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

REFLECTION ON FORGIVENESS
from Sunday, December 30

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sometimes we treat forgiveness like we treat New Year's resolutions—we make a declaration, try to go at it alone, and wonder why our efforts to forgive end as abruptly as our daily workout routines.

It turns out that forgiveness is more like a long walk than a short sprint, more like a drippy faucet than a crashing wave. Forgiveness doesn't ask us for quick solutions; instead, it requires us to look closely, daily at the threads that extend from our hearts to the wider world and attend to the frayed pieces.

While the Apostle Paul may have been a prisoner of his time when it came to things like gender parity and the face of religious leadership, his understanding of the role of forgiveness in Christian community has proved timeless. He knew it was essential, that without it, no community—whether it was one day old or 115 years old—would have any chance of surviving.

This may make forgiveness sound like a work. And in some ways it is. You and I do have a part to play in this act of faith. Forgiveness is also a gift that we receive, often in community, through a Spirit who believes in long walks, drippy faucets, and hearts that are always under construction.

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP FAIR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Join us on January 27th between services to learn about all of the various committees and working groups that are active at Holy Trinity. Representatives from both standing committees and issue-based working groups will be tabling in the Community Room, ready to welcome you and fill you in on what they've been up to. Our committees and working groups span a wide range of interests—both internal to our congregation's life together and reaching out beyond our walls to local, statewide, and even national issues. Committees and working groups come in a variety of working styles and manage their own schedules, which vary, so if you're considering taking up a new role in the new year OR if you just want to hear about the latest ways that this congregation is following the Spirit's lead, join us on the 27th!

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



READINGS
Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

ADULT FORUM
10:00 am – in the Library

JANUARY 13 "Housing Discrimination"
Katherine Parent

What roles have Lutherans specifically played in the history of racist and anti-Semitic housing discrimination in Minnesota? Luther Ph.D. candidate Katherine Parent has been digging into this local history in her dissertation and will lead an interactive workshop where we explore our churches' stories together.

JANUARY 20 "Annual Meeting Preview"
Pastors and Council Members

There is a lot of business to cover during our annual meeting, which will be held January 27 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Pastor Ingrid, Pastor Angela, and council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FAMILY RETREAT, FEB. 15-17, 2019
Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota, from Friday, February 15-Sunday, February 17. Watch for more information coming soon.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP TUESDAYS, JANUARY 22-FEBRUARY 5
Have you wondered who God intended you to be? Join a book discussion group on John Ortberg's *The Me I Want to Be* and begin to unravel this mystery of your life. Tuesdays, January 22-February 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Discussions will be led by Cori Gershon and Julie Cahoy. Sign up in the Community Room by January 13.

AARP TAX AIDE AT HOLY TRINITY BEGINS FEBRUARY 4
Holy Trinity hosts AARP Tax Aide services that provide free tax assistance to seniors and low-income taxpayers. Tax help is available on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., February 4 through April 15. First come, first served.

CRUCIFERS AND ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED
Please consider helping in worship as a crucifer or with altar guild. There is a particular need for the 8:45 a.m. service. Call the office or talk to a pastor if you are available to serve.

CONCERNING PEOPLE
A celebration in honor of **Lyle Steinfeldt's** 80th birthday will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, January 19, beginning at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome; no gifts, please.

PARISH INFORMATION

MEDITERRANEAN LUNCH AND PALESTINE FILM SEGMENTS

On January 20 at 12:15 p.m., come enjoy a Mediterranean lunch from the Holy Land Deli and watch a selection of movie segments on Palestine and the conflict with Israel. After the movie(s) in the Bartsch Room, the Palestine/Israel team will offer time for a discussion. There will be a freewill offering for the lunch/movies.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:00 P.M.

Following the 11:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 115th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2019 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

POETRY READING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Come experience *The Whereness of God*, a poetry reading with Cori Gershon (poet) and Chris Martin (poet and mentor). Thursday, February 7, 2019, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Library.

FARE FOR ALL AND SHOE BUS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Fare For All is community supported and open to everyone! Bring a friend and join us at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on January 16, 2019, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This month, the Shoe Bus will be at Holy Trinity at the same time as the Fare For All truck. The Shoe Bus has new and gently used shoes for sale. Suggested donation of \$2.00 for sizes 0-6½, \$5.00 for sizes 7 and up. Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards.

DO JUSTICE RETREAT JANUARY 20-21

The Do Justice Retreat is a retreat for Twin Cities churches designed to accompany high school youth and young adults in a journey of discovery, awareness, and action around the realities of hunger, poverty, discrimination, and violence. The purpose is to engage young leaders from different congregations and contexts across the metro in conversation and shared learning while working toward solutions through advocacy and education. People who attend should bring comfy clothes, outdoor clothes, sleeping bag and/or camping pad, and, if you choose, something to share during open mic night. To sign up or for more information, contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser at molsen@htlcmpls.org.

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PARISH EVENTS January 13-19, 2019

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:00 pm	Worship/Fine Arts Committee
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Suppers@Richfield Houlihan's
	5:00 pm	Nurturing Relationships Committee
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Fare For All and the Shoe Bus
	5:30 pm	Choir Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Saturday	8:00 am	Confirmation students depart for Luther Park
	2:00-4:00 pm	Lyle Steinfeldt's birthday celebration at HT

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 13, 2019

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Andrew Johnson	Assisting Minister Martha Mueller
Peter Weiss, Elena Alpizar	Acolytes Louis Kelley, Linden Kung
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer Cliff Brown
Liz Rudrud, Sean Gosiewski	Communion Sue Roberts, Kris Christians
Dianne Mascher, Erin Arifin	Altar Guild Rosemary Foley, Melanie Townsend
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers Molly Davison, Emily Davison, Judy and Troy Davison
Jane and Bob Aldrich	Coffee Servers Sarah Wieben, Sue Roberts
Pam Blomgren, Julie Cahoy	Counters Wayne Vetter, John Sulzbach
	Closer John Sulzbach

Financial Report	January 6	Year to date
Budget Receipts	41,805.98	41,805.98
Opening Doors	67.50	67.50