



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

GROWING IN HOPE

I have spent my entire adult life learning about financial giving. Truth be told, my parents didn't talk a lot about giving when I was growing up. I knew they gave to the church, were generous toward family and friends, and always ready to help their neighbors. But it wasn't discussed.

So, when I became a pastor, I learned about giving from the members of the congregations I served. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to talk with many people about how they learned to be generous. It has been one of the most rewarding parts of my ministry!

In my first congregation, nearly 30 years ago, my wife Nancy and I made the dramatic—it was dramatic for us, as we were still paying off college loans—decision that we would never give less to the church than our car payment. This was a big deal because we didn't have any savings, and were paying for our car one month at a time.

In that same congregation, I remember one of the offering counters coming up to me after Sunday worship service, and saying that there was a non-member—this was about 1989—who had been putting a check for \$50 into the plate every week. He said, "This must be a mistake. No one gives this much! Should we call him to see if this is what he really meant to give?" It was a teachable moment.

I remember sitting down with a couple in my last long-term call. He was a retired school social worker. She had been a receptionist. They gave \$9,000/year. They couldn't even tell me why they gave so much, only that it brought them joy. Giving is proportional, joy is in abundance!

I have appreciated the care with which the Stewardship Working Group has addressed financial giving at Holy Trinity. Making a specific ask—that those who are able consider increasing their annual giving by at least 1% of their household income—seemed like a reasonable step, a way of building on the congregation's long history of generosity.

We are created in God's image to give — in all the ways that we do! Thank you for your investment in our life together and God's mission through Holy Trinity.

—Pastor Hans Lee

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2017

The observance of All Saints reminds us that the baptized people of God, living and dead, are the body of Christ. The Community Room will serve as a gathering place between services this day to remember those saints who have gone before us.

There will be several tables on which photographs of loved ones may be placed to be remembered by the community. Small cards will be available on which you may write your loved one's name and a brief attribute by which they may be remembered. Photographs may be delivered to the Community Room at church Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning October 31, and on Sunday morning, November 5.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



READINGS

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am

OCTOBER 22 "New Member Welcome" In the Community Room

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from Karen Kunze and Ben Martinez, two current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join this congregation.

OCTOBER 29 "My Life Story, My Faith Story" Mike Miller

As part of our ongoing commitment to sharing our narratives of faith, today we hear from one of our newer members, Mike Miller. Come and hear Mike tell his life story, his faith story.

PICTURES (RE)TAKEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

A photographer will be at Holy Trinity to take pictures of new members Sunday, October 22. It's a chance for current members to update their photo in the directory. If you want a new photo of you and/or your family, find Bill Capman in the Community Room Sunday, October 22, between worship services.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING OCTOBER 25, 6:00-7:30 PM

This training video and review of Holy Trinity's *Safe Child* policy is required every 3 years for any adult in our congregation who teaches, chaperones, or sponsors a child or youth. Parents and other interested adults are also invited to attend to become more familiar with the steps Holy Trinity takes to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all our children and youth. Please contact Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org if you plan to attend.

PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8:30-NOON

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come any time between 8:30 a.m.-noon and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. Please sign up in the Community Room. In case of inclement weather, the work day will be Saturday, November 4.

GROWING IN HOPE

An important "Growing in Hope" stewardship mailing is being sent out to every member household this week. Be sure to watch for it. Included are a pledge card and an information sheet on congregational finances. Please give prayerful consideration to growing in giving in the coming year.

PARISH INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Three Holy Trinity young people—Anita Balira-Mutatoba, Josiah Kibira, and Natalie Singo—will affirm their baptisms during the 11:00 a.m. service. Adult and youth choirs will help lead the celebration. We are delighted that Holy Trinity member, retired Presbyterian pastor, and confirmation teacher John Buzza will preach. Pastor Andrea Mwalilino of the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation will also participate in the Rite of Confirmation.

MONDAY EVENING DISCUSSION SERIES OCTOBER 30, 6:30-8:00 PM

All are welcome to the next in an occasional Monday evening discussion series on subjects of importance to Christian faith and life. Hosted by the Adult Education Committee and convened by Randy Nelson, this month's topic is the Doctrine of Discovery, which was influential in the development of this country's history and continues to have implications for current Lutheran understanding and practice. Monday, October 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Background articles and a sign-up sheet are available in the Community Room.

20s, 30s, 40s HOUSE PARTY AT HORACIO AND ABERDEEN'S NOV. 17

The 20s, 30s, 40s group invites you to Aberdeen and Horacio'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.

OUR WHOLE LIVES CURRICULUM INTRODUCTION NOVEMBER 5, 10:00 AM

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. Parents will have an opportunity to talk with and learn from other parents, as well as hear more about how this curriculum could be implemented at home or here at Holy Trinity in groups with other parents. Age-appropriate materials will be on hand for purchase this day. Please sign up in the Community Room if you plan to attend. Contact Ann Schrooten, Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org if you have questions. (This presentation coincides with the Intergenerational Trinity Village class indicated on the Family Calendar mailed in August to all households with children, however Trinity Villagers will be in class with their teachers on this day.)

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 October 22-28, 2017

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum in the Community Room
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Racial Justice 1.0
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	5:30 pm	Choir Family Meal
	6:00 pm	<i>Safeguarding God's Children</i> Training
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
Friday	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday		Kinship Meals (times and places vary)
	8:30-noon	Property Work Day
	10:00 am	Cookie Baking for Confirmation Students Kinship Meals (times and places vary)

Special gift given to **World Hunger** by Ray Sanders and to **Disaster Relief** by Liz Blood.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 22, 2017

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
David Broberg	Presiding Minister	Harry Mueller	
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Sharon Englund	
Grayson Wiczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Molly Davison, Claudia Jensen	
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
Lisa Martens, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Juliann Rohn, Deb Sodt	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Stella Townsend	
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Chris Amundson, Judy and Troy Davison	
Lyle Steinfeldt, Jim Hartsoe	Coffee Servers	Judi and Lee Kampinen	
Pam Blomgren, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Scott Cole, John Kelly	
	Closer	Deb Sodt	

Financial Report	October 15	Year to date
Budget Requirement	14,725.00	618,450.00
Budget Receipts	15,736.18	579,097.14
Opening Doors	4,572.87	133,606.73
World Hunger	162.00	3,519.00
Disaster Relief	10.00	7,056.00