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

EXERPT FROM SERMON ON MARCH 4

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. (John 2:19-21)

Jesus enters the temple right away in John's Gospel. John wants the audience to know that Jesus is challenging the establishment. Here, Jesus is aggressive. He speaks with brashness and no small amount of hyperbole. And when he's confronted, he doubles-down and predicts the temple's destruction. But there's a twist: Jesus wasn't talking about the actual temple in Jerusalem, but about the temple that is his own body.

So, what about the body? The body is a source of great joy. And the body is being broken all around us. Just over a week ago, Boko Haram militants kidnapped 110 living, breathing schoolgirls in Nigeria. The bodies of children are destroyed by high-powered, flesh-mutilating assault rifles. In his book, *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates writes to his 15-year old son: "But you are a black boy, and you must be responsible for your body in a way that other boys cannot know. Indeed, you must be responsible for the worst actions of other black bodies, which, somehow, will always be assigned to you." Bodies are in peril, some more than others.

It is not an accident that Jesus uses the word "body" in reference to his death and resurrection. The body is not a sentiment. It is not subservient to the soul. The body doesn't represent something else.

John's Gospel begins with a proclamation about the body: "the word became flesh and lived among us." And here John declares that Jesus is aware of his own body, both its destruction and its resurrection, and all that it means for those of who likewise have bodies.

Perhaps the reason that Jesus appears to come undone in the temple is that he knows that there are bodies lying outside the gates, denied access because they cannot afford even the little bird that is what poor bodies are required to offer in sacrifice. Perhaps Jesus is aware that overly fixating on the temple prevents people from attending to the bodies of one another. This is the "zeal" of Jesus, that as important as the temple is, the embodiment of God in Jesus, and the embodiment of Jesus—the word become flesh—in the people, is what matters most.

The body is a gift. The word made flesh among us, and our embodiment as God's people is a gift of God's creation. Brian Wren would have us sing:

*Good is the flesh that the Word has become,
good is the birthing, the milk in the breast,
good is the feeding, caressing and rest,
good is the body for knowing the world,
Good is the flesh that the Word has become.*

—Hans Lee, Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



READINGS

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be at both services to preach and to install Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen as Holy Trinity's Lead Pastor.

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

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).

MARCH 18 "Eco-Faith Presentation on Energy" Peace with Justice Committee

The Peace with Justice Committee will share the progress Holy Trinity has made on increasing use of renewable energy in our building, with individual members, and in the state. They will also discuss future initiatives for advocacy and use of renewable energy within the congregation.

CTUL ANNUAL PANCAKE BRUNCH MARCH 11, 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
CTUL is having a pancake brunch on Sunday, March 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3715 Chicago Ave. S. Cost is based on a sliding scale, between \$5-15.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 11.
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.

PARISH INFORMATION

DO JUSTICE RETREAT RESCHEDULED

Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

March for Our Lives at the Minnesota State Capitol

Since our registration for the March 3-4 event at Holy Trinity was smaller than anticipated, the churches participating in the DOJUSTICE Retreat have decided that the local March for Our Lives provides a perfect alternative date and opportunity for our high school students to stand in faithful witness with hundreds of thousands of high school students across the nation against gun violence. Students in Grades 8-12 are invited to march with other ELCA youth across the Twin Cities and gather for a meal and conversation afterwards at Christ on Capitol Hill in St. Paul. Register by Sunday, March 18 by emailing Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org.

There is no cost to participate and transportation from and returning to Holy Trinity will be arranged.

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.

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.

LENT SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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! It's also an opportunity for us to support immigrant businesses in our neighborhood, as well as to feast on delicious food! On **Wednesday, March 14**, we will reflect on the theme "Racism." Food that night will be provided by Sober Fish. Our worship musicians will be Mark Seerup (oboe) 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 11-17, 2018

Sunday		Daylight Saving Time Begins	
		Installation of Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen	
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
	9:30 am	Confirmation	
	9:55 am	Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Adult Forum	
Monday	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
	12:00 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service	
	6:30 pm	Ladies Night Out at Houlihan's/Richfield	
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide	
	5:00 pm	Nurturing Committee	
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Racial Justice Meeting	
	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship Committee	
		Day on the Hill	
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion	
	12:30 pm	Writers' Circle	
	Wednesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
5:30-6:45 pm		Lent Supper	
6-6:30 pm		6:00 pm Children's Choir	6:30 pm Cantate!
7:00 pm		Evening Prayer Service in Bartsch Room	
Thursday	7:45 pm	Adult Choir	
	8:00 am	Encore! at Turtle Bread	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 11, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Liz Rudrud	Assisting Minister	Scott Cole	
Elena Alpizar, Peter Weiss	Acolytes	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley	
Theresa Rian, Tina Russell, Lisa Martens	Communion	Michael Douglas, Laura Bolstad, George Christians	
Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker	Altar Guild	Betty and Dick Pittelkow	
Bob Peschiutta, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Sam Kleven, Alan Libra, Rod Johnson, Deb Sodt	
Martha and Harry Mueller	Coffee Servers	Amy and Peter Johnson	
Gerry Berglin, Donna Heyer	Counters	John Sulzbach, Vicki Mann	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	

Financial Report	March 4	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	135,467.31
Budget Receipts	9,155.89	127,048.48
Opening Doors	797.37	17,500.01
World Hunger	5.00	302.00
Longfellow Alternative H.S.	20.00	140.00