



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FROM BISHOP ANN SVENNUNGENSEN

In Response to the Verdict in the Trial of Derek Chauvin

As George Floyd passed to the next life, he cried, "I can't breathe." After the verdict was declared against Derek Chauvin, Philonise Floyd said, "I can finally breathe."

The words of two brothers embody the Resurrection promise that death does not have the final word.

From Easter, we move into Pentecost, where the breath of God breathes new life into the community of faith. That Pentecost community sought to live with justice, to live in Jubilee relationships.

George Floyd's life cannot be brought back because of a verdict. The pain of his death—amplified by the number of times family and friends and the entire world viewed it—still stings.

That sting will be the final word if we let his death be in vain. But, if we rise to the occasion, if we remember and are spurred by the 9 minutes and 29 seconds to bring Jubilee at this moment, we honor George Floyd's life.

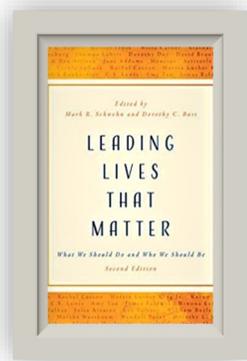
If we partner with God to create a future of justice—a future where George Floyd's daughter experiences the abundance of new life promised to all the children of God—we will live into the vision of the beloved community given at Pentecost.

We long for a future where all can breathe.



LEADING LIVES THAT MATTER CONVERSATION GROUP

This book is a recommended read from the Collegeville Institute, especially for members of those churches involved in the Communities of Calling Initiative. Participants will meet in small groups of 4-6 beginning in June. If you have been discerning a change of direction in your life or simply wanting to pay more attention to the wisdom of the Spirit, this experience is for you. You will be inspired by great authors and poets, as well as the insights of fellow participants. One selection will be chosen for each session. Books will be provided to those who wish to have their own copy, but you don't need the book to participate. Please email Ann Schrooten (aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) if you are interested.



HOLY TRINITY'S NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE

Holy Trinity's website has been redesigned. Thanks to our website designer Tim Beaufoy and copywriter Brittany Kallman Arneson, with lots of help from Pam Wetterlund, the new website is live. Check it out! www.htlcmpls.org

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READINGS

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

ADULT FORUM

Login at zoom.us or call 312-626-6799 or click [here](#)
Meeting ID: 858 5687 1594 / Password: 317879

To view a recording of the forum from April 25, click [here](#).

SUNDAYS, 9:30 A.M.

MAY 2

Exodus Lending

Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer, Executive Director

Sara will present an update of Exodus Lending. Exodus Lending helps get Minnesotans out of payday loan debt and back on track financially by enrolling and supporting them in a 0% interest refinance program, lending up to \$1,500 to qualified participants.

MAY 9

"After the Verdict: A Time for Reflection"

An unstructured time to share thoughts and feelings on the Chauvin trial and verdict.

THREE-YEAR TERM CALL EXTENSION FOR REV. DOUG MORK

In May of 2020, Holy Trinity issued a one-year Associate Pastor term call to Rev. Doug Mork. The ELCA constitution enables that call to be extended by the Council. Pastor Doug has requested the extension and the HTLC personnel committee and church council have voted to approve this extension. Bishop Svennungsen has indicated that she supports a three-year extension of the call.

From Pastor Mork: *While my role has been rather different than anticipated, due both to Covid and the uprising, I have worked to join the staff team and pitch in where needed for these unusual times. I am grateful for the many intersections between my two callings, my work as Executive Director of the Building Dignity Council and my call as Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity. In the years ahead, I am looking forward to actually getting to know people face to face!*

SWAHILI WORDS FOR TODAY

Another quarantine opportunity: Learn some Swahili words! Pastor Andrea will teach us some common Swahili words and phrases. Today we count.

- One (1): **Moja**
- Two (2): **mbili**
- Three (3): **tatu**
- Four (4): **nne**

PARISH INFORMATION

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY MAY 10-14

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of May 10-14. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals either 1 day or up to 5 days. Pick up meals at Nokomis Square Cooperative, 50th St. and 35th Ave. S. at 11:15 a.m. Meal delivery takes about 1 ½ hours. If you have not delivered before, you could train with Mary Engen (in COVID you could follow her in your car). To volunteer, contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com /612-716-6338.)

SOUTH MPLS MEALS ON WHEELS JOB OPENING

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is seeking an Assistant Coordinator, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / \$15 per hour. For more information, contact Tom Overton (612-827-4237) or Mary Engen (612-716-6338).

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

View the worship service from Sunday, April 25, [here](#).

CONCERNING PEOPLE

Beloved member **Marge Torgerson** died on March 30, 2020, at the age of 93. Marge's family has decided to hold a funeral service on Saturday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held on Zoom. All members of Holy Trinity are warmly invited to join as we carry Marge on the final leg of her baptismal journey. The Zoom link was sent with the worship email on Saturday. Contact the office if you need the link re-sent.

We welcome new members **Earl and Bunny Anderson; Grace (Corbin) Harrison; Caren Hiatt;** and **Tom and Kathy Skold** into this community of faith.

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY

Earth Day was last Thursday, April 22, but it's not too late to take action for clean air, water, soil, and climate for the sake of all God's creatures.

This week, the Caring for Creation Team invites you to watch one or more of the following videos highlighting the role of sustainable agriculture in combating climate change:

- [The Soil Story with Pashon Murray](#): A short, family-friendly video using simple graphics to explain how gardening and regenerative agriculture can help pull carbon out of the air. (YouTube, 3 minutes)
- [Kiss the Ground](#): A new film explaining how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. (Netflix, 45 minutes)
- [Hope in a Changing Climate](#): This BBC World documentary reveals success stories from Ethiopia, Rwanda, and China, which prove that bringing large areas back from environmental ruin is possible, and key to stabilizing the earth's climate, eradicating poverty and making sustainable agriculture a reality. (YouTube, 30 minutes)

As April draws to a close, we ask you to show your Caring for Creation year-round:

- Reduce your electrical demand by converting all bulbs to LED bulbs now. LED bulbs use ¼ of the energy of incandescents, and about ½ the energy of fluorescents. E-mail 10000LEDbulb@gmail.com to participate in HTLC's 10,000 LED Light Bulb Campaign!
- Reduce food waste, and compost whatever waste you do generate. Over 51% of the trash going to landfills is compostable, including food scraps, paper, yard trimmings, and wood.
- Eat more plant-based foods. The scientists at [Project Draw-down](#) have found that plant-rich diets reduce carbon emissions as much as 70%.
- Buy local foods: Purchasing from local sources supports farmers and food producers in Minnesota and neighboring states, and reduces the impact of food transportation. Ask questions about where and how your food was grown!

Holy Trinity will look forward to considering holding in-person events—including worship—once the COVID vaccination rate (column A) in Hennepin County reaches 50-69%. Once this threshold has been met, then we will look at columns B and C. Once B and C are consistently low enough, we will start planning for a return to some in-person events.

Date	Column A Vaccination rate*	Column B Cases/100,000 population	Column C Test positivity rate (weekly rolling average)
Threshold/goal	>50-69%	<5-10/100,000	<10%
As of 3/26/21	~13%	21.8	3-<5%
As of 4/8/21	22.6%	32.3	5-<7%
As of 4/21	31.5%	30.8	5-<7%

- percentage of Hennepin County residents (all ages) who have been fully vaccinated