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

CHILD OF GOD

Pastor Hans asked if I wanted to baptize my daughter. I exclaimed, "Not unless I have to!" I went on to share with him the experience I had bringing Solveig to church for the first time while I was still on parental leave. I was in and out of the back of the sanctuary during the service attending to her needs; suffice it to say that the worship experience was more fragmented than usual.

When it came time for communion, Solveig was asleep. I held her, walked to the front of the sanctuary, and kneeled at the rail. Pastor Barbara Lundblad was our guest preacher that day and was serving communion on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. She came down the line, offering food to everyone who came to the table. When she came to me and the baby, she offered me a piece of bread and then touched Solveig's head and offered a blessing.

I wept. Sure, it's an emotional experience to be a new mother. There's that. My tears represented more, however. In Pastor Barbara's blessing, it suddenly became clearer to me that at each step along the way, my baby's world would get bigger. Bigger than me, bigger than me and Paul, bigger than me, Paul, and our families... This revelation is simultaneously law and gospel for a new parent—law because there is something difficult about sharing one's beloved child with a world bigger than one's self; gospel because there is nothing better than sharing one's beloved child with a world bigger than one's self.

Yesterday, I took off the alb and put on what one of you called my "street clothes." And together with Paul and Solveig's sponsors, I carried my daughter to the font. When she came up from wailing into the baptismal waters and we turned to face the congregation, I was again reminded that Solveig's world keeps growing. It now includes all of you—you who renounced the forces that defy God, you who claimed God's promises for all creation, you who welcomed her into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

One of the sponsors, who is a member of another congregation, said that she wished we videotaped the act of the pastor presenting the newly baptized baby to the congregation. She said it was amazing to watch the community respond to Solveig and vice versa. "Imagine how powerful it would be," Erica said, "when Solveig hits a rough patch in life, to show her how much light she shares with a whole community." While there is no video documentation of those moments, I have saved a file of those holy exchanges in my mind's eye and will reference them often as Solveig grows.

Thank you, Holy Trinity, for being a community where my child—and the children of so many—will learn the way of Christ and join in Christ's work of love, peace, and justice.

Gratefully,
Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor and Mom

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY MARCH 5-9

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels March 5-9. Volunteers are needed for 5 routes. Pick up meals at Nokomis Square delivery area at 11:15 a.m.; delivery takes about an hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen. If you have not volunteered before and would like to ride along with someone, talk to Mary Engen.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.



READINGS
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

FEBRUARY 18 "Word of God, Word of Life, Part One" Harry Mueller

"Word of God, Word of Life." What do we think of when we hear that spoken after each of our biblical readings on Sunday mornings? This session will focus on the question: "Why are we so polarized?" We will seek to untangle theologies within the bible and trace the biblical story and formation from its beginnings to Jesus. All are welcome. No prior biblical knowledge necessary!

FEBRUARY 25 "Word of God, Word of Life, Part Two" Harry Mueller

This session will focus on the statement: "our theology, alone, can't save us but it surely can damn us." By tracing the biblical story and formation from Jesus to the present, we'll see if we can liberate our theology.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Our theme for Lent this year is "From Resistance to New Life." The season of Lent is a time for us to reflect on our callings (vocation) that flow out of the baptismal covenant. One part of the traditional baptismal liturgy is the "renunciation," in which baptismal candidates, together with the assembly that surrounds them, renounce the forces of sin and evil that are in opposition to God's work of justice, peace, and healing. Part of our call as people of God is to resist those things that cause harm to people and the creation. On Wednesday, February 21, we will reflect on the theme "violence." Food that night will be provided by the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation. Our worship musicians will be Mark Seerup on oboe and Rachel Trelstad-Porter on piano. A book discussion will take place in the library at 5:45 p.m. Please sign up in the Community Room if you plan to join us for dinner.

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all who helped with the Pancake Breakfast by cooking, serving, baking, or buying goods. The money earned will help with a youth trip to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, this summer.

PARISH INFORMATION

WORSHIP LEADERS TRAINING SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 12-1:30 P.M.

If you would like to serve as a leader in worship, this training is for you. From 12-1:30 p.m. we'll offer training for ushers, crucifers, assisting ministers, communion servers, altar guild, and coffee servers. Veterans and novices are welcome! Sign up in the Community Room by February 18, so we know to look for you.

BOOK DISCUSSION WED, FEB. 21, MARCH 7, AND MARCH 21

Despite Jesus' prayer that all Christians "be one," divisions have been epidemic in the body of Christ from the beginning to the present. In this eye-opening book, learn the hidden reasons behind conflict and divisions.

Sara Jensen will lead the book discussion on Christina Cleveland's book *Disunity in Christ*. Pick up your meal in the Community Room and then head to the Library to join us for a series of three discussions. We will meet from 5:45-6:45 p.m., ending in time for you to participate in Lenten worship services. Copies of the book are available in the church office or by contacting church librarian Roberta Shaw. Cost of the book is \$12.75.

DAY ON THE HILL TUESDAY, MARCH 13

The Peace with Justice Committee invites you to join them for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Day on the Hill 2018, Tuesday, March 13. JRLC's Day on the Hill is an annual policy briefing and lobby day. The event includes prayer, issue briefings, time to meet with your district and opportunities to take action. Registration is required; fee ranges from \$15-45. More information can be found at jrhc.org/day-on-the-hill and in the Community Room. Talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser in the Holy Trinity office if you're in need of scholarship funds.

2017 THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2018

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you are a Thrivent member, please let Vicki Mann know. On occasion, we call upon Thrivent members to apply for Action Grant Dollars.

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PARISH EVENTS February 18-24, 2018

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	5:30-6:45 pm	Lent Supper
	5:45-6:45 pm	Book Discussion: <i>Disunity in Christ</i>
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Cantate!
	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Service in Bartsch Room
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 18, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf	
Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick	Acolytes	Molly Davison, Kayden Nordby	
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen	
David Broberg, Andrea Hansen	Communion	Zoe Martinez, Bryan Kuzel	
Tina and Robert Russell	Altar Guild	Cori Gershon, Roberta Shaw	
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Joshua Combs, Rod Johnson, Riley Conway, Chris Amundsen	
Julie Cahoy, Chris Engen	Counters	Scott Cole, Deb Helmelt	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen	

Financial Report	February 11	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	90,311.54
Budget Receipts	9,919.26	91,944.66
Opening Doors	1,347.87	14,926.56
World Hunger	10.00	122.00