



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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MOSAICS ON DISPLAY AT HOLY TRINITY

In 2019, the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly commissioned three beautiful mosaic panels from the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis and they are currently lending the panels out to their member churches. Holy Trinity was able to get on the lending list for August, just in time for our sanctuary reopening! We hope you'll take a minute to enjoy these beautiful mosaics if you're able to get into the sanctuary in August. The artists' statement is below.

These three panels were created by the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts. "Semilla" means "seed" in Spanish, and the center works to plant seeds of hope by teaching and creating public art that can help make the community healthier, safer, and more beautiful.

The panel "Feed the World" is our call to end world hunger. The images reflect the Three Sisters that native peoples planted together: corn, beans, and squash. It is a planting that naturally calls to cooperation. As in nature, we are all one; we are all in this world together.

The panel "Love the Earth" shows native flowers of Minnesota, which attract pollinators needed for life: butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Under the earth, you can see a different kind of pollinator: bugs and animals that help create the soil that nourishes all of us.

The middle panel was done by attendees of the assembly, under the direction of Pastor Luisa Cabello Hansel, Artistic Director of Semilla and co-pastor at St. Paul's. It shows the unity of the church with our Creator, the creation, and one another.

For more information on the ministry of the Semilla Center, visit www.semillacenter.org.

Caution: the glass pieces are very sharp and fragile. Please keep children and adults from touching them. Thank you!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR SERVICES

Have you longed to be an usher? Are you envious of members who get to close up the building after worship on Sundays? Or maybe you've dreamed of being a crucifer or serving on the altar guild. Holy Trinity has a number of opportunities for volunteers who would like to take on roles as worship assistants. Please contact Pam or Sue in the office for further information or to volunteer.

View the worship service from Sunday, August 1, [here](#).

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 3:1-8;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

ADULT FORUM

10:00 A.M. IN THE BARTSCH ROOM

View the Adult Forum from August 1 [here](#).

Beginning Sunday, August 1, Holy Trinity Adult Forums will feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentation will also be available on Zoom for those unable to be attend. ID and password remain the same: ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

AUGUST 8 "Caring for Creation" **Barbara Rossing, Professor at Luther Seminary**

The Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. She loves to teach and preach about the Bible, including the Bible's role in public life.

An avid environmentalist, Rossing is involved with environmental initiatives at the seminary. Rossing received the bachelor of arts degree from Carleton College, the master of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Harvard University.

AUGUST 15 "Rebuilding with Dignity and Respect" **Pastor Doug Mork**

Pastor Doug Mork and a member of the CTUL construction organizing team will present an update on the campaign to build a Worker-driven Social Responsibility (WSR) model for non-union construction in the Twin Cities. They will talk about the growing problems of wage theft, misclassification, safety violations and even labor trafficking in construction and the creative solutions being pursued by workers in Minneapolis, both through CTUL and the Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council (BDC) and by other allies and partners.

NEW VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS HOLY TRINITY

Mission Investment Fund (MIF) assisted Holy Trinity with funding in 2016 when we undertook a remodel of the building's east entrance and office areas. They recently created a [video](#) profiling the church as one of their partners. As part of the video, they highlighted the roles Holy Trinity took on after George Floyd's murder and the subsequent unrest.

P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 24-25

The Nurturing Committee presents Holy Trinity's Fall Retreat at St. John's Guesthouse in Collegetown with [Rev. Dr. Ron Bell](#). Dr. Bell is the senior pastor of Camphor Memorial UMC. We will engage his newest book, *The Four Promises: A Journey of Healing Past and Present Trauma*. We all have experienced varying degrees of trauma this past year. This will be a time of renewal and enlightenment. (Each participant will receive a copy of the book). More details coming soon. Single and double rooms available.

FILM SHOWING AND DISCUSSION WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

The Palestine/Israel Working group will be showing the 45-minute film "The Occupation of the American Mind" on Wednesday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room at Holy Trinity. There will be a discussion following the film. Participants need to wear masks (they will be provided if you forget one). Please join us and RSVP to the church office (612-729-8358) or to Mary Engen at engenmary@yahoo.com.

ADULT CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSALS SEPTEMBER 8

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 8, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Trinity Singers and Adult Choir will be combined. To provide a safe singing experience, face masks will be required for singing activities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION BEGIN IN-PERSON

We will kick off on-site activities for children and youth on Sunday, September 12. In preparation, we are hoping to gather some information from everyone. All families hoping to have young ones join faith formation activities are encouraged to fill out both the [Student Information Form](#) and the [Adult Information Form](#). Every person, even those without participating children/youth, are invited to consider filling out the [Adult Information Form](#). Contact Deacon David (612-729-8358 ext. 19 or drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org) with questions.

COVID-19 AND HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity recently revised some of our COVID-19 restrictions and resumed in-person worship in the sanctuary on August 1. This was possible because the COVID case (Column B) and test positivity (Column C) rates among Hennepin County residents had consistently improved over the summer. Unfortunately, those hopeful trends have reversed somewhat in recent weeks. The percentage of people living in Hennepin County who are fully vaccinated has gone up very little. The number of people diagnosed with COVID-19 and the percentage of laboratory tests that are positive have increased. Although all of these are still below our "caution threshold" ranges, we will continue to monitor the situation and keep abreast of public health recommendations for controlling the spread of the virus.

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 5/27/21	52.9%	7.7	3-<5%
As of 6/24/21	59.6%	2.4	<2%
As of 7/29/21	61.5%	8.0	2-<3%

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

VOTING COMMUNITY MEETING AUGUST 5, 6:00 P.M.

African Career, Education and Resource (ACER) is hosting a Voting Community Meeting on Thursday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. To register, click [here](#). The panel includes:

- Steve Simon, Secretary of State: Knowing your rights, secure/fair elections, voting access
- Devin Montero, Brooklyn Park City Clerk: Voting in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Park Mayoral Election
- Paul Huffman, League of Women Voters of MN: Redistricting

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY AUGUST 16-20

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels August 16-20. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals for 1-5 days that week. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Square Cooperatives (35th Ave. S. and 50th St. E.) at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes about 1 ½ hours. If you have not delivered before, you can follow an experienced driver for one day and then take a solo route another day. To volunteer, contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com or 612-716-6338).

YOUTH CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSALS SEPTEMBER 15

Children's Choir (grades 1-4) will rehearse outdoors (weather permitting on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. *Cantate!* Youth Ensemble (grades 5-8) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. (mostly outdoors, weather permitting). To provide a safe singing experience, face masks are required for singing activities. If you're interested in joining the choir for the first time, contact Ann Schrooten (612-309-9583 or aschrooten@htlcmpls.org).

PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 8-14

Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Adult Forum (Bartsch Room)
	11:00 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 pm	Big Meeting Night (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Palestine-Israel Film Showing

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST 8, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	David Rojas Martinez
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	Jeff Biebighauser
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Mollie Varpness
Steve Murray, More Needed	Ushers	Steve Murray, More Needed
Annie Hines, Needed	Counters	Pam Kildahl, Needed
	Closer	Jennifer Frenzel