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

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God’s promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised.

And then, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was over. The world hadn’t changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this broken man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, “You fool.”

This, as St. Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. And the world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings, 60 million displaced people—all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In the face of this and all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

I believe that the beginning of Psalm 22 expresses the anguish of the psalmist and the anguish of our Lord, but there is more going on here. Citing the first words of a text was, in the tradition of the time, a way of identifying an entire passage. The psalm ends this way: “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.” This is the wisdom of God. Jesus’ crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this.

This year, Easter falls on April 1. We have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We say, “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” And we shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins. And if the world wants to call us April fools, we are glad to claim that title.

PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, MAY 4, 6:00-9:00 P.M.

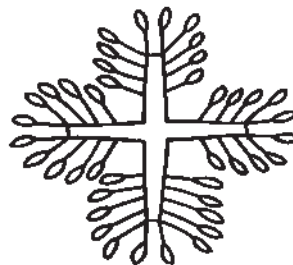
Adults and youth work together caring for HTLC children while their parents go “out” (or stay “in”) from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to help with childcare or to save a spot for your kids in the nursery. Volunteers must complete a background check through Holy Trinity.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS MAY 4

It’s time to dust off your bikes. Join Lisa and Bruce Martens for an evening bike ride. Sign up in the Community Room.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday’s image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ’s living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ’s life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.



READINGS
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am

APRIL 29 “Meet the Committees & Working Groups of Holy Trinity”
In the Community Room

We’ll gather in the Community Room for a briefing on the working styles and tasks of our congregation’s various leadership teams, and then spend most of our time visiting the tables of each group to learn more about their roles, current efforts, and opportunities to support their work.

MAY 6 To Be Announced

LAKE STREET TO FULLY CLOSE TO THROUGH TRAFFIC

Starting Monday, April 23, Lake Street will be closed to through traffic between Hiawatha Ave. and Minnehaha Ave. Weather permitting, it is expected to reopen Monday, April 30.

ENCORE! HOSTS SPRING BIRD-WATCHING EVENT

Many migratory birds are returning to our area or passing through to nesting territories farther north. Join Keith Olstad to see spring birds on Thursday, May 10, 7:30 a.m. at the Bass Ponds parking lot, 1/2 mile east of Cedar Avenue at 2325 E. 86th Street, Bloomington. For more information or weather concerns, call Keith.

WATER ACTION DAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Wednesday, May 2, is Water Action Day at the State Capitol. This is a day of public action and advocacy to let lawmakers know we care about water. Join other Holy Trinity members who will be there for all or part of the day. Contact Theresa Rian for more information: theresa.rian@gmail.com.

PARISH INFORMATION

CONSIDER BEING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Would you like to be a sponsor for a Holy Trinity confirmation student? Each child is assigned a special adult from the congregation to be one more interested, caring adult in the student's support network throughout their 6th to 9th grade period of instruction. In addition to informal connections at church, you spend rich time with the student during about four organized group activities each year. If this appeals to you, contact Pat Libra.

PROPERTY WORK DAY NEW DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 5

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming. Because of the late snow, the date has been moved to Saturday, May 5. We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-noon. If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 12. Sign up in the Community Room by April 29.

CALL FOR 2018 GRADUATES

If you have a family member who is graduating this spring from high school, college, post-grad or apprenticeship/trade program—or if YOU are a graduate yourself—we'd like to recognize you/ them in our celebration display case near the church's main entrance. Please contact Linda Jury at linda@sprcenter.com with the name of the graduate and an email address or cell phone number for that person so Linda can contact them directly for details. We'll assemble the display case in mid-May. Thanks!

LUNCH DISCUSSION MONDAY, MAY 7, NOON

On Monday, May 7, from 12:00-1:30 p.m., we will discuss portions of the book *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. Pick up a copy of the readings and sign up in the Community Room.

KINSHIP MEALS MAY 4 AND 5

The Nurturing Relationships Committee organizes kinship meals twice a year, around the time that we receive new members. The meals are for anyone interested in a small group gathering of people from church. Sign up in the Community Room.

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PARISH EVENTS April 29-May 5, 2018

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum-Volunteer Fair in the Community Room
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 pm	Children, Youth, Family Committee
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Choir Family Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:30 pm	Worship/Fine Arts
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00-9:00 pm	Parents' Night Out
	6:30 pm	First Fridays Biking Kinship Meals (various times and locations)
Saturday	9 am-12 pm	Property Work Day Kinship Meals (various times and locations)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 29, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Libby Olstad	
Grayson Wiczorek, Tevy Nou	Acolytes	Louis Kelley, Will Kelley	
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Meghan Olsen Biebighauser	
Pam Blomgren, Brian Lenz	Communion	Laura Bolstad, Matt Kane	
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen, Samantha Waddick	Ushers	Helen and Bob Norheim, Kathy Ohler, Joshua Combs	
Pam Blomgren	Coffee Servers	Carol and John Kelly	
Julie Cahoy, Gerry Berglin	Counters	Gary Johnson, Lee Kampinen	
	Closer	Vicki Mann	

Financial Report	April 22	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	240,830.77
Budget Receipts	16,500.20	261,002.77
Opening Doors	150.00	51,339.44
World Hunger	162.00	2,556.00