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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:55 a.m. • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

SWINGING DOORS

“To love is to make of one’s heart a swinging door.”

—Howard Thurman

And so it is that Jesus shows up again, with Lazarus’ death in the rear view and with his own death standing squarely ahead of him in Jerusalem. [I wonder if Mary, Martha, and Lazarus rejoiced at his coming or silently wondered if they could put him up in the nearest hotel. You know there are some guests that stay with you and you don’t even know they are there? Well, Jesus wasn’t one of them.] Whatever their conversation, the siblings landed on welcoming Jesus into their home. After all, he was their friend, and they owed him their lives—quite literally.

When he arrived, they knew he was in trouble. He had that look—big bags under the eyes, creases in his forehead, fingernails that had been bitten down to the quick. Their impulse was to save him from it all, to ask him to stay, to encourage him to stop messing with the empire, to “get in line,” as the kids say. But they knew that he couldn’t be saved or stopped or contained.

And so they cooked a meal. Or I should say Martha did. She pulled out all the stops: a huge charcuterie platter to begin, lamb that was falling off the bone for the main, and fresh fruit for dessert. All night long Mary, Martha, Lazarus, Jesus, Judas, and the other besties they had invited over sat around and told stories—stories about the pranks they played on their parents, stories about the silly things that their rabbis had made them memorize in Hebrew school, stories about times when they had snuck out of the house to be with one another. The stories made them feel lighter.

It was late when Mary pulled out the oil. No one said a word. They knew. They knew the levity in the room couldn’t last, wouldn’t last. They knew that Jesus was headed somewhere they couldn’t go. They knew that all the light and laughter in that home couldn’t save him from the end that often meets those who speak truth to power.

Mary poured the bottle, not a little bit at a time, but all at once. And as she poured the oil, everyone else’s hearts also poured love over their friend. Judas, the church treasurer, started to speak using the logic of the world, but the room gently hushed him. This wasn’t a moment for utilitarianism. This was a moment for abundance. Martha patted Judas lovingly and said, “Without the abundance of the heart, honey, nothing great can happen. Calculating love is not love at all.”[\*]

It was all so intimate. So close. Nestled between life’s fragility and life’s fullness, friends, food, laughter, and oil had become the signs of God’s abiding presence in the world. Those who were there would later reflect that the funny thing was that there were no doctrines penned that evening. No creeds were spoken. The center of that fragrant room rested not in the head, but in the hearts of those who sat near to Jesus.

The whole scene was surprisingly mutual. Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and all the rest were loved by Jesus; they were also fashioned into lovers. They had been unbound again—this time, for the sake of the world, for the sake of the poor. That night—somewhere between death and life, sorrow and joy, hardship and friendship—their hearts had become swinging doors.

\*a paraphrase of theologian Paul Tillich

—Ingrid Rasmussen, Pastor

PALM SUNDAY



READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 19:28b-40

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

APRIL 14 “Holy Week”

Pastor Angela Khabeb

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. The Christian church has been marking this week with special observances since the third century. Today we’ll discuss how Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter fit together. What story does each of these stories tell? When put together, does the story change? Come and be part of the conversation.

APRIL 21 Intergenerational Event in the Bartsch Room

Join others in the Bartsch Room for an intergenerational and interactive storytelling event, featuring HT member Mike Mann.

ANNUAL BWCA TRIP AUGUST 16-19

We are planning this year’s trip from August 16-19. Campers of all ages and experiences are welcome (you will need to be able to carry your gear and help with the group gear). Sign up in the Community Room. Cost is \$150.00 (half due on sign up). Scholarships are available; see Pastor Ingrid. Any questions contact Tom or Julie Cahoy, or John Sulzbach, via email or phone. We look forward to seeing you on the lake this year.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JUNE

We will be creating the May-June worship participant schedule on April 15. Please log in to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account and update your availability for May-June.

ECO-FAITH EVENT TUESDAY, APRIL 16

The Eco-Faith Team of the Minneapolis Area Synod invites you to attend a free “Lutheran Night” event put on by the Freshwater Society. Dr. Dave Montgomery will speak on “Growing an Agricultural Revolution,” Tuesday, April 16. Reception is at 5:30 p.m., lecture begins at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Paul Student Center Theater, 2017 Buford Ave, St Paul. Kathy Hollander, Dennis Ormseth, and Bob Hulteen are part of this team and will see you there! Please register at <https://freshwater.org/moos-family-lecture-series/>.

ONCE UPON A FAMILY: STORYTELLING EVENT ON EASTER SUNDAY

The Children and Family Team is thrilled to present our own professional storyteller Mike Mann for *Once Upon a Family*—an intergenerational and interactive storytelling event at 10 a.m. in the Bartsch Room, to which all children and children at heart are invited. Hot cross buns, coffee, and juice added for an extra special treat!

## PARISH INFORMATION

### RIVER GORGE CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 9:30 A.M.

Over the winter, tons of garbage got trapped in the snow. Now all the snow has melted and we are left with lots of trash—most of which is getting washed down sewer drains and ending up in the river on its way to the ocean. Please join our Creation Care Team on Saturday, April 20, at West River Parkway and E. 44th St. at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate Earth Day and clean up the river gorge and keep the Mississippi bluffs and ocean clean.

### SEEKING EXPERIENCED CHURCH NURSERY CAREGIVERS

Holy Trinity is now accepting applications for Nursery staff to provide care for children on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for occasional weeknight committee meetings, mid-week worship services, and Parents/Kids Night Out events. Compensation is \$15 per hour, with an expectation for staff to be available a minimum of 2-3 Sundays and 1-2 weeknights each month. Contact Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Ann Schrooten at [aschrooten@htlcmpls.org](mailto:aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) for details.

### FILM SHOWING: *THE INDIAN SYSTEM*

A documentary by Sheldon Wolfchild, *The Indian System*, will be shown on Sunday, April 28, following worship (at 12:15 p.m.), in the Bartsch Room. The film portrays the 19th century system that allowed white traders, like Henry Sibley, to defraud Indians of their treaty payments, making the traders rich and leaving the Indians with nothing in exchange for their land. A light lunch will be served. If you have questions, please contact Mike Miller. Sign up in the Community Room.

### CONSIDER BEING A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Would you like to be a sponsor for a HT 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 (612-729-5172).

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### PARISH EVENTS April 14-20, 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
	12:15 pm	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	12:15 pm	Creation Care Team
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Monday	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Supper at Houlihan's
	9 am-12 pm	AARP Tax Aide (last one)
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Executive Council
	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	4:00 pm	Palestine/Israel Group
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir/Cantate Combined
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	8:00 am	Encore!
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
Friday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	5:00 pm	Service of Easter Vigil

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 14, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Andrea Martin	Assisting Minister	Liz Conway	
Peter Weiss, Elena Alpizar	Acolytes	Bea Martin, M.A. Martin	
Don Besser, Ben Martinez	Communion	Laura Bolstad Kathy Hollander	
Dianne Mascher Bev Peschiutta	Altar Guild	Carol Lane, Erin Arifin	
Bob Peschiutta, DeWayne Townsend, Marcea Mariani	Ushers	Molly Davison, Troy Davison Emily Davison, Judy Davison	
David Broberg, Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers	Sharon and Rob Englund	
Annie Hines, Bob Peschiutta	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Lee Kampinen	
	Closer	John Sulzbach	

Financial Report	March 31	Year to date
Budget Requirement	15,253.85	213,553.85
Budget Receipts	17,050.71	228,506.74
Opening Doors	60.37	8,222.33

World Hunger in honor of Dorothy Kelly's 90th birthday by Margaret Peterson  
Special gift in memory of Mary E. Berger and Thomas Berger by Maurice Berger