



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

This Easter, many of us will be able to gather in person for glorious celebrations of our Lord's resurrection. But the first Easter was in a cemetery, surrounded by tombstones. The women and then the men disciples came to see what had happened to their Lord. They expected to find a dead body, but instead they found God's defiant answer to death.

As St. Paul writes in Corinthians, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Oh, death, where is your victory? Oh, death, where is your sting?"

I know now that we're entering the third year of this pandemic, and we see the signs of stress and incivility, even the signs of war and disease in Ethiopia and Sudan, in Europe. It might seem like death still has sway, but we can declare confidently on this Easter and all times what Job said, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh, I shall see God."

Centuries ago, the Russian Orthodox developed this beautiful poem, the Kontakion of the Departed. It's often used at gravesites.

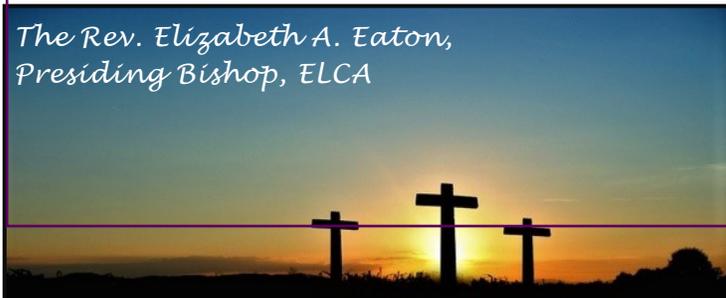
"Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth and to the earth shall we return.

For so you did ordain when you created a thing. You are dust and to dust you shall return. All of us go down to the dust. Yet even at the grave we make our song. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Blessed Easter, dear church.

*The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,
Presiding Bishop, ELCA*



EASTER SUNDAY!

READINGS

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations are also available via [Zoom](#) for those unable to attend in person.

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

APRIL 17 No Adult Forum

APRIL 24 "Bright Stars of Bethlehem"
Carla Carlson

Carla Carlson is a Lead Ambassador (organizer) in Minnesota for the non-profit organization Bright Stars of Bethlehem. Carla will provide information on its support of Dar Al-Kalima University, the first and only fine arts university for Palestinian youth. Holy Trinity has selected Bright Stars of Bethlehem as one of three special congregational funds to be supported this year. Sponsored by the Palestine-Israel Working Group.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Here are two opportunities to clean up our neighborhoods and/or parks in honor of Earth Day, Friday April 22! If you can't make these times, feel free to pick up a bag or two of rubbish when you can.

- Friday, April 22, 3-6 p.m. Lake Street Cleanup (weather permitting). Meet at 27th Ave and E. Lake St. We'll start there and work our way south to 31st St. and then further east along Lake Street. Please bring gloves and bags. Consider picking up take-out for supper afterwards at one of Lake Street's restaurants.
- Saturday, April 23, 9:30-11:00 a.m. City of Minneapolis Earth Day Cleanups: Location: Most city parks and along the Mississippi River. Some bags and gloves will be provided. Go to minneapolisearthday.com for further information.

HIRING A P.T. MUSIC IN THE GARDEN COORDINATOR

Thanks to a *Fund for Safe Communities Micro Grant* from the Minneapolis Foundation, we have the ability to hire a very part-time coordinator for the Music in the Garden series at Holy Trinity. Thanks to Katie Schroeder for writing the grant that makes this possible! Music in the Garden has historically been held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sundays, and wood-fired pizza has been prepared and served onsite. We know how eager the community is to gather with music, food, and fellowship once again! Food brings us comfort and healing. Shared experiences help us to manage stress and navigate our collective and individual traumas. Music soothes our weary hearts.

Essential job functions:

- In consultation with church staff, coordinate paid musicians, food preparation, volunteers, set-up, and takedown for Music in the Garden one Sunday per month (dates are flexible) during the months of May, June, July, August, and September.
- Planning for the series would begin in mid-April.
- Make connections with partner organizations interested in attending, including but not limited, to Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments, the Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation, and Longfellow Rising.
- Together with office staff, advertise in such a way that promotes a sense of belonging for both members and non-members.

If you like to coordinate events and bring people together around music and food, send your interest to Pastor Angela. Applicants of all ages are welcome. Stipend for the position is \$2,000. (No cover letter or CV needed; a simple note will do.)

Dear Lord, our culture is fixated on division and polar extremes. Open our ears to truly listen and seek to understand our neighbor. When challenges come our way, strengthen our hearts and minds to embrace this, your new commandment of love. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Timothy Coltvet

'98 M. Div. Director of Contextual Learning,
Luther Seminary

FRESHENING UP OUR WORSHIP MINISTRY VOLUNTEER LIST

If you attend worship in-person you will find a table in the Community Room right now with lists of worship ministry positions and names of those currently on our roster of volunteers for specific positions. If you are signed up but don't wish to be scheduled to serve at this time, please take a moment to cross your name off the list(s).

If you have the time and would like to serve Holy Trinity in one of these important ministries, please take a moment to look through a "Worship Leaders' Guide" booklet by the lists that has descriptions of various positions. Add your name to the list of any positions that you're willing to help with. We will train you and/or have you shadow an experienced volunteer. There's a variety of positions and something that will appeal to almost every interest. If you have questions, you may contact [Pam](#) (612-729-8358).

Sending out a big thank you to the members currently serving in the various positions. Some of the folks who used to volunteer have not been able to return to their ministries since the COVID shut down, so we are seeking more volunteers to sign up so volunteers who are still active won't be scheduled so frequently.

WHEN AM I SCHEDULED TO SERVE A WORSHIP MINISTRY?

As of this Sunday we will begin to place a list in the Community Room of Worship Ministry volunteers who have been scheduled to serve in upcoming weeks. As many of you know, we use a software called "Ministry Scheduler Pro" (MSP) to manage the scheduling of worship ministry volunteers. Anyone who signs on to serve is instructed how to set up an MSP user account on a smart phone or PC so they can go in and manage their own schedule. You can mark dates in the calendar when you are unavailable to serve or pick up shifts for another volunteer who has requested a swap after the scheduling has been done. Its very helpful if you watch the bulletin or newsletter for a notice that we are getting ready to auto-schedule for upcoming months. We typically schedule 2 months at a time. It helps a lot if you remove yourself from dates you cannot serve prior to the time we run auto schedule. The May-June and the July-August MSP schedules are available now, so volunteers can go into MSP and mark any dates you cannot serve.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP IN AUGUST

Fellow campers, it may be cold outside now but close your eyes and picture calm, clear water under sunny blue skies. This year, our Boundary Waters camping adventure is scheduled for August 12-16. We have two permits this year, Baker Lake and Homer Lake. Both are small lakes off the Sawbill Trail. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, let us know. The total cost is \$150. We'll need a \$75 deposit to hold your spot. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Call or reply with any questions or for more details. Please consider joining us this year. Contact Julie or Tom at 612-616-0507, 612-618-3814, or jtcahey@gmail.com.

HEAR REV. NADIA BOLZ-WEBER MONDAY, MAY 2, 6 PM

Join the 20s, 30s, 40s group for an outing on Monday, May 2, to hear Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber speak in Eden Prairie at St. Andrew Church. Cost is \$30, with a sliding scale—if more than 10 of us go, it's even less! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., There's music and spoken word featuring Joe Davis at 6:30, and the Rev. Bolz-Weber speaks from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If interested, please contact [Nicki Hines](#) by April 25 (612-638-7600). All are welcome!

NEW BRANCHES COLLABORATION OPENS DOORS TO EXPANDED JUSTICE, COMMUNITY EFFORTS

Three South Minneapolis congregations, [Lake Nokomis Lutheran](#), [Living Table UCC](#), and [Spirit Catholic Community](#) announced the formation of [New Branches](#), an innovative partnership. New Branches is located at 5011 31st Ave S the former site of Lake Nokomis Lutheran. Extensive main-level renovations to the newly shared space were completed at the end of 2021, making it possible for the churches to share the updated building and worship spaces while retaining their individual faith identities. Building ownership and management is equally shared. Rev. Sara Spohr, pastor at Lake Nokomis Lutheran, said, *"We have been deeply rooted in South Minneapolis for over 100 years, and this partnership will help us grow more fully into our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."* In addition to reducing the environmental impact of three separate church spaces, the partnership allows the three churches to focus financial and human resources on mission and ministry. The faith communities were drawn together by a shared call to justice, including racial justice and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Through their partnership, the congregations are committed to increasing their impact in the community. New Branches plans to host a welcoming event for the broader community when the pandemic allows for safer gathering.

SPOTS ARE STILL LEFT FOR CAMP WAPO SUMMER 2022!

Registration for summer camp at Lake Wapogasset (Camp Wapo) is still available. We have spots open for grades 1-3 "Seeds Group" July 22-24, 2022, as well as for grades 4-8 "Youth Group" July 17-22, 2022. Please use this [link](#) to register.

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous services through this [link](#).

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MAY 22

Deacon David will be offering a First Communion class on Sunday, May 22, from 12-2:00 p.m. (lunch included!) If you or your child is interested in receiving first communion, or if you have received communion but want to learn more, let Deacon [David](#) know by Easter Sunday, April 17 (612-729-8358).

Holy Trinity supports everyone communing at any age, including children. This class will be a way to learn more about communion, whether you've started partaking or not! For families wanting a more formal welcome at the table, we will host a First Communion celebration on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

FEEDBACK ON NEW LITURGY REQUESTED

As you know, we've been piloting a new expansive language liturgy in worship that our congregation commissioned in cooperation with several other faith communities. The liturgy, entitled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*, 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 of LGBTQIA+ leaders in the ELCA, as well as the ELCA's newly published social statement *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action*. The liturgy invites us to pray and to 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."

We would appreciate if you would provide feedback on the liturgy that's been used in recent bulletins (which can be found on our website, or ask [Pam](#) or [Sue](#) to send you one). We will collate and share the results with the commissioning team. We invite all of you—those of you who worship in-person and those of you who worship online—to complete this very brief survey, so we can further refine the liturgy before sharing it with the wider world. Thank you. Click [here](#) for online survey.

~ Concerning People ~

Today we remember those in need of God's tender care, especially **Dorothy Kelly** as she recovers from a stroke; the family of **Don Besser** whose funeral was at Holy Trinity last week; **Roxane Johnson**; **Marcea Mariani**; **DeWayne Townsend III**; **Marlene Peterson**; **Karen Kunze**; **Anne Curtin**; Anne Curtin's friend, **Gloria**, as she faces open heart surgery; **Cori Gershon**; Steve Murray's aunt, **Sharon Clappier**; Ann and Dawn's neighbor, **Brian**; **Rob Englund**; **Gerry Berglin**; **Mary Heltsley**; **Mark Symchych**; Kaia's cousin, **Sam**; Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe**; and for Deacon David's godfather, **Max**. We also give thanks to God for accompanying **Pat Libra** through her promising treatment and for surrounding her with a community of loving friends!

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 17-23

Sunday, April 17—EASTER!	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
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	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, April, 18	7:00 PM	Lexio Divina
Tuesday, April 19	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, April 20	6:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 21	11:00 AM	Funeral for Romona Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR APRIL 17, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Angela Khabeb	Preacher	Angela Khabeb
Ingrid Rasmussen, Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen, Doug Mork
Carol Masters	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Ann Schrooten	Cantor	Ann Schrooten
Andrea Martin, Sean Gosiswski	Communion	Nicki Hines, David Krig
Bob Hulteen	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Tina & Robert Russell	Altar Guild	
Arlene Helvig, Liz Kelley	Coffee	Ann White
Annie Hines, Chris Engen	Counters	Scott Cole, John Sulzbach
Julie & Tom Cahoy, Chris Engen, Sally & David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, David Broberg, Alan Libra, Joshua Combs, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
	Closer	Roberta Shaw