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

ALL SAINTS DAY

There has been a buzz around Holy Trinity following Sunday's confirmation service, in which Anita, Josiah, and Natalie affirmed their faith. The music, the preaching, the people coming together (including a great mix of HTLC, the Swahili congregation, and many guests) was a joyful expression of our common mission and ministry!

It was also Reformation Sunday, and not just the typically Lutheran nostalgic kind, but the 500th Anniversary of the publication of Martin Luther's 95 Theses—according to myth, posted on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on the eve of All Saints Day, October 31, 1517—which serves as the symbolic beginning of the Protestant Reformation. So, we sang a few verses of "A Mighty Fortress" and another of Luther's hymns as the Sanctus. And the choir sang some Bach. And in the true spirit of the ongoing Reformation, we sang some more.

But when we got to the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) and, particularly the laying on of hands, I was already into next week. It was suddenly the Feast of All Saints! As family members, and baptismal and confirmation sponsors surrounded each of these young people, and we prayed for the promised Spirit's ongoing presence in their lives, it was a visual experience of the "great cloud of witnesses." Suddenly, we could reach out and touch the community of saints.

At one point, I bent down and said to one of the confirmands, "Do you see all the love that surrounds you?" She nodded. We can only pray that it remains that tangible for each of them, and for each of us. We are surrounded by love.

My mom died about six years ago. I miss her, and I don't think a day goes by when she doesn't creep into my thoughts, even if for only a moment. I can remember that as the grief subsided, day by day, it was replaced by a holy memory that both brings peace in the present moment and hope for the future. We are still connected. We are connected by a commonly acknowledged promise that in Christ, life overcomes death, and community overcomes isolation. There is peace, there is comfort in a community that bridges this life and the life that is beyond.

We get a taste (or a foretaste) of this community every time we gather for worship. We see it, we hear it, we touch it, we taste it. There is room at the table for those whose grief is raw, and for those who are further down the path of peace and assurance.

So, the celebration of All Saints that began with the laying on of hands, continues this Sunday with the Feast of All Saints. See you in worship!
—Hans Lee, Pastor

Christian churches have a long-standing tradition of setting aside a day each year to honor and remember those who have died before us. This celebration is known as All Saints Day.

In its beginnings, All Saints Day focused on men and women who died for their faith. These men and women became known as martyrs. Over time this celebration was expanded to include all members of the Christian faith who have died and even those saints who still live around us.

Holy Trinity will join with this tradition on Sunday, November 5, during a specially dedicated Adult Forum. Attendees will have the chance to share stories of their loved ones who have died. All are encouraged to bring photographs of your loved ones so all present have a visual cue of whom you are speaking.

—Cori Gershon, Holy Trinity Member

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscapes in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.



READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5
Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

NOVEMBER 5 "Honoring the Saints"

Join us in the Community Room as we remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. This year, we invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your life to display in the Community Room during the Adult Forum hour. During the hour, we'll share stories about the photos we bring.

NOVEMBER 12 Adult Forum with Rev. Dr. Don Saliers

The Rev. Dr. Don Saliers, our 2017 symposium presenter, will lead the Adult Forum and preach in worship.

PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:30-NOON

Due to the wet conditions last Saturday, property work day is rescheduled to Saturday, November 4. Come any time between 8:30 a.m.-noon and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming.

CARDS AND CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Four of our HT young people began their college careers this fall, and Youth Committee is assembling "care packages" for them from the congregation. If you'd like to sign the card that will be enclosed in each package, Katy Benson and Linda Jury will have the cards in the Community Room after both services this Sunday, November 5. The four are: Eliza Roberts (at Georgetown), Kaia Porter (at St. Thomas), Anna Kleven (at Macalester) and Danya Werth (at UND). We'll also be sending cards to Soren Peterson and Lauren Van Doeren, who are in the process of figuring out their next educational steps.

OUR WHOLE LIVES CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION NOV. 5, 10:00 A.M.

Our Whole Lives curriculum helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional and social aspects of sexuality. This session will introduce the curriculum to all interested parents of toddlers, children, and youth of all grade levels. Age-appropriate materials will be on hand for purchase.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS NOVEMBER 5

Head to a local restaurant at 12:15 p.m. with other members for lunch and conversation. The group meets by the brightly colored sign in the Community Room.

PARISH INFORMATION

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY NOVEMBER 13-17

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of November 13-17. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (35th Ave. and 50th St.); delivery takes about 1-1 ½ hours. You may sign up for 1-5 days. If you have questions, contact Mary Engen. If you would like to ride along with someone, that can also be arranged.

LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST

Please help keep Longfellow students and their children warm this winter with donations of winter outerwear for babies and children to age six, and hats, scarfs, mittens or gloves for the moms. Put your donations in the box under the table in the Community Room.

FARE FOR ALL AND SHOE BUS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

One of Holy Trinity's outreach programs for the past six years is Fare For All. To strengthen the program, we encourage Holy Trinity members and friends to participate. Shop for fresh fruit, veggies, and a variety of frozen meat packages all at 40% off store prices. Also, this month the Shoe Bus will be parked outside the church, offering new and gently used shoes. Size 0-6 1/2 are \$2, Sizes 7 and up are \$5.00

ANNUAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETS MONDAY NOV. 6, 7:00 PM

Chairs and members of Outreach Committee teams are encouraged to attend this once-a-year gathering. Please be prepared to share a report of your group's activities and plans for next year. All members of the Holy Trinity family are invited to join us, to listen to our stories, and to add your ideas and energy. Sweet treats from Juliann's kitchen will be served.

20s, 30s, 40s HOUSE PARTY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to Aberdeen and Horacio Rodriguez's home for a pre-Thanksgiving 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 12.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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.

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PARISH EVENTS November 5-11, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Community Room
	10:00 am	<i>Our Whole Lives</i> Curriculum Introduction
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	4:00 pm	Peace w/Justice
	6:30 pm	Adult Education and Youth Committees
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Outreach
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children/Family Committee
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All and the Shoe Bus
	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir 6:45 pm Cantate!
Friday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	6:15 pm	Johnson Symposium
Saturday	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Johnson Symposium

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 5, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Sally Gregory Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Roberta Shaw	
Bea Martin, Lowenna Rian-Fairley	Acolytes	Linden Kung, Soren Kung	
Youth	Crucifer	Youth	
DeWayne Townsend, Samantha Waddick	Communion	Sue Roberts, Juliann Rohn	
Nancy Madich, Erin Arifin	Altar Guild	Melanie Townsend Family	
Bob Peschiutta, Julie/Tom Cahoy	Ushers	George Madich, Helen/Bob Norheim	
Jenny Wheatley/Lee Fisher	Coffee Servers	Nancy/Dave Moe	
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Gary Johnson, Wayne Vetter	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	October 29	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	647,900.00
Budget Receipts	7,104.29	603,025.71
Opening Doors	468.71	135,567.81