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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 am • Jay Carlson, Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
The time has come for immigration reform in the United States. Yes, the issues are complex and not easily resolved. It is understandable that people are wary of engaging this politically and emotionally charged issue.

Yet it would be tragic if we withdrew as people of faith and our voices fell silent. We have an opportunity for evangelical witness to our faith in God who is present in the stranger and calls us to extend hospitality. "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7 NRSV).

Because God mercifully extends gracious hospitality in restoring us to community, we have a clear calling. That call is heard in God's command to the people of Israel, "You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ... Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house" (Deuteronomy 10:19; 26:11).

Most, but not all, Lutherans in the United States are the descendants of immigrants or are recent immigrants. Others are descendants of slaves brought to this country or people who lived here before the arrival of the first Europeans and Africans. Our personal histories and faith stories are of an immigrant people moving in search of freedom, opportunity and safety.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is being renewed by the faith and witness of new and recent immigrants. This year 23 of 41 new ELCA ministry starts will be in immigrant communities, and more than 100 African national ministries have begun in the past three years.

We cannot welcome people into the ELCA, however, without caring about their lives, their concerns and their experiences as newcomers in this country. For that reason the ELCA repeatedly has affirmed the biblical witness and our shared experience, culminating in an affirmation by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly "that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) are committed to work toward comprehensive [immigration] reform that balances respect for the law with the recognition of due process and respect for humanitarian principles." Stating that "the nation's immigration system is broken, and Congress and the administration must work together to find a just and humane solution while assuring orderly migration," LIRS identifies four foundational values for immigration reform: keeping families together, maintaining basic human and worker rights, helping our new neighbors come out of the shadows, seeking a path to permanence for our new neighbors

The concluding words of the Message on Immigration (1998) remind us "that all of us in the Church of Jesus Christ are sojourners, 'For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come' (Hebrews 13:14). As we journey together through the time God has given us, may God give us the grace of a welcoming heart and an overflowing love for the new neighbors among us."

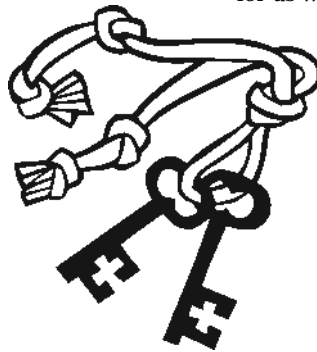
In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson,
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight.

This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all of the wonderful things God is doing.



LESSONS

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
Psalm 71:1-6

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

9:55 am — In the library

August 22 "Jesus as seen from the perspective of theologies of liberation"

—Mary Solberg, Prof. at Gustavus Adolphus College

Liberation theologians begin by recognizing injustice in the world and committing themselves to transformation. They claim Jesus Christ as "Liberator," engaged in both his own historical context and ours, leading, inspiring, and enabling those who have been marginalized to act "toward" the Reign of God: not just a new heaven, but also a new earth. What does "liberation" mean to liberation theologians and their communities of accountability, and what does it mean to us? How and whom does Jesus "liberate"? Do we need "saving" or do we need "liberating" or do we need either one? Dr. Solberg will bring some liberation theological voices along and help us reflect together about these questions.

August 29 "A Journey of Grief, Gratitude and Grace"

---Ruth Halvorson

How we deal with death and loss is complex and very individual. There are no road maps. How we respond to loss and grief is a path that is created as we travel. Ruth will share her experience of the dying process and of the ongoing healing process.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTATE!

Does your child love to sing? Children in grades 1 through 8 are invited to sing with the Holy Trinity Children's Choir (Grades 1-5) and Cantate! (Grades 6-10). Ann Schrooten will be scheduling times on Sunday, August 29, from 9:45 to 10:45 AM and Sunday, September 5, from 11:00 to 11:30, to meet individually with new singers and their parents. Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, September 8. Children's Choir meets each Wednesday from 6:00-6:40 PM and Cantate! meets on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:25 PM. Please call the church office if your child is interested in joining. We'd love to have you!

RAIN GARDEN FACT

What makes a rain garden different from any other garden? A rain garden is bowl or saucer shaped, not mounded or flat like other gardens. It is not just a pretty garden; it is designed with deep, loose soil, specifically to collect and absorb rain that would otherwise run off your property, and/or to solve wet spot problems where water is already collecting.

PARISH INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for Meals on Wheels the week of Aug. 30- September 3. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square, 35th Ave. and 50th St. at 11:10 a.m. Meal delivery takes about one hour. Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office

HOLY TRINITY DAY AT THE MIDTOWN FARMERS' MARKET—AUGUST 21

Holy Trinity will be featured at Midtown Farmers' Market on Saturday, August 21, 8 am -1 pm. Come one and all to the best farmers' market and be seen wearing your Holy Trinity t-shirt. We need volunteers at the Holy Trinity table. Please call the church office or sign up in the Community Room if you are able to help.

"KITCHEN CONNECTION-BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COOKING AND CONVERSATION"

We invite you to cook alongside leaders and participants of La Conexión on Saturday, August 21st from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. Kitchen Connection was created on the belief that cooking and eating together are great ways to build relationships across language, culture, and social class. This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to get a cooking lesson and more importantly, foster relationships with members of your community. For more information on Kitchen Connection, go to www.laconexionmn.org/typical_kitchen_day.aspx. Sign up on the Community Room table or call the church office (612-729-8358).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

Please join us for one worship service at 10:00 am on Sunday, Sept. 5, followed by the Adult Forum. *Invitation to gardeners* - Help us adorn the front of the sanctuary on that day with bouquets from your garden!

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD: A PROCESS-RELATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Anyone interested in participating in a conversation anticipating the presence of Marcus Borg at Holy Trinity in November, is invited to Prince of Peace Luth. Church, Victoria Ave & Co. Rd. B in Roseville on September 25. At 10 am, Holy Trinity member and Luther Seminary Professor Emeritus Dr. Randy Nelson will lead a conversation on *God's Epiphany in the Man from Nazareth: A Conversation with Marcus Borg's Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*. At 1:00 PM Dr. Ann Pederson, Professor of Religion at Augustana College/Sioux Falls will lead a discussion on *God's Epiphany in the Geography of Incarnation: Reading the Map of God and the world today*. For more information please contact: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, (651) 484-4144.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR FALL SESSION

With the arrival of August comes the preparation for another year of Sunday church school. As always, we are in need of teachers. The year is divided into three sessions: Pentecost (fall); Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (winter); and Lent, Easter (spring). All teaching materials are provided. The sign-up sheet is on the center table in the Community Room. Please consider volunteering for this important work.

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PARISH EVENTS August 22- August 29 2010

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| Sunday | 8:45, 11 am | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:55 am | Adult Forum |
| | 2:00 pm | Swahili Service |
| Monday | 7:00 pm | Church Council meeting |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Lectionary Text Study |
| Thursday | 9-11:00 am | Opportunity sale pricing |

Rain Garden in memory of *David Lindell* by Nan Madich, Pat /Alan Libra, and Ron/Margaret Peterson. In memory of mother, *Ivah Wilson*, by Carole Schneiders.

World Hunger in Memory of *David Lindell* by Birgit Birkeland, Dennis/ Lynda Nordholm, Mary Ellen Olson, Edward/ Anne Sovik, and Robert Anderson. *To be continued.....*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS August 22, 2010

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| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM | |
| Jay Carlson | Preacher | Jay Carlson | |
| Jim Hartsoe | Celebrant | Gary Sartain | |
| Jeff Weiss | Crucifer | Bob Hulteen | |
| | Cantor | Pam Kildahl | |
| Gunnar Rudrud | Acolytes | Will Kelley, Sam Kelley | |
| Liz Rudrud | Liturgist | Wayne Vetter | |
| Sally/David Kohlstedt | Communion | Tom Kleven, Sue Roberts | |
| Bob Peschitta, Paul Krumrei, DeWayne Townsend | Ushers | Ron Peterson, Deb Sodt, Alan Libra, Megan Libra | |
| Carol/David Berg | Altar Guild | Linda Gawthrop, Rosemary Foley | |
| Kerry Bosu | Nursery | Stephanie Oyen/Stephen Kung, Kerry Bosu | |
| Margaret Carlson | Coffee Servers | Rob/Sharon Englund, Peggy Nevers | |
| Dennis Nordholm, Chris Engen | Counters | Gary Johnson, Anna Cunningham | |
| | Closer | Cliff Brown | |

VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY

The English Learning Center is an Adult Basic Education school for immigrants and refugees located at 2315 Chicago Ave S. Ever wonder what it would be like to lead a classroom? Volunteer once a week Monday-Thursday either in our computer lab or English. Computer lab is open from 8:15am-9:15am and English runs from 9:30am-11:45am. Training is provided. For more info or to apply, contact Yer Lee, Volunteer Coordinator at 612-874-9963 x 2 or e-mail yer@englishlc.org.

| Financial Report | August 15 | Year to Date |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Budget Requirements | 11,076.92 | 365,538.46 |
| Budget Receipts | 6,661.65 | 342,362.18 |
| World Hunger | 480.00 | 2,610.02 |
| Central American Fund | -. | 60.00 |
| Capital Improvements | -. | 40.00 |
| Rain Garden (current year) | 535.00 | 28,720.37 |
| <i>total donations to Rain Garden</i> | | <i>37,730.46</i> |
| African Pastor's endowment | 50.00 | 475.00 |
| Youth Opportunity Fund | -. | 952.00 |

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