



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

It will be special to gather on Christmas Eve (December 24) this year. A few notes as you make plans:

- Masks will be required of worshippers over the age of 2.
- Family-friendly services will be held at 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (We added the 5:30 service in an effort to keep the sanctuary at half capacity.)
- An evening service will be held at 9:00 p.m. (For those looking for a smaller service, the 9:00 p.m. service has historically had about 50 people in attendance.)
- We will commune in our pews at all three services. We invite congregants to remove their masks momentarily, as we share the gifts of bread and wine or juice.
- We will have candles for the singing of Silent Night. In order to extinguish the light at the end of the hymn, congregants will be invited to remove their masks briefly. If you prefer to have an LED candle, those will be available.
- At all three services, the balcony will be used for those interested in strict social distancing. While there will most certainly be warmth shared among those seated in the balcony, there will be no mingling allowed between households.
- We will livestream the 4:00 p.m. worship service. A recording of that service will also be available immediately after the service concludes. Both the livestream and the recording can be found on our Vimeo and Facebook pages.
- One last word: Eligible adults, if you haven't gotten your booster yet, please do that in the next few days. #adventantibodies.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

METRO WORK CENTER COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS

Metro Work Center is collecting toys for kids in need in our community. You may drop off unwrapped gifts for Metro Work Center's Toys for Tots drive at the church office now through December 15.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18



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.*

December 12 "Readings for Today"

Members of the Lectionary Texts Discussion Group

Members of the lectionary texts discussion group will lead a discussion of the biblical readings for today, the Third Sunday of Advent.

December 19 "Introduction to the Pericope Texts for the Fourth Sunday of Advent"

Pastor Doug Mork will introduce the biblical texts for today, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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

SEEKING NEW MEMBER FOR TRINITY APTS ADVISORY BOARD

Allison Johnson Heist's term on the Trinity Apartments Advisory Board is coming to a close. Thank you, Allison, for your faithful service during a very active period in the Trinity Apartments partnership! We are seeking to fill the vacancy. If you would like to serve a three-year term on the Advisory Board, please indicate your interest to Pastor Ingrid or Laura Bolstad Grafstrom by January 15. We're eager to welcome a new leader!

The Advisory Board serves as a resource with the goals of ensuring the long-term affordability of the apartments and the preservation and stewardship of the physical assets. To that end, the Advisory Board offers high-level, non-binding guidance and recommendations to the Partnership on: (i) aesthetic decisions related to the Partnership including the buildings and grounds, (ii) neighborhood partnerships, (iii) services to residents of the Project, and (iv) property management and finances of the Project, and other matters as may be requested by Holy Trinity or the apartments from time to time. The Advisory Board meets quarterly in the months of February, May, August, and November.

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!*

GREEN BLADES RISING FEATURES OUR SOLAR PANELS

Green Blades Rising, an online publication of the EcoFaith Network of the NE Minnesota Synod, featured a [link](#) to the solar panel story published in Holy Trinity's fall Stewardship brochure. After a decade of faithful commitment on the part of many, Holy Trinity has a solar array and they spoke with Pastor Ingrid about the array.

"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain..."

THANK YOU FROM LONGFELLOW SCHOOL

Thank you so much for supporting the Longfellow High Schools in our Meal Planning and Nutrition class! My name is Malone DeYoung and I'm an Americorps member leading the weekly group that allows students to explore questions on healthy eating and cooking. I'm so grateful that we've been able to get support for our class from Zoe and Holy Trinity. This students recently asked to learn how to make guacamole. Some students had never tried it and others eat it at home, so they were sharing their knowledge of the dish with others. We discussed the history of guacamole, which originated with the Aztecs in Mexico, and learned about the healthy unsaturated fats in avocados. We also wrote out recipes in books the students made. The students were most excited about taking the ingredients home to make guac themselves! It was an exciting day. I so appreciate you providing the students with this opportunity. I hope the church community enjoys these photos!



LIVESTREAM 11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE ONLINE

A live-stream of the 11:00 a.m. service is available online every Sunday. Click the following link at 10:55 a.m. every Sunday to livestream the service from your PC: <https://vimeo.com/event/1341305>.

OLIVE OIL IS ON ITS WAY!

Mount of Olives is shipping olive oil our way. These 250mL bottles are \$15 each. Purchases support the work of the Lutheran World Federation vocational training program and reduce student fees. Brought to you by the Palestine/Israel Working Group. Contact [Bob Brose](#) for further info or keep an eye out for it in the community room.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer

GOING DEEP AND WIDE WITH RACIAL JUSTICE

We are excited to announce our facilitators, Joe Davis and David Scherer! Read more about their work [here](#). We also have a few slots open for the January 22-23 retreat, fill out this [questionnaire](#) in the next week if you'd like to join us! We would love to have you. Contact [Jess Daniel Hart](#) or [Ryana Holt](#) if you have questions or any issues filling out the form.

LINE 3 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Join Holy Trinity members and Water Protectors next Tuesday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m. in a national *Line 3 Day of Action*. We'll tell the Army Corps of Engineers and President Biden that this pipeline should not be operational. We'll gather downtown St Paul at the US Army Corps of Engineers office building, 180 5th St E, and ask that the Corps complete a full Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Line 3 pipeline.

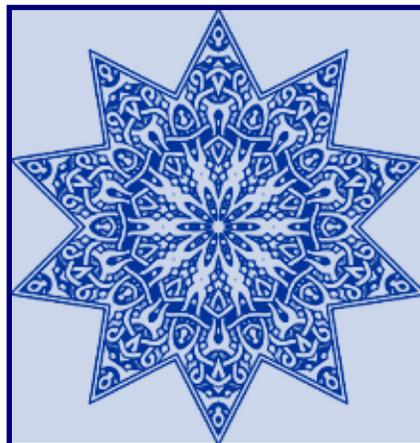
Please take action to drop the charges against water protectors [here](#). The movement against pipelines is uniting the north and south. Water Protectors are showing up in St. James, LA, Port Arthur, TX and many other threatened communities. Be part of this unifying, planet-saving movement. Showing up makes a difference! See you there, or contact us to ride share: [Donna Goodlaxson](#) or [Kathy Hollander](#).

JAN. & FEB. 2022 WORSHIP VOLUNTEER CALENDAR IS LIVE

If you serve as a worship ministry volunteer, please make time to go into the Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) app by December 23 to block out any dates in January & February that you are unable to serve, or to claim any services where you know you would like to serve. If you are *not* marked in MSP as Inactive or you haven't entered dates that you are unable to serve, MSP will automatically schedule you for positions you're qualified to serve in.

PARISH EVENTS DECEMBER 12-18

Sunday		PICK UP SOUP AFTER EITHER SERVICE
	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
Wednesday	6:30 PM	<i>Cantate!</i> Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Interactive Advent Reflection
	6:30-8:00 PM	Labyrinth in the Community Room
	7:00 PM	Advent Evening Prayer
	7:45 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10:00 AM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Deacon David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	Deacon David Rojas Martinez
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Sally Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Ben Martinez
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen, Mike Nevergall	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Alan Libra, Sue Roberts, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, David Broberg
Annie Hines, Chris Engen	Counters	Vicki Mann, John Sulzbach
	Closer	Rod Johnson