



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANGELA

*To my Siblings in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Grace and Peace to you from our Savior and Pathway, Jesus Christ, born as a baby away from home, a toddler who fled from home, a boy who grew up in Nazareth, a man who left home to begin his public ministry.*

### Home matters.

*For months I have wanted to share my gratitude for the actions taken by the Holy Trinity Community. When I've tried to do so, words have failed me, because I cannot imagine how to express what the purchase of our home means for me, my husband Benhi, our children, and their future children.*

*Throughout this process of home buying, I learned a lot about myself as we faced a situation that seemed too good to be true. Holy Trinity had purchased a gorgeous home in the Longfellow neighborhood amidst a very competitive housing market. Now my family could purchase this home at a cost we could afford. This bold move was a very tangible way for this community to offer reparations in a way that will affect generations.*

*I worried. I fretted. I felt anxious. I found myself imagining all the possible worst-case scenarios that would lead to things falling through. I remember sharing my concerns with Pastor Ingrid. I told her how I felt challenged to trust that something so amazing could actually happen to our family.*

*Even when we were at the closing, my breathing was shallow, my palms were sweaty, and my heart felt heavy. Something bad is going to happen, I thought.*

### But it didn't.

*We bought the house and moved in later that month, capping off the month of my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in a way I could never imagine.*

*Friends, we're so thankful for all of your prayers. I remember the frequent inspirational conversations and emails from Karen Batdorf, and others, encouraging me to trust in God's faithfulness.*

*And I want you to know that our home has already begun to serve as a place for hospitality and welcome in ways our rental home never could. Soon after we moved in, we began to receive guests on a regular basis who stayed in our lower-level apartment. We jokingly call it the Khabeb Bed and Breakfast. On an especially chaotic day when I was feeling a*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

### READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18



## 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.

- January 2 "What Will You Relinquish to Have Justice?"**  
Donna Goodlaxson will lead a discussion to prompt us to think about what we are willing to relinquish to have justice as we begin a new year.
- January 9 "Introduction to the Season of Epiphany"**  
Presented by the Holy Trinity Worship and Fine Arts Committee.

*little overwhelmed, I heard the voice of God speak directly to my heart: if we remain generous and wise with the home God has given to us, we will always have it.*

*We have named our home **House of JOY**, an homage to our daughter who died early and still on December 1, 2005.*

*I offer you these words of gratitude, thankfulness, and JOY as we continue to discover the ways that God's faithfulness is present in the generosity and boldness of this community. Thank you!*

—Pastor Angela T. Khabeb



## MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY JANUARY 14-18

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of January 10-14. Volunteers from Holy Trinity along with some volunteers from the community deliver meals that are picked up at Nokomis Square Cooperative (35th Ave. S. between 50th and 51st) at 11:15 a.m. If you would like to deliver and have not volunteered before or haven't delivered recently, contact Mary Engen at 612-716-6338. Deliveries take about 1½ hours. New volunteers must complete a registration form and train with an experienced volunteer.

## ANNUAL MLK BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 17

The Racial Justice group invites you to attend the Dr Martin Luther King breakfast—virtual again this year—on Monday, January 17, from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. The speaker will be attorney and St Paul native, Laura Coates, a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Ms. Coates is a regular host and senior legal analyst for CNN. She is also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School where she focuses on voting and civil rights. Her new book is entitled *"Just Pursuit: A Black Prosecutors Fight for Fairness."* Go to [www.mlkbreakfast.com](http://www.mlkbreakfast.com) to register (\$25).

## VIEW FILM "THE PRESENT" JANUARY 19, 6:30 PM

The Palestine/Israel Working Group will be showing the acclaimed short film, "The Present" on January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bartsch Room at Holy Trinity. As the subject of "present" was on our minds before Christmas, and as we near the time of the Gift of the Maji, we can ponder the difficulties of a Palestinian father and daughter searching for a present for their wife/mother amid the difficulties of checkpoints in Palestine/Israel. Students and an alumnus from Dar Al Kalima University in the West Bank and Gaza helped in the production of the film. The film runs 25 minutes and will be followed by a discussion at 7:15 p.m. If you prefer not to attend in person, you may watch the film on Netflix and join the discussion via Zoom by clicking [here](#).

## LIVESTREAM THE 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. to livestream the service from your computer or smart phone: <https://vimeo.com/event/1341305>. If you missed Holy Trinity's beautiful Christmas Eve worship, watch it here: <https://vimeo.com/659706130>.

## NEED VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE WORSHIP VIDEO



Are you handy with a mouse and a laptop? We need a few volunteers to run the livestream on Sundays at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Training will be provided. If you're interested in serving, please [contact](#) Pam in the office [612-729-8358].

## SAVE THE DATE FOR A FAMILY RETREAT FEBRUARY 11

Join other families for a weekend of rest and renewal as well as family-friendly fun with church members of all ages at the YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 11, to Sunday, February 13. Watch for more information coming in January.

## ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 30 VIA ZOOM AT 12:00 PM

All members are invited to join the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m. as we celebrate the 118th year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will have a Zoom option, and we may have a watch party at the church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2022 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on progress made toward our congregational goals. A copy of the annual report and a link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members prior to January 30.

## CONFIRMATION CARNAVAL MARCH 1, 2022

Families with confirmands and sponsors will gather for a fun evening on Fat Tuesday, March 1, 2022, to continue making connections. Watch for more information, but please save the date!

## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

*Reprinted from Xavier University Online Resources*

Here is the most recent COVID data for Hennepin County. The case rate is the highest we have seen so far in the pandemic, and the rate of community transmission remains high throughout Minnesota and much of the nation.

Date	Column A Vaccination rate <sup>1</sup>	Column B New cases/100,000 population	Column C Test positivity rate (weekly rolling average) <sup>2</sup>
<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	62%	8.0	2.3%
As of 9/15/21	64%	32.3	5.1%
As of 11/29/21	68%	56.8	8.7%
As of 12/30/21	71%	80.5	8.1%

<sup>1</sup> percentage of Hennepin County residents (all ages) who have been fully vaccinated

<sup>2</sup> the percentage of specimens tested that are positive for COVID. Does not include at-home rapid tests.

**PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 2-8**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Adult Forum</b>
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service of Holy Communion</b>
	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Swahili Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Readings Discussion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Big Meeting Night</b>

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JANUARY 2, 2022**

Doug Mork	<b>Preacher</b>	Doug Mork
Tom Cahoy	<b>Crucifer</b>	Wayne Vetter
	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Cole
Julie Cahoy, Chris Engen, Chuck and Ginny Jordan, David Broberg	<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joy Nelson, DeWayne Townsend
Annie Hines, Chris Engen	<b>Counters</b>	Pam Kildahl, Wayne Vetter
	<b>Closer</b>	Roberta Shaw

## Beannacht – A New Year Blessing

~ *John O'Donohue* ~

On the day when  
The weight deadens  
On your shoulders  
And you stumble,  
May the clay dance  
To balance you.  
And when your eyes  
Freeze behind  
The grey window  
And the ghost of loss  
Gets into you,  
May a flock of colours,  
Indigo, red, green  
And azure blue,  
Come to awaken in you  
A meadow of delight.  
When the canvas frays  
In the currach of thought  
And a stain of ocean  
Blackens beneath you,  
May there come across the waters  
A path of yellow moonlight  
To bring you safely home.  
May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
May the clarity of light be yours,  
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
Wind work these words  
Of love around you,  
An invisible cloak  
To mind your life.

