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CHRISTMAS CONTINUES

“The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace... purified seven times.” Psalm 12:6

In January, we celebrate Epiphany. Epiphany commemorates when the wise kings came from afar to pay homage to the Christ child. They brought with them extravagant gifts. By following a star, they arrived at the home where the Holy Family stayed. Matthew tells us that they were “overwhelmed with joy!” And when they entered the house, their knees gave way as they worshiped Jesus. The presence of God, even in the form of a toddler, was greater than their strength to stand!

This time of year, early January, we think about promises. The ubiquitous new year’s resolutions. Promises, promises, promises. There’s nothing wrong with making New Year’s resolutions. It’s just that they quickly evaporate as the calendar turns to February, then March. Fortunately, God’s promises are like a treasure. The Psalmist tells us God’s promises give us something that we can cling to even in the midst of tragedy. When all else seems volatile, God’s promises are firm. Psalm 119:50 reads, “This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.”

God’s word offers us unfathomable treasure because God’s word is Jesus. That means that the same Christ child that the wise men sought is the same Christ that is present in the proclamation of the Good News. This precious priceless gift of Jesus is a treasure for all of us—no matter what we’re going through. God’s promises are pure and will not fail. God says, “I will turn your mourning (read: your depression, your anger, your disappointment, your struggle, your loneliness) into joy, I will comfort you, and I will replace your sorrow with gladness...and you will be satisfied with my abundance. God keeps promises and God’s greatest promise fulfilled is Jesus.”

Even though the Christmas season is over, there is still an awesome miracle in our midst. May we seek the star that hovers over the manger and by extension it illuminates the cross. “Arise shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!” Now that the world around us has returned to business as usual, we are challenged to rise up and shine! The Christ child is born unto us every day and our Epiphany is continuous.

I’d like to share a little poem written by the great theologian Dr. Howard Thurman

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

My dear family, the work of Christmas continues! Rise and Shine!

—Angela Khabeb, Pastor

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

JANUARY 5

“Where Do We Go From Here?”
Doctrine of Discovery Team

Reflections on the 2019 Johnson Symposium and the theme “The Spiritual Price of the Doctrine of Discovery,” led by the Doctrine of Discovery Team.

JANUARY 12 “Moon Palace Books”

Moon Palace is an independent bookstore, right around the corner from Holy Trinity, with a mission far beyond selling books. They host a variety of events for the community, including book clubs, book launches and readings, music, trivia, and more. There’s even a café in the back of the store. Join us to learn more about Moon Palace’s mission, goals, and the role they fill in the neighborhood.

GAME NIGHT WITH NURTURING RELATIONS AND YOUTH CMTE.

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of some fun competition playing favorite games and new games on Saturday, January 11. Come and play from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game snacks to share. Sign up in the Community Room by January 5.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY JANUARY 13-17

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of January 13-17, 2020. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals 1-5 days of the week. Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square on 35th Ave. S. and 50th St. Delivery takes about 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in the Community Room or call Mary Engen (612-716-6338).

ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of volunteers to serve on Altar Guild. Duties include setting the altar for communion before each service, clearing the altar and washing communion cups after each service. Please talk to a pastor or call the office if you are willing to help.

KITCHEN CLEANING AND ORGANIZING, PART 2

The work continues on the kitchen organizing and cleaning project. Volunteers will meet in the kitchen and work from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15. Join us!

PARISH INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 116th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2020 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER FAMILY RETREAT FEB. 14-16

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal and family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 14, to Sunday, February 16. Watch for more information coming in January.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT JANUARY 18-20

Confirmands in grades 6-8 travel to Luther Park near Danbury, Wisconsin, for a weekend of fellowship, study, and outdoor winter fun.

"CONFRONTING ISLAMOPHOBIA" SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

"Confronting Islamophobia" is a presentation for Holy Trinity members and neighbors on Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The presentation will help us better understand the rich faith and culture of Islam, identify ways Islam is impacted by both intentional and unconscious bias, and suggest ways to honor this faith at work and in our organizations. Speakers are Jaylani Hussein and Safiya Hashi. Sign up in the Community Room.

TRINITY VILLAGE EPIPHANY PARTY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Trinity Villagers and their parents will make the journey with the Magi and place their gifts at the foot of the manger. Star-gazing trivia, King's Cake, Epiphany songs, and games for all. Meet in the Bartsch Room at 9:55 a.m. Godly Play meets in their regular classroom on the 2nd floor with a special Epiphany party of their own!

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PARISH EVENTS January 5-11, 2020

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am	Epiphany Party for Trinity Village Families
	9:55 am	Godly Play / OWL Class
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	12:15 pm	First Sunday Musings
	12:15 pm	Confirmation
Monday	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	10:30 am	Doctrine of Discovery
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Adult Education Committee
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Personnel Committee
	7:00 pm	Youth/Children & Family (offsite)
	7:15 pm	Civil Rights Group
	5:30-7:30 pm	Library Open
	5:30 pm	Choir Families Supper
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
Thursday	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	6:00 pm	Nurturing Relations Committee
Saturday	7:00-9:00 pm	Game Night

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JANUARY 5, 2020

8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Andrew R. K. Johnson	Assisting Minister	Lynda Nordholm	
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	David Krig	
Matthew Arifin, Peter Schroeder	Acolytes	Elena Alpizar, Alyssa Krig	
Don Besser, Tom Kleven	Communion	Kris Christians, Mike Mann	
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Needed	
Bob Peschiutta, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Lee Kampinen, Kathy Ohler, Rod Johnson	
Turid and Dennis Ormseth	Coffee Servers	Betty and Dick Pittelkow	
Donna Heyer, Chris Engen	Counters	Deb Helmel, John Sulzbach	
	Closer	Vicki Mann	