



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## REPORT FROM CLIMATE GRIEF WORKSHOP

The start of the international climate summit in Glasgow triggers a whole range of emotions for many of us. To this end, our Caring for Creation group, with assistance from MN Interfaith Power and Light, recently hosted a Climate Grief Workshop. (Participants were masked and vaccinated.) The large windows of the Danish American Center’s atrium brought the brilliant colors of fall into our healing space.

The workshop content was based on the teachings and self-compassion of Johanna Macy, interwoven with other insights. It was led by Kaia Svien and Jean Haley, who have both journeyed with grief much of their lives. They didn’t promise to fix or end our grief, but gave us ways to acknowledge it in order to live more effectively. They reminded us we live in a grief-denying, trauma shaped culture that stresses individualism when we need community. **The world loses when we deaden our hearts and minds, so we were guided to honor grief and grievers, for we grieve for what we deeply love.**

We started with gratitude for the wondrous creation of the earth, all creatures thereof, and for our community. Specific exercises had us sharing with one other person what we most loved about being alive on Earth and what we grieve, and then later jointly articulating our sadness, fear, anger, and sense of emptiness in the face of massive climate change and species destruction.

It was unique and healing to confidentially lament our grief out loud, if only briefly, to another person.

Our facilitators drew our attention to society’s constant pull to be separate instead of united in community. Johanna Macy teaches that consciously disrupting this *separation framing* and focusing instead on interconnection with others (*unity consciousness*) is critical now. Creation care, like other major social problems, requires us to recognize and develop solutions as part of a world-wide community.

Wellness also requires self-care, and we were reminded of gentle heartfelt self-touch in this era of COVID, and self-affirming language. Advocates can vary their work among the three possible approaches (resistance actions, promoting solutions, and/or shifting consciousness). Paying attention to our media consumption is also a wellness strategy, as is immersing ourselves in nature and in the arts.

It was a worthwhile workshop.

—Kathy Hollander, Holy Trinity Member

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



### READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;  
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

### ADULT FORUM

*Holy Trinity Adult Forums now feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations will also be available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.*

*ID and password remain the same:  
ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.*

**November 7 “Celebrating the Lives of Our Saints”**  
Today we will remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. We invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your lives and display them in the Bartsch Room during the adult forum hour. There will be an opportunity to share stories about loved ones.

**November 14 “New Member Welcome”**  
We will receive new members during both services on Sunday, November 14. Please come to a welcome event in the Bartsch Room on the first floor beginning at 9:55 a.m. where will get to know our new members better and welcome them to the Holy Trinity community.

**View last Sunday’s livestreamed worship service [here](#).**

### SUMMARY FROM HTLC OCTOBER 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Applications for the music staff vacancy are being received with interviews beginning the week of October 18.

#### Committee reports highlights

- Racial Justice is actively looking into the issue of reparations.
- Care of Creation anticipates completion of solar panel project by end of October; watch for LED campaign updates; has offered to supply refugee family apartments with LED lighting.
- HTLC will be supporting refugee resettlement. Watch for updated information.
- Request for the purchase of large-capacity HEPA filter units for HTLC gathering spaces has been forwarded to the SOIF: Our Shared Home working group for consideration.

**Closing Question:** What have you read, seen, or heard lately (books, articles, movies, TV shows, podcasts, etc.) that has left you feeling it will be ok?

# PARISH INFORMATION

## CHOIR PRACTICE UPDATES — WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in Community Room  
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Earlier start due to 5:57 p.m. sunset)  
6:45 p.m. Cantate! Rehearsal in Community Room

## THE CALL TO SING AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *A Conversation with Ann Schrooten*

Music can deepen and broaden our experience of joy and grief. In this podcast, Ann speaks about her calling to serve through music and how that vocation transformed during the pandemic and following George Floyd's murder near her church in Minneapolis. She describes how the cries for justice in her community led her to ask a new question about leading music in her church. Click [here](#) to listen to the conversation.

## SEEKING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Please consider volunteering to serve in a ministry role at worship services. Contact Pam in the office or talk to a pastor for more information on how you can serve your church in these important ministries.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

## LIVESTREAM 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

Because of our deepened commitments to accessibility justice, a live-stream of the 11:00 a.m. service is available online every Sunday. This is a great option for people who are not ready for in-person gatherings or who are unable to travel to the church building. Click the following link at 10:55 a.m. every Sunday to livestream the service from your PC: <https://vimeo.com/event/1341305>.

## GOING DEEP AND WIDE WITH RACIAL JUSTICE

January 22 and 23, 2022

Holy Trinity members are invited to a retreat in January to deepen our individual and communal commitments to anti-racism and broaden the circle of those championing anti-racism at Holy Trinity. This facilitated gathering will also sharpen our skills critical to justice work together and strengthen relationships to mutually support justice initiatives currently underway. The retreat will be held at Holy Trinity Saturday, January 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 23, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. COVID safety measures will be practiced. Meals and snacks will be provided. Open to all members. If you are interested in attending, please complete the questionnaire you'll find at <https://tinyurl.com/HTLCRetreat> by December 1 as attendance is limited. If you have any questions or have trouble accessing or filling out the questionnaire, please contact Jess Daniel Hart ([jess.a.daniel@gmail.com](mailto:jess.a.daniel@gmail.com)) or Ryana Holt ([ryanadh93@gmail.com](mailto:ryanadh93@gmail.com)).

## NOMINATE A LEADER TO SERVE ON THE HTLC COUNCIL

This year's Nominating Committee will soon start to discern a slate of new Council members. If you would like to nominate a leader to serve on the Church Council, please send their name and a brief description of their leadership skills to Nominating Committee chair, Tom Cahoy ([jtcahoy@gmail.com](mailto:jtcahoy@gmail.com)).

## COVID UPDATE

Here is the most recent COVID information for Hennepin County. Vaccination rates are slowly improving. That likely will continue if people age 5-11 start getting vaccinated soon, as we expect. The number of cases remains high, but it has been leveling off or going down in the last 6 weeks. Nearly all of Minnesota - including Hennepin County - is still considered to be at high risk for community spread of the virus. CDC predicts that the number of cases in Hennepin County will continue to decrease in the coming weeks. The COVID team has started to also keep track of some information about COVID in people under age 15; the number of cases in kids increased after school started this Fall but are now level or decreasing slightly. The number of schools in Hennepin County with at least 5 cases reported in students or staff has been relatively stable for the last month.

Date	Column A Vaccination rate*	Column B New cases/100,000 population	Column C Test positivity rate (weekly rolling average)
<b>Threshold/goal</b>	<b>&gt;50-69%</b>	<b>&lt;5-10/100,000</b>	<b>&lt;5-10%</b>
As of 7/29/21	61.5%	8.0	2.3%
As of 8/27/21	63.0%	24.3	4.8%
As of 9/15/21	63.9%	32.3	5.1%
As of 9/30/21	64.1%	25.9	4.8%
As of 10/28/21	67.0%	29.1	5.4%

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

**PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 7-13**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	5:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:45 PM	Cantate! Rehearsal