



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

At our Advent service tonight, we welcome Phillip Radtke, Holy Trinity's new Cantor. Phil was born in Madison, Wisconsin, but lived in Saint Paul for most of his childhood. Phil received a degree in organ performance from the University of Minnesota and continued his education at the University of Michigan, where he earned a degree in church music.

6:30-7:00 P.M. INTERACTIVE ADVENT REFLECTION FOR YOUNG FAMILIES IN THE LIBRARY

Light shines with warmth in the midst of winter's chill. We will be creating luminaries to light the way into Holy Trinity's Christmas Eve services. This activity is designed for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection that invites busy hands and imaginative minds. It will be held in the Library from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Children's Choir members and their families may wish to visit!

7:00 P.M. ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

This year we'll gather for midweek Advent worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. The lights will be turned low, and the space will be filled with candles. The service will include a lot of instrumental music. We have designed the time to feel like a divine embrace.

A livestream of Advent Evening Prayer will also be available online. 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 6:55 p.m. to livestream the service from your computer (<https://vimeo.com/event/1540359>).

Tonight's special musician is cellist Käthe Jarka. Käthe has performed in major concert venues across the United States, Canada, and in Europe as a recitalist and chamber musician. She has collaborated with such artists as Yo-Yo Ma, Ruth Laredo, Grant Johannesen, Donald Weilerstein, and the Juilliard String Quartet, and has participated in the Marlboro Music Festival. She has appeared several times as a guest with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

LABYRINTH

The labyrinth will be available for walking and contemplation from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Community Room each Wednesday night. Congregants are welcome to walk during worship, if you prefer to move and listen.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36



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 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.

December 5 "Readings for December 12" Pastor Andrea Mwalilino

Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Pastor Andrea Mwalilino will lead a discussion of the biblical readings for December 12, the Second Sunday of Advent.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 15, 2021

Gratitude to the congregation for continued generosity in giving—69% of 2022 pledges have been received. This congregation demonstrates that "we can be generous in the face of generosity."

Stepping out in Faith (SOIF) Working Groups:

Our Shared Home—in response to the congregation's directive at the 2021 annual meeting, the group is gathering information on how we could improve flexibility and accessibility for gathering spaces on the second floor (minus the Sanctuary) and bathrooms on all floors

Our Shared Community—we are receiving numerous requests for assistance from individuals as well as organizations. Watch for updates in an upcoming issue of Community Church newsletter and an Adult Forum in January 2022.

With the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, current precautions will remain in place at least through the end of the year.

Three Special Appeals have been identified for 2022: Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Lift Garage, World Hunger. Thanks to everyone who submitted organizations for consideration.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FOR 2022

Seventy-five households have already offered a financial commitment for 2022. We are so grateful! These generous commitments allow us to look to the year ahead as a time of *Tending*. As a community of faith, we have an opportunity to engage this work in specific areas—worship, reparations, rebuilding, relationships, and creation care.

As we move into 2022, we ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial commitment to the work of this congregation as generously as you are able. Each gift is meaningful. Each gift is an important part of the whole. 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 contact the church office (612-729-8358 or office@htlcmpls.org). 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.

COLLEGEVILLE INSTITUTE PODCAST WITH PASTOR INGRID

What happens when a church is called during a crisis to not just the people in the pews, but to the families, organizations, and businesses in the neighborhood? In this episode, we speak with Meena Natarajan, Executive and Artistic Director of Pangea World Theater, and Ingrid C. A. Rassmussen, pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Together, they tell the story of their friendship and partnership in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis following George Floyd's murder in May 2020.

Listen to the interview with Pastor Ingrid [here](#).

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Beginning next week, the Community Church Newsletter will be emailed and mailed on Thursdays. The bulletin will also be sent out on Thursdays, and the pastor's Saturday worship email will be discontinued.

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 on January 22-23, 2022, to deepen our individual and communal commitments to anti-racism and to broaden the circle of those championing anti-racism at Holy Trinity. This facilitated gathering will also sharpen your skills critical to justice work together and strengthen relationships to mutually support justice initiatives currently underway. The retreat will be held at Holy Trinity from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on January 22 and from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on January 23. Meals and snacks will be provided. COVID safety measures will be enforced. Open to all members. If you are interested in attending, complete the questionnaire you'll find at <https://tinyurl.com/HTLCRetreat> by **December 1**. If you have any questions or trouble completing the questionnaire, please contact Jess Daniel Hart (jess.a.daniel@gmail.com) or Ryana Holt (ryanadh93@gmail.com).

WARNING FROM PASTOR INGRID ABOUT PHISHING EMAIL

Several of you alerted me (very promptly!) that you received an email from someone pretending to be me. While I do occasionally ask you to contact me or to help me, I will **always** use my official Holy Trinity email account (ingridrasmussen@htlcmpls.org). If you received an email from another address (revingridcarasmussen@gmail.com), please ignore it. Several churches in the metro have been dealing with this as of late. I apologize that your Saturday morning started off with spam!



What are you looking forward to during this upcoming holiday season?

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every year Holy Trinity anticipates and relies on a year-end increase in offerings that helps support the work of the church. This holiday season, please consider making an additional contribution to Holy Trinity or to our special appeals, Wilderness Canoe Base, Seminary Support Fund, and/or ELCA World Hunger. To donate online, click [here](#).

Please remember: contributions must be received or post-marked by December 31, 2021, to be counted as a 2021 donation. Thank you!

2021 Budget requirement: \$851,186.00

2021 Budget receipts: \$844,376.17

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

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 4

Sunday	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
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Angela Khabeb	Presiding Minister	Angela Khabeb
Needed	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	John Sulzbach
Ginny & Chuck Jordan, David Broberg, Chris Engen	Ushers	DeWayne Townsend, Josh Combs, Kathy Howe, Steve Murray, Sue Roberts, Alan Libra, Joy Nelson
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Vicki Mann, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Vicki Mann