



HOLY TRINITY

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JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM 2018

We are living in a time of coarse inhumanity in the public square. Messages of fear, scarcity, and exclusion dominate the news and threaten to divide us. Many of us are deeply disturbed by the direction of public discourse. Others of us are more intimately affected; our lives, our families, and our way of life are endangered by the rhetoric and the regulations it emboldens.

As people of faith, we seek to resist what theologian Eric Barreto calls “the arrogations of the empire—the power to terrorize, to arrest the innocent, to refuse the refugee, to execute the powerless.” Our faith calls us to hear the cries and the hopes of our neighbors and be moved by them. In this moment in history, we pray that God will pry us off of dead center. For as German Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once observed, “Silence in the face of evil is evil itself...Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

To that end, the theme for this year’s Johnson Symposium is “Repentance and Resistance.” The evening will commence by confessing that, throughout history, the Christian community’s silence has too often amplified our neighbor’s suffering. We will then privilege the voices of Imam Asad Zaman and Rabbi Michael Latz, who will offer reflections on the current situation in the public square through the lenses of their respective faith traditions. Following their presentations, Senator John Marty will invite us to connect what we have heard with faith in action in the public square. Finally, we will invite all attendees to participate in a social media campaign that seeks to replace fear with love, scarcity with abundance, and exclusion with radical inclusion. (Don’t do social media? That’s okay. We’ll have something for you, too.) Registration opens soon.

Imam Asad Zaman is Executive Director of the Muslim American Society of Minnesota. He is passionate about interfaith dialogue and social justice advocacy. He is committed to helping build and expand a Minnesota welcoming to all.

Rabbi Michael Adam Latz is a rabbi at Shir Tikvah congregation, co-chair of T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, husband to Michael Simon and dad to Noa and Liat, and believes the holy task of today’s synagogue is to marry the spiritual work of the sanctuary with the justice work of the streets.

John Marty has been a State Senator over 30 years. John is a strong advocate for government ethics, environmental protection, and universal health care. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College with a B.A. in Ethics. John and his wife Connie live in Roseville.

Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen and **Angela T. Khabeb** serve as pastors at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. They are committed to shaping a vibrant community that is faithful to Christ’s call to mercy, forgiveness, justice, and love.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

5:30-7:00 p.m. Session One

Welcome

Confession: Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, Pastor Angela T. Khabeb

Presentations: Imam Asad Zaman, Rabbi Michael Adam Latz

Response: Senator John Marty

7:30-9:00 p.m. Session Two

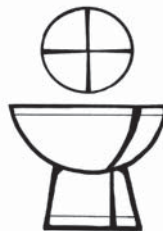
Panel Q&A

Reflection

Call to Action

Closing

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am — in the Library

AUGUST 19 “Conflict Resolution”

—Mike Gregory

As Christians we are called upon to be peacemakers, but how can we do this in our society today where conflicts abound? This session focuses on helping you and others to first de-escalate, and then build upon communication, conversations, discussions, listening, and negotiation to resolve conflict. At times we may need some help through mediation. As a qualified mediator with the Minnesota Supreme Court, Mike offers some insights on how mediation can help.

AUGUST 26 “Liturgical Furnishings”

—Liturgical Furnishings Team of The Worship and Fine Arts Committee

As you may know, our team is addressing the need for a new Advent wreath, baptismal font, kneeler, and an additional processional cross. The team has been discerning what they would like these furnishings to look like in our sanctuary, what materials will be used, the placement of these furnishings, and finding artists to create them. We have a set of questions that has helped us set criteria for how we intend to proceed with our project. We will be using these questions for our Adult Forum. Come join us. We need and want you to share your thoughts, ask questions, and have a voice in these important decisions.

LUNCH AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Join us for music and food in the garden at noon on Sunday, August 19 (NOT August 12, as printed in an earlier newsletter). \$5 suggested donation for the lunch; however, don’t let the money keep you away from the fun. Music will be provided by Lady Date. (Cara Wilson and Lauren Asheim will play irreverent covers of their favorite songs, from Beyoncé to Dolly Parton, but especially Dolly Parton.) All are welcome!

LVC WELCOME AND COMMISSIONING AUGUST 19, 11:00 A.M.

Come and meet this year’s Wellstone House Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) volunteers. LVC is a faith-based, full-time service and leadership program operating in 13 cities across the United States. LVC’s mission is to unite people to work for peace with justice. They do this by placing volunteers in full-time positions at social justice organizations for one year. Come and meet the volunteers at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

PARISH INFORMATION

KINSHIP MEAL HOSTS

Would you be willing to host a small gathering (whatever size fits at your table) for dinner or brunch on Friday, October 26, or Saturday, October 27? Please email Nancy Moe (bnanc@aol.com) or sign up in the Community Room.

LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

A luncheon for lay communion ministers and those persons interested in becoming one will be held Sunday September 16, following the 11:00 service. This luncheon will be informational, a time to "touch base" with each other and to re-energize ourselves for the year ahead. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Community Room by September 9.

SIGNAGE IN AND AROUND HOLY TRINITY

Much of Holy Trinity's signage needs revisiting. If you'd like to brainstorm how we might address updating our signage, join us for a meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 p.m.

ALL CHOIRS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Children's Choir at 6:00 p.m., Trinity Singers at 5:30 p.m., Cantate! Youth Choir at 6:45 p.m., and Adult Choir at 7:30 p.m.

REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVING AUGUST 30

Holy Trinity is working with the Minnesota Council of Churches to welcome a new refugee family to Minnesota. The family, originally from Burma, has been living in Thailand for nearly 20 years. Our first task is to prepare and furnish their house/apartment before they arrive. Donations of household items and some furniture will be most welcome! Watch the Community Room table for a list of items we need or other ways that you can help. For more information, talk to Martha Mueller or Deb Sodt.

MICROAGGRESSIONS DISCUSSION

Come join us as we explore and discuss MicroAgressions! MicroAgressions are the words, expressions, body language or even environmental factors that, despite our intentions, exacerbate people's feelings of otherness and not-belonging. We'll talk more about this, what some of the most common ones are, why are they a problem, and what to do when we commit or receive one. Sign up in the Community Room for either Thursday, August 23, 1-3 p.m., or Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the church library. This is two separate offerings of the same content.

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PARISH EVENTS August 19-25, 2018

Sunday		BWCA
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:45 am	Youth Voice Checks in Choir Room
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:00 pm	Lunch and Music in the Garden
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
		BWCA group returns
	6:00 pm	Executive Committee
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	6-7:30 pm	Youth Voice Checks by appointment
Thursday	1:00 pm	MicroAggressions Workshop
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Teachers Meet

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS AUGUST 19, 2018

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	John Sulzbach
needed	Acolytes	Elena Alpizar, Peter Weiss
needed	Crucifer	Paul Chindvall
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Communion	Kari and Tom Kleven
Josh Becker, Anne Beschnett	Altar Guild	Lisa and Bruce Martens
Bob Peschiutta, Chris Engen	Ushers	Debra Anderson, Tracey Baubie, Joshua Combs, Chris Amundson
Sandra Thornby, Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers	Luann and Josiah Kibira
Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Pam Kildahl, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

Financial Report	August 12	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	481,661.54
Budget Receipts	15,134.37	482,559.98
Opening Doors	292.87	66,480.22
Refugee Resettlement	95.00	235.00
World Hunger	82.00	3,172.00