intercultural Development Inventory and Listening).

Of course, there's more. This is a good place. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve among you for awhile. I'd love to grab a coffee and learn more about you.

Thanks for all the ways that you invest in our life together and mission.

—Pastor Hans Lee

NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Our next new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Hans if you intend to come.

ENCORE! MEETS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 8:00 A.M.

Encore! (the group for members 50 and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread. No sign up necessary.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the Library

SEPTEMBER 17 "Holy Trinity's Initiative in Pursuit of Racial Justice" Randy Nelson, Holy Trinity Member

Earlier this year Randy Nelson did a study of Holy Trinity's efforts to address racial injustice by identifying the activities that have been involved in that effort and by interviewing members of the congregation who have been involved in that work. The result is a case study identifying what has been accomplished and goals still to be achieved. The forum will provide a detailed look at that initiative.

SEPTEMBER 24 Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL)
CTUL believes there are no short-term solutions to racial and economic inequity. The problems we face will not be solved by just winning one-off solutions like a \$15 minimum wage or paid sick days. We need long-term solutions that ensure worker voice in shaping the decisions that impact our workplaces and our communities. We need permanent institutions of power led by working communities of color that have the vision, the capacity, and the stability to innovate, dream big, and accomplish their dreams. Through worker-driven campaigns, CTUL is opening the space for workers to have a voice in shaping their workplaces, communities, and politics. CTUL is one of our financial special appeals for 2017.

DISCUSSION OF DON/EMILY SALIERS' WRITINGS, SEPT. 18 & 25

Pack a bag lunch and join Randy Nelson, Pastor Hans, and other symposium-goers on Monday, September 18, at noon, for an introduction to the writings of Don and Emily Saliers. Copies of the material to be discussed are available in the Community Room. Sign up by September 17, so we know how many to expect for the discussion. For those who are unable to join us during the day, Randy Nelson will lead the same discussion on Monday, September 25, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sign up by September 24.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS OCTOBER 6, 6:30 P.M.

The 20s, 30s, and 40s group invites you to a game night at Laura Bolstad's house on Friday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. Bring a game if you'd like and something delicious to share. This event is coordinated with Parents' Night Out, so make sure to sign up in the Community Room if you'd like childcare for the evening!

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE FILM SERIES TO SHOW "SELMA" SEPTEMBER 24

The first of a three-part series, "Selma" will be shown following the 11:00 service and the congregational meeting. We will enjoy a light lunch together in the Bartsch Room. 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!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We will be creating an Advent devotion booklet featuring daily reflections written by Holy Trinity members and friends. If you are interested in writing a 300- to 400-word reflection, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Community Room. Reflections are due by October 22. They can be typed and emailed (office@htlcmpls.org) or handwritten and delivered.

FORTÉ HANDBELL ENSEMBLE AT OCTOBER 4, 6:00 P.M.

Based in Colorado Springs, Forté is an advanced handbell quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. In pursuit of musical excellence, Forté strives to explore, innovate, inspire, and glorify God through the gift of music. The group will perform at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken at the end of the concert to help defray touring expenses. Check out their website (fortehandbells.org).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 12:00 P.M.

The congregation will meet at 12:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a formal congregational meeting. The Council will recommend the names of six Call Committee members; the congregation will then vote on the Call Committee. Bishop Svennungsen will be with us to discuss our Ministry Site Profile.

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM NOVEMBER 10-11

Dr. Don E. Saliers and Emily Saliers will be here for the 2017 Johnson Symposium November 10-11, 2017. Tickets are \$50. Scholarships are readily available; simply talk to Pastor Hans.

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PARISH EVENTS September 17-23, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers
	12:15 pm	Lay Communion Visitors Lunch
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	12:00 pm	Brown Bag Symposium Discussion
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meets
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council Meets
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Gloria Ringers
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Saturday	10:00 am	Gloria Ringers

Opening Doors and World Hunger in memory of dad, Robert Brose, by Bob Brose
Disaster Relief by Stephanie/John Sulzbach, Stella Townsend, and Carol/John Kelly
Special gift in memory of Jeannette Kretzmann by Vicki/Mike Mann and in memory
of Cathryn Olson by Jane/Tim Kretzmann

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

8:45 AM	Assisting Minister	11:00 AM
Cathy Alpizar		Linda Jury
Kayden Nordby, Sara Christians	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig
Lisa Martens	Crucifer	Cliff Brown
Nicki Hines, Theresa Rian	Communion	Cori Gershon, Lee Kampinen
Anne Beschnett, Erin Arifin	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Pat Lundquist
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, John Goring	Ushers	Judy/Troy Davison, Helen/Bob Norheim
Joel Wiberg, Sandra Thornby	Coffee Servers	Kay/John Buzza
Chuck Jordan, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Gary Johnson
	Closer	Deb Sodi

Financial Report	September 10	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	544,825.00
Budget Receipts	13,554.76	521,259.69
Opening Doors	5,317.87	124,847.54
Disaster Relief	5,850.00	6,400.00