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

AN EXCERPT FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON

The tendency to protect the things we love is real. Every caregiver, every employee, every church goer could give examples of the instinct that we have to protect those things we love most, whether it is our nine pound baby, the project we've been babying at work, or our understanding of the baby Jesus.

I think this tendency allows us to understand Peter, the disciple in today's gospel spotlight. First of all, let's agree to cut him some slack. Peter's just getting the hang of being a disciple. He doesn't know much, but he does know that he loves Jesus enough to leave everything to travel with him. Imagine if you had left your home, your partner, and your job in the family business to follow a wild entrepreneur, only to be told by him a few weeks later that he doesn't have much time left to live. We, like Peter, might want to take Jesus aside and suggest going to Mayo for a second opinion.

The text calls it a rebuke—a sharp disapproval or criticism of someone because of their behavior or actions. I like to imagine Peter saying, "You mean to tell me that you've known this is how the story would end all along?" And then, like so many of us when put under extreme stress, we can imagine Peter's fight or flight response kicking in.

On the one hand, Jesus, Peter, and the rest of the gang can choose to fight—to fight the religious authorities and all those who stand in their way. It's awfully tempting to fight fire with fire—you know, to arm ourselves with the same weapons being used against us. Theologian Walter Wink calls this the domination system—that is, "a system that entraps us all in the amazingly self-destructive dynamic of responding to violence with violence." On the other hand, Jesus, Peter, and the rest of the gang can choose to retreat from it all, to bubble wrap each other and everyone they love, to choose comfort and safety over engagement and change.

"What should we do, Jesus, fight or flee?" Peter asks. Jesus responds, saying, "Get behind me, Satan," which I interpret simply as Jesus' fancy way of saying, "Neither." And then Jesus goes on to talk about the cross—to propose a third way. Jesus is always proposing a third way. He invites the disciples to suffer alongside of him and alongside of so many for the sake of changing the whole world. To be clear, I don't think Jesus is asking them to search out their particular cross in order that they might then suffer and earn some sort of eternal reward. Instead, I think Jesus is saying, "This world is filled with so many crosses. Choose one, any one. Pick it up. And let's get to work."

When my daughter was baptized a couple of weeks ago, she wailed—I mean wailed—as the water was poured over her head. As I held her over the water, I whispered, "The Christian life ain't easy, girl." Or as a clergy friend of mine used to say to the newly baptized: "You're gonna need sturdy shoes for what lies ahead."

Sometimes Christ goes before us to lead the way. Sometimes Christ goes beside, to help ease the heavy burdens that we carry. Sometimes Christ goes behind to push us off of dead center for the sake of the world. Jesus' third way is rarely easy, y'all. It's often risky. It's never glamorous. But it's always grounded in deep love. And, today, we're reminded that it is where life is found.

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.



READINGS
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11.
Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am – in the Library

MARCH 4 "Exodus Lending"
Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer

Exodus Lending got its start thanks to members of Holy Trinity who were concerned about neighbors in the community trapped by payday loans. Now a free-standing nonprofit, Exodus Lending continues its work refinancing payday loans, charging no interest or fees to its program participants, and also remains committed to ending this usurious practice in Minnesota. Come to hear what's happening in St. Paul and Washington, D.C., with regard to payday lending, learn what Exodus Lending has achieved, what plans we have to spread out to more parts of Minnesota, and how Holy Trinity can continue to support the work!

MARCH 11 "Eco-Faith Presentation on Water"
Emilie Bouvier and Grace Corbin

Holy Trinity's Watershed Moment I: First of three occasions to confront the reality of water as a matter of life and death. Emilie Bouvier and Grace Corbin of the ELCA's Minneapolis Area Synod lead us in consideration of the EcoFaith Network's focus on knowing the watersheds in which we live, so that we can properly care for them. There is an orientation for participating in the blessing of water that will be part of this year's Vigil of Easter (our Watershed Moment II).

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR INGRID SUNDAY, MARCH 11
Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be present at both services to preach and to install Pastor Ingrid as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor.

DO JUSTICE RETREAT
The *Do Justice* retreat scheduled for March 3-4 has been postponed.

PARISH INFORMATION

FARE FOR ALL & THE SHOE BUS, MARCH 7, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

In addition to the standard fresh fruit, veggies, and variety of frozen meat packages, Fare For All will offer a Brunch Box, which includes ham, bacon, sausage, blueberries, strawberries, cinnamon rolls, peppers, hash browns, and shredded cheese. In addition to shopping or as an alternative, consider a \$20/month gift card to benefit a Longfellow student. The Shoe Bus will be parked outside of Holy Trinity in conjunction with Fare For All. The Shoe Bus offers new and gently used shoes. Prices are suggested donation amounts and range between \$2-10.

OUR WATERSHED: WHY IS IT A MATTER FOR FAITH?

"We won't save places we don't love. We can't love places we don't know. We don't know places we haven't learned"—Baba Dioum. Emilie Bouvier and Grace Corbin of the EcoFaith Network, Minneapolis Area Synod's Creation Justice leaders, will present at the Adult Forum Sunday, March 11. This is the first of three Watershed Events this spring; watch next for "Water in the New Creation," part of the Easter Vigil, and then "The Politics of Water in Minnesota," April 15, all leading to actions for loving care at home and in the neighborhood.

BROWN BAG LUNCH DISCUSSION MONDAY, APRIL 9, 12 P.M.

We will discuss Chapter 2 ("Things Fall Apart") of the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, focusing on how each of us change the individual experience of aging for the better. We will share physical, mental, and social activities that help keep our bodies "fine tuned." Copies of Chapter 2 and a sign-up sheet are in the Community Room. Call Arlene Helvig with questions.

LENT SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Free-will donations (\$6/person) are accepted. Don't let the money keep you away, however! Our Lenten Suppers are also an opportunity for us to support immigrant businesses in our neighborhood, as well as to feast on delicious food! On **Wednesday, March 7**, we will reflect on the theme "Environmental Degradation." Food that night will be provided by Himalayan Restaurant. Our worship musicians will be Bob Aldrich (guitar), Will Roberts (bass), and Rachel Trelstad-Porter (piano). Please sign up in the Community Room if you plan to join us for dinner.

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PARISH EVENTS March 4-10, 2018

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 Rehearsal
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Peace with Justice
	6:30 pm	Adult Education and Youth Committees
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children and Family Group
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All/Shoe Bus
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	5:30 pm	<i>Disunity in Christ</i> discussion group
	5:30-6:45 pm	Lent Supper
	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 MARCH 4, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Carol Masters		Assisting Minister Kris Christians	
Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig	
Lisa Martens, Rick Liedholm, Joyce Peterson	Communion	Donald Besser, Linda Jury, Riley Conway	
Lisa and Bruce Martens	Altar Guild	Linda Woytasek, Rosemary Foley	
Bob Peschiutta, De Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	George Madich, Lee Kampinen, Kathy Ohler, Joshua Combs	
Mary and Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Carol Lane, Josef Fortier	
Bob Peschiutta, Annie Hines	Counters	Gary Johnson, Lee Kampinen	
Closer		John Sulzbach	

Financial Report	February 25	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	120,415.38
Budget Receipts	9,221.13	117,892.59
Opening Doors	678.71	16,702.64
World Hunger	103.00	297.00
MAS Racial Justice Appeal	25.00	25.00