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

HOLY WEEK

Our Palm Sunday procession began a day early this year as we followed the sure-footed steps of our teenagers as they marched for their lives and called for common sense gun reforms at the Capitol. Their voices were strong—calling us to recognize that the epidemic of gun violence, while it touches all of us, disproportionately affects communities of color and indigenous communities. Their moral compasses were faithful—pointing us toward a vision of a more just and peaceful tomorrow.

We kept following the lead of our youngest members on Sunday morning. The Godly Play and Trinity Village students carried papier-mâché masks of people who have brought justice into the world. The faces of Ruby Bridges, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Jr., Winona LaDuke, Mother Teresa, Harriet Tubman, Jesus of Nazareth, Malala Yousafzai—and even our own Bud and Sylvia Dixen—joined the procession as we shouted, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

This Thursday evening, the congregation’s teenagers once again invite us to take brave steps as we move further into our observance of Holy Week. We gather for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, followed by a Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room (the chapel on Holy Trinity’s ground level). Worshipers are invited to participate in foot-washing, as an act of vulnerability and solidarity with one another and with all those whose feet are made weary by injustice around the world. (Please don’t let this invitation keep you away on Thursday evening; for a variety of reasons, many choose to forego the foot-washing. There is no coercion, no shame attached to the invitation.)

Good Friday’s worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room tells the story of Jesus’ Passion. The cross stands at the center of our gathering, and we grieve Jesus’ death at the hands of those who feared his equitable vision. This night invites us to reflect honestly and to voice our lives’ laments in the company of the whole community. We leave the service in silence, acknowledging the deep pain in our lives, in the lives of our siblings around the world, and in all of creation, cannot be quickly fixed. Even so, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us.

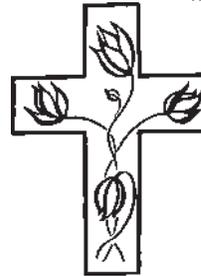
The Vigil of Easter on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room is one of our most playful and meaningful services of the year. This year, members of all ages will tell the stories of creation, Noah and the flood, and deliverance at the Red Sea. There will be singing, acting, and laughing. Everyone will be a part of the telling in some small way (read: there will be props). Halfway through the service, we’ll move from the shadows of the Bartsch Room into a vision of the resurrection in the Sanctuary. There the meal of Holy Communion will be shared, and Robin Olsen Biebighauser will be baptized and welcomed into the community of Christ.

It’s a full week. It’s an important week. It’s a week that invites all of us, as followers of Jesus, to be led by the One who calls us into justice, vulnerability, mercy, truth-telling, love, and life. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; you who depend on these sacred stories and you for whom they are still new and strange. There is room enough for all.

Peace,
Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult and children’s choirs, along with brass instruments, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!



READINGS

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

APRIL 1 Easter Sunday -- No Adult Forum

APRIL 8 “Academy Films”
Doug Wallace

Come and hear Holy Trinity friend Doug Wallace reflect on this year’s Academy Award-nominated films. The three films that Doug will be focusing on are *The Darkest Hour*, *Call Me By Your Name*, and *The Shape of Water*. Attendees need not have seen the movies to find his presentation helpful and provocative!

FARE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Each month, Holy Trinity hosts Fare For All, an organization that buys fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save buyers up to 40% off grocery store prices. Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone. The more people who shop, the better. Come and shop between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT WORSHIP SPACE

Holy Trinity’s Worship and Fine Arts Committee welcomes you to a discussion on Sunday, April 8, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Children are welcome to attend, or childcare is available. This is a conversation, not a decision-making gathering, so bring your perspectives and hear what others have to say.

A TIME OF TRANSITION

There are lots of moving parts in a pastoral transition! This week, we say goodbye to Pastor Hans Lee, who has been serving this community since August 2017. Next week, the call committee meets for second-round interviews with five candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. We anticipate an early summer start date for our new pastor. In the meantime, we are delighted that Meagan McLaughlin, Holy Trinity member and Master of Divinity graduate currently awaiting call, will help part-time in the office and that a variety of talented guest preachers will bless us with their voices this spring. We look forward to welcoming Ann Schrooten, Mark Hanson, Randy Nelson, and more. Watch the Community Church and bulletin for more information. Thank you for all the ways you support the vitality of this community, especially as we change and grow!

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Holy Trinity is offering spring racial justice small group discussions. There will be five sessions. One group will meet on Tuesday evenings and one on Wednesday mornings beginning the first week of April. The purpose of the groups is to explore racism, white privilege, and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. Sections of Paul Kivel's book, *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice* along with other current articles and online resources will inform our sharing. Childcare can be provided.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN APRIL 6

Adults of all ages are invited to the church for pizza, junk food, sardines, and community. We'll have time for some deeper discussion over dinner...and then goof off like we're in junior high again. If you were in Luther League as a teenager, the evening will feel familiar to you. If you're new to the church, come and experience your first lock-in. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people and deepen existing relationships. Those wishing to leave early to go home, watch the news, and sleep are welcome, too! Sign up in the Community Room.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR KINSHIP MEALS

The Nurturing Relationships Committee is looking for six hosts for the Kinship meals set for Friday, May 4, or Saturday, May 5. The host would provide a meal, either dinner or brunch, in their home for a small group of congregants. The idea is that these small gatherings provide us with an opportunity to talk, laugh, and get to know each other better. The size of the group will depend on you and how many people fit around your table. Please email Nancy Moe (Bnanc@aol.com).

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go "out" (or stay "in") 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.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 6:00 P.M.

Join other women of Holy Trinity at Houlihan's Restaurant, 6601 Lyndale Ave. S., Richfield, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of conversation, support, and laughter.

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PARISH EVENTS April 1-7, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY		
Sunday	8:45 am	Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion No Godly Play, Trinity Village, Confirmation, or Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:00 pm	First Fridays Lock-In

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 1, 2018

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister Ben Martinez
Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick	Acolytes Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig
Samantha Waddick	Crucifer Bob Hulteen
Intinction	Communion Intinction
Bev Peschiutta, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild Stella Townsend, Linda Woytasek
Bev and Bob Peschiutta, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers Kathy Hollander, Alan Libra, Rod Johnson, Lee Kampinen
Roberta Shaw, Joyce Peterson	Coffee Servers Kari and Tom Kleven
Pam Blomgren, Gerry Berglin	Counters Vicki Mann, Gary Johnson
	Closer John Sulzbach

Financial Report	March 25	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	180,623.08
Budget Receipts	6,422.60	160,681.86
Opening Doors	1,013.71	20,593.96

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