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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. • EDUCATION: 10:00 a.m. • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

In lieu of the Advent Devotional Booklet, devotions will be featured in the Community Church Newsletter throughout the season.

Psalm 124

The experience that underlies the 124th Psalm is one of great challenge and danger. The people represented by the Psalmist are being attacked by enemies that take many forms—"beasts" that would swallow them up, floods that would sweep them away, torrents of raging waters that would overwhelm them, antagonists that would devour their flesh, fowlers that would ensnare and capture them.

It would not be surprising to me if some of those finding themselves in such dire circumstances would have wondered "what did we do to deserve this?" That would not be unlike what we are prone to do when we think that life is unfair and we are facing situations that are much worse than we think we deserve.

What is striking about the psalmist is the absence of any complaining about being dealt with unfairly: instead there is only gratitude that the worst that could have happened has not happened and that they are being spared from total destruction only because God is with them. From the Psalmist's perspective, it is only God's protective and sustaining power that prevents the people from being given over to the forces that are arrayed against them on all sides.

As we enter the Advent season, before we complain that life is not fair and we are not getting what we deserve—which Oscar Wilde has supposedly said, is probably a good thing—and even before we celebrate another way in which God favors us in the incarnation of Jesus, perhaps we should take a moment to remember, acknowledge, and give thanks for the protective and sustaining power of God that undergirds all of life, that keeps enemies at bay, and breaks the snares that would entrap us in order that we might live in the presence of God's love and mercy whatever our present circumstances may be. For it is the case that our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. AMEN

—Randy A. Nelson, Holy Trinity Member

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

**DECEMBER 1 "Art and Social Justice"
Ricardo Levins Morales**

Ricardo Levins Morales describes himself as a "healer and trickster organizer disguised as an artist." He was born into the anti-colonial movement in his native Puerto Rico and was drawn into activism in Chicago when his family moved there in 1967.

Ricardo left high school early and worked in various industries, and over time began to use his art as part of his activism. This activism has ranged from support work for the Black Panthers and Young Lords to participating in or acting in solidarity with farmers, environmental, labor, racial justice, and peace movements.

Increasingly, Ricardo sees his art and organizing practices as a means to address individual, collective, and historical trauma. He co-leads workshops in trauma and resilience for organizers, as well as trainings on creative organizing, social justice strategy, and sustainable activism. He also mentors and supports young activists.

Ricardo's art has won numerous awards, but the greatest affirmation is the uses to which it has been put by grassroots movements and communities. Ricardo's studio is located just a few blocks away from Holy Trinity on Minnehaha Avenue (next to Peace Coffee).

DECEMBER 8 Led by Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela

Join Pastor Ingrid and Pastor Angela as they team up for today's adult forum.

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TOUR APRIL 18-25, 2020

There are several openings on the Civil Rights Movement tour sponsored by Holy Trinity scheduled for April 18-25, 2020. The cost of \$1,500 includes airfare, all meals, lodging, and ground transportation costs. A deposit of \$500 and information to use in arranging flights are due by January 1, 2020. Anyone interested should contact Randy Nelson (612-729-2952 or rnelson1941@yahoo.com) for information as soon as possible.

****MAKERS & BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DEC. 1****

SHOP FOR HANDMADE BAKED GOODS AND CRAFTS

8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

PARISH INFORMATION

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18

All are invited to partake in the Advent suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. In an effort to support our Lake Street neighbors, we are bringing in food from nearby immigrant-owned businesses. Joy Catering will provide food for the meal on December 4. On December 11, the meal will be provided by Native Food Perspectives, the organization that catered the Johnson Symposium. Signing up in the Community Room is strongly encouraged. \$0-10 sliding-scale donation. There are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings in Advent. *Watching with Wonder* is designed for parents and young children in the Bartsch Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. People of all ages are invited to worship. This year's theme is "Sacred Darkness."

ADULT CHOIRS LEAD WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 8

Hymns, choral anthems, poetry, and scripture combine as we explore the themes of Advent Sunday, December 8. Trinity Singers and the Adult Choir will lead worship at both services as we sing together as a congregation.

VILLAGE FINANCIAL COOPERATIVE

In 2018 Holy Trinity engaged with several community organizations led by people of color, including Village Financial Cooperative (VFC). Their goal is to open a Black led and owned credit union with a variety of financial services for people who live, work, attend school, or worship in Hennepin County. VFC is currently involved in a major reorganization. Holy Trinity Racial Justice members have been in contact with VFC Board members. While we continue to strongly support development of a credit union and financial services, our involvement with VFC will be on hold until the reorganization is complete. Until then, we hold them in our prayers with hope of a stronger organization emerging in the coming year.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas please call the church office at 612-729-8358. Cost is on a sliding scale from \$3-\$25. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

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PARISH EVENTS December 1-7, 2019

Sunday	8:00 am-1:00 pm	Makers and Bakers Youth Fundraiser
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Trinity Village and Godly Play
	9:55 am	OWL Class
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	6:30 pm	Adult Education
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:00 pm	Racial Justice Focus Group
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Children and Family Ministry
	7:00 pm	Racial Justice Focus Group
	2:00 pm	Knitting
	5:30 pm	Advent Supper / 5:30 pm Library Open
	5:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	5:45 pm	<i>Dear Church</i> Book Discussion
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir / 6:30 pm Cantate!
Friday	7:00 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir / 7:45 pm Gloria Ringers Reh.
Saturday	6:30 pm	First Fridays with Friends
	10:00 am	Adult Choirs Rehearse

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
	Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm
	Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Bob Hulteen
Matthew Arifin, Asha Olson	Acolytes	Elena Alpizar, Alyssa Krig	
Andrea Hansen, Andrew Johnson	Communion	Sue Roberts, Juliann Rohn	
Erin Arifin, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Needed	
Bob Peschiutta, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, E. Townsend, D. Townsend, Jeff O. Biebighauser	
Liz and David Rudrud	Coffee Servers	Judi and Lee Kampinen	
Pam Blomgren, Julie Cahoy	Counters	Gary Johnson, Pam Kildahl	
	Closer	John Sulzbach	

Financial Report as of October 31

Budget Requirement	638,034.00
Budget receipts	628,448.05
Opening Doors	65,331.39
CTUL	900.00
World Hunger	3,692.50
Disaster Relief	2,200.00
Sanctuary Supprt	2,818.00