



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE IN LITURGY & PRAYERS

Responding to Holy Trinity’s members’ consistent requests for more expansive images in Sunday morning worship and to the congregation’s goal to grow in competency and commitment to issues of gender and sexuality, in late 2018, Pastor Ingrid formed a team of 15 church leaders (including Pastor Angela and David Sims) from 9 faith communities to commission a new expansive language liturgy. The group was inspired by the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color, and the 10th anniversary of the ordination LGBTQIA+ leaders in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as the ELCA’s newly published social statement entitled *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action*.

After having spent time with the voices of feminist, womanist, and musierista theologians and musicians, and having been awarded a Ministry Imagination Grant from the Minneapolis Area synod, the team then contracted with two writers—namely Tamika Jancewicz, a Black Lutheran pastor from Maryland and Emilie Casey, a Queer pastor who serves as the Director of Chapel Ministries at Yale. The contracting of these writers took place just weeks after Minneapolis witnessed the brutal murder of George Floyd. Given these circumstances, the commissioners felt called to create an expansive language liturgy not only relating to gender and sexuality, but also to race and culture. They were pleased that these two writers, with very different social locations, graciously agreed to work together to create something that would bring a richness and depth that could not be achieved by one individual working in isolation.

After receiving the first draft of their work, the team then searched for a musician and found Anne Krentz Organ, who serves as the Director of Music Ministries at St. Luke’s Lutheran church in Park Ridge, Illinois. Her approach to worship is grounded in the understanding that “a number of individuals come together on a particular occasion from a variety of places, with wide ranging gifts, at various disparate points on their faith journeys. As the group inhales together and begins singing, the Holy Spirit breathes life through the community . The collective act of singing allows for and encourages participation by all... Each voice matters. Each voice is valued, not for its vocal quality but for the person it represents.”

For the past several months, Pastor Tamika Jancewicz, Pastor Emilie Casey, and Anne Krentz Organ have been shaping a liturgy entitled *Sighs Too Deep for Words* (Romans 8:26). This resource gives special attention to women’s experiences in scripture and in everyday life, *(cont. in next column)*

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93;
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



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.

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ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.*

November 21 “The State of Our Political Life” Dan Hofrenning, Faculty at St. Olaf College

Hofrenning’s teaching focuses on American politics including campaigns and elections, environmental politics, and the intersection of religion and politics. As a scholar, he has written a book and numerous articles about a range of topics including religion, campaigns, lobbying, and issues of pedagogy.

Professor Hofrenning was born in New York and grew up in Minnesota. After studying at a seminary, he did his graduate work in political science and public policy at Duke University and the University of Minnesota.

November 28 “Introduction to the Season of Advent” Worship and Fine Arts Committee

Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

(Expansive Liturgy, cont.) and it invites embodied prayer. This is a liturgy rooted in scriptural accounts of the breaths, sighs, groans, and shouts of God, humanity, and all creation. The writers have aimed to craft language and music that is not only theologically rigorous and aesthetically beautiful, but also clear, adaptable, and singable. May we pray and sing without knowing exactly what to say, for it is when “we do not know how to pray as we ought” that the “Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”

In addition, Pastor Ingrid received a small grant from Duke University to commission 85 writers from around the country to pen 189 new prayers of the day to accompany the Revised Common Lectionary (read: the readings we use in worship).

We expect to pilot the liturgy and prayers in worship at Holy Trinity in 2022.

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE UPDATES

November 17

1:30 p.m. **Adult Choir**: Rehearse in Community Room

6:45 p.m. **Cantate!** Rehearse in Community Room

7:30 p.m. **Adult Choir/Trinity Singers** Rehearse in Community Room

Children's Choir is on pause until January

November 21

Pop-Up Choir during 11:00 a.m. worship service; rehearse in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

November 24

No choir rehearsals

INVITATION TO BONFIRE SOCIAL EVENT NOVEMBER 19

Laura Bolstad Grafstrom, Kelsey Porter, and the 20s, 30s, 40s group invite you to Kelsey's house for a bonfire on Friday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. They'll have cider and supplies for s'mores; feel free to BYOB. The weather may be chilly, but the company will be warm and welcoming—they'd love to see you there! RSVP to laurabolstad1@gmail.com.

WALK TO END HUNGER

This November South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels is participating in the Walk to End Hunger as their main fundraiser. South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels of which Holy Trinity is a participating member, delivers hot meals to seniors and people with disabilities five days per week. Holy Trinity members Julie Cahoy and Mary Engen will be participating as walkers. A donation to SMMOW through the Walk to End Hunger can be made through <https://event.walktoendhunger.org/event/walktoendhunger/team/887905>. You can click on donate through an individual walker or the team. Donations are being matched by Metro Meals on Wheels.

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Minneapolis Area Synod has created a worship service featuring Archbishop Musa Filibus as the preacher. This worship service is part of the Tending Weary Souls program designed to offer respite to church staffs but will also give more information about Lutheran University Nigeria. For more information about the synod's fundraising endeavor on behalf of the Lutheran University Nigeria, click [here](#).

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) or Ryana Holt (ryanadh93@gmail.com).

GET TEXT MESSAGES FROM HTLC WORKING GROUPS

Holy Trinity's social justice working groups can notify you by text message when an advocacy or activism opportunity arises.

To receive these text messages, please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/HTActionAlert>

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2022

As we move into 2022, we ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial commitment to the work of Holy Trinity as generously as you are able. We hope to increase offerings by \$55,000 in the new year, which will allow us to hire a musician to lead us in song, to refine our abilities to provide meaningful online engagement for worship and education, and to replace our van with a safer alternative for our children and youth.

Please share your financial commitments, either by mailing a commitment card (call the office if you need a new one) or by submitting your pledge [here](#).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please call the church office (612-729-8358). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$3-\$25. Donate according to your ability. The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

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

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 21-27

Sunday	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday		Office Closed

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Archbishop Musa Filibus	Preacher	Archbishop Musa Filibus
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, David Broberg	Ushers	DeWayne Townsend, Kathy Ohler, Kayden Nordby, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Josh Combs, Kathy Howe, Alan Libra, Joy Nelson
Julie Cahoy, Chuck Jordan	Counters	Deb Helmel, Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen