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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR RECOMMENDATION

After careful and prayerful discernment, the Call Committee and Church Council are ready to recommend a candidate to serve as Holy Trinity's next Associate Pastor. This recommendation will be voted on by the congregation in a special meeting to be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018, beginning at 12:15 p.m.

This recommendation is made after interviewing twelve candidates recommended by a variety of sources and provided to us by the Minneapolis Area Synod. We came to a unanimous decision after reviewing the candidate's Rostered Ministry Profile, meeting with the candidate for two interviews, observing the candidate's preaching (both recorded and live), and speaking with the candidate's references.

Because the candidate is currently serving as a pastor in a congregation, we cannot yet share a name. We can say, however, that our recommendation to call this candidate is based on our belief that the candidate can make a strong contribution to the congregation's ministry priorities previously articulated in our Ministry Site Profile:

- The candidate's preaching is theologically sound, effectively tied to current world events and demonstrates empathy for human shortcomings along with the gift of grace.
- The candidate clearly understands the importance of children and adolescents in congregational life. In interviews the candidate provided intriguing suggestions for engaging with them on a personal level and in their faith formation.
- Social and racial justice issues are integral to the candidate's life and ministry in this country and while working abroad. This candidate understands both the risks and rewards of the church being active in the public square.
- Questions we directed to the candidate about complex pastoral care situations were answered with insight and compassion.
- We believe that the candidate will work hard to be an effective team member with staff and with committees and work groups at Holy Trinity. The candidate showed warmth, resilience, and deep commitment. The candidate also has a delightful sense of humor!
- The candidate has respect for tradition and an openness to change.

We believe the Holy Spirit has worked through this candidate in previous ministry sites and can continue its work in our shared Christian life at Holy Trinity.

We are excited to share more with you about our recommendation. We will share biographical information about the candidate at the Adult Forum at 10:00 a.m. on May 13 and again at the start of the congregational meeting on May 20 at 12:15 p.m. We hope that this will be the beginning, with the Spirit's leading, of many years together in ministry!

—Bryan Kuzel, Council President
Ingrid Rasmussen, Lead Pastor

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.



READINGS

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — In the Library

MAY 6

"Easter Is for the Earth"

Dennis Ormseth

"In Christ's resurrection the earth itself arose." What would lead Ambrose, 4th Century Bishop of Milan, to preach such an idea? Dennis Ormseth will lead a review of Easter Season readings for clues, and reflect on their meaning for our care of creation. There will also be a brief update on the Watershed Moment initiative on water.

MAY 13

"Learn about the New Associate Pastor"

Come and hear the Call Committee and Church Council reflect on their recommended candidate for the position of Associate Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 20, 12:15 P.M.

A special congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 20, at 12:15 p.m. for the purpose of voting to call a new Associate Pastor. More information is included in the column to the left of this announcement. All are encouraged to attend.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

PROPHETIC: AMPLIFYING QUEER & COLORFUL VOICES

All are welcome to a free evening of music, conversation, and a time of Q&A around LGBTQIA+ justice and healing, with singer-songwriter and activist Jennifer Knapp, Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m., Westwood Lutheran Church. Join us Saturday morning for a free panel forum and workshops exploring various aspects of life and faith at the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and racial justice. May 19, 9:30 a.m. at Edina Community Lutheran Church. The events will conclude with a free community concert on Saturday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at North High School. For more information go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for prophetic lgbtqia.

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.

WRITERS' CIRCLE MAY 8, 1:00 P.M., CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Writers' Circle will meet in the family meeting room at St. Anthony Park Home from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. St. Anthony Park Home is at 2337 Commonwealth Ave. S., St. Paul.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION WITH PASTOR INGRID

Pastor Ingrid welcomes parents and young children to explore together what it means to participate each week in Holy Communion. If your child has been asking when they will get to take the bread and the wine, it's probably time! Please email Ann Schrooten at aschrooten@htlcmpls.org to register.

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW (AND EXPERIENCED!) ACOLYTES IN GRADES 1-8

Serving as an acolyte gives children a way to contribute to worship that is both meaningful and rewarding. We will be adding some additional tasks for acolytes in the months to come, so all current acolytes as well as those who would like to be an acolyte are encouraged to attend this session in the Sanctuary. Parents are also encourage to attend. We will practice carrying the cross, holding the book the pastors use, helping with communion, lighting candles, and reading prayers at the microphone. BONUS: You will also have an opportunity to sign up for the summer dates you want to serve as an acolyte!

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PARISH EVENTS May 6-12, 2018

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| Sunday | 8:45 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 9:30 am | Confirmation |
| | 9:30 am | OWL presentation/8th & 9th grade families |
| | 9:55 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 am | Adult Forum |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Service with Holy Communion |
| | 12:00 pm | WFA Sanctuary Furnishings Meeting |
| Tuesday | 12:15 pm | First Sunday Musings |
| | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service |
| | 11:00 am | Worship Readings Discussion |
| | 1:00 pm | Writers' Circle at St. Anthony Park Home |
| | 6:30 pm | Children & Family Team |
| Wednesday | 3:30-5:30 pm | Fare For All |
| | 5:30 pm | Choir Family Supper |
| | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir |
| | 6:30 pm | Trinity Singers |
| | 6:45 pm | Cantate! |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir |
| Saturday | 11:00 am | Funeral for Vern Michaelson |

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 6, 2018

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM |
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| Andrea Hansen | Assisting Minister | Dennis Ormseth |
| Amelia Waddick, Johnny Waddick | Acolytes | Alyssa Krig, Linnea Krig |
| Lisa Martens | Crucifer | Cliff Brown |
| Sally and David Kohlstedt | Communion | Kari and Tom Kleven |
| Julie and Tom Cahoy | Altar Guild | Libby Olstad, Linda Woytasek |
| Bob and Bev Peschiutta, Chris Engen | Ushers | Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Alan Libra, Lee Kampinen |
| Jim Hartsoe, Lyle Steinfeld | Coffee Servers | Donna Scott, Connie Adams |
| Pam Blomgren, Donna Heyer | Counters | John Sulzbach, Lee Kampinen |
| | Closer | Bob Hulteen |

| Financial Report | April 29 | Year to date |
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| Budget Requirements | 15,051.92 | 255,822.69 |
| Budget Receipts | 5,695.83 | 266,698.60 |
| Opening Doors | 653.71 | 51,993.15 |
| World Hunger | 10.00 | 2,566.00 |

World Hunger by Ray Sanders
Worship/Fine Arts by Nicholas Ellison