



REFORMATION AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

OCTOBER 30, 2022

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement.
Single-use, all gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome, inclusion, and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions and are especially aware of changing patterns with regards to new variants. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status. If you need help finding a vaccine, speak to a pastor today.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

REFORMATION

On this day, more than 500 years after Martin Luther opened a conversation that both began a great reforming of the Church and also led to a great split in the Church, we pray for the Triune God's healing and continuing reformation of the Church of Christ. Today, with Luther's joyful proclamation of God's grace in our hearts and voices, we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the Gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! God has made a new covenant with us, written on our hearts, that together we might know God's forgiveness and calling. In the waters of Baptism, we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at Christ's Table, and that the Spirit would continue to unite the Church in its proclamation and witness in the world.

GATHER

PRELUDE

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 A.M)

*God Is Here Today
Children's Choir*

arr. Tom Trenney

*God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song.*

*God is love, and when we love each other, God lives in us,
abides with us when we love our neighbor.*

+GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

11 a.m. - Verse 3 sung by choir

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our
3 Though all the world with de - vils fill and
4 God's Word is our great her - i - tage and

bul - wark ne - ver fail - ing; our help - er
stri - ving turns to lo - sing; the right - ous
threat - en to de - vour us, we trem - ble
shall be ours for - ev - er; to spread its

frees us from the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
one fights by our side, the one of God's own choos - ing.
not, we trust God's will; they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

For still our an - cient foe, for - sworn to work us woe,
You ask who this may be: Christ Je - sus it is he,
Though Sa - tan rant and rage, in fier - cest war en - gage,
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.

with guild and dread - ful might is armed to wage the fight:
the Lord of hosts by name. No o - ther God we claim!
this ty - ran'ts doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast

on earth there is no e - qual.
None else can win the bat - tle.
One lit - tle word will tri - umph.
through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
Last time, to Coda ⊕

high - est, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on

1. earth. 2. earth. For

You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry ev - er - last - ing, A - men! _____

D.S. al Coda ⊕ **Coda**

earth. And peace to God's peo - ple on earth!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Christ, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Spirit on us. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, and bestow on everyone your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

Rick Erickson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then **all**, cantor sings verses)

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

God is for us a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;*

*though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **Refrain***

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

*The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. **Refrain***

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolation God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

*I will be exalted in the earth." **Refrain***

*The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. **Refrain***

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia. Your Word, O Lord_ is e -
ter - nal. Your_ faith - ful - ness en - dures_ to ___ all gen-er -
a - tions! Al - le - lu - ia.

+GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
2 He lives to grant me rich supply;
3 He lives to silence all my fears;
4 He lives to bless me with his love;
5 He lives, all glory to his name!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to wipe a way my tears;
he lives to plead for me above;
He lives, my Savior, still the same;

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
what joy this blest as surance gives:

he lives, my ever-living head!
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
he lives all blessings to impart.
he lives to help in time of need.
I know that my Redeemer lives!

8:45 - Please remain standing for the prayers.

11:00 - Please be seated for the Rite of Confirmation.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Confirmands come forward.

Baptismal sponsors, confirmation sponsors, and family members are also invited to come forward at this time.

These people have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Konami Khabebe and Peter Weiss

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In holy baptism, Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of the church. In the community of God's people, you have learned of God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Along with this congregation, I ask you, do you believe in God?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, child of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Eucharist,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

(Confirmands answer) I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these members of the body of Christ and pray for them in their journey of faith? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The confirmands kneel for individual blessings.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *(confirmand)* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

I Am a Child of God

Burce & Cheryl Harding

Cantor: I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

All join in singing when the cantor leads:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I am a song of joy, I am the moment of ju - bi - la - tion,". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Let us pray.

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this congregation and rejoice that you have set us free for love and service. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and seeking justice and peace for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

Please stand for the prayers.

+APOSTLES' CREED (8:45)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS (8:45 AND 11:00)

Jeff Olsen Biebighauser

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Jesus Christ, give us your justice. Increase in us our trust in each other, and our faithfulness to each other. In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

Jesus Christ, thank you for our confirmands. Make us a gift to them, as they have always been a gift to us. In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

Jesus Christ, break our bows, shatter our spears, burn our shields. Set us free from our dependence on false promises of protection. Make glad your city. In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

Jesus Christ, give us permanent places in your household. Make us more effective at providing safe places for everyone to live. In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

Jesus Christ, liberate us from untruthful portrayals of you. In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

Jesus Christ, be a very present help for all of us who are in trouble, fear, or tumult, including Cody, Wade, Ann Schrooten and their families upon the death of Ann's brother, Don; Lois Eid's friends, Ras and Marian Erdahl; Mary Ann Sheets & Jack Hanson; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly; Mary Petersen's friend, Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Kaia Ellis; Tom and Kathy Skold on the death of their dear friend, Earl; and all those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). In your mercy,

Reform us, O God.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

Please close your petition with, "In your mercy,"

to which the congregation will respond, "Reform us, O God."

We entrust ourselves to your caring and powerful hands, along with all you have formed and continue to reform. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

(8:45)

God Alone Be Praised
Trinity Singers

Zebulon Highben

Oceans rise, the coastland trembles; mountains melt and dry earth crumbles.

All the world with longing groans.

Love abides; this gracious promise is our help, our hope and solace.

God's strong word is solid ground.

Nations rage, the empire falters; seeking refuge, exiles wander.

Walls and weapons rise from fear.

Through this wilderness a river flows to heal and bless us ever.

God crucified dwells here.

Come and see; God's mercy gathers all that sin and grief have shattered.

Life from fields of death is raised.

Peace be still let prideful thunder yield to songs of joy and wonder.

God and God alone be praised.

(11:00)

Reach Toward What's Next
Children's Choir

Katie Houts

There will be days when the sky is dark, the world feels cold, and needs a spark.

There will be times when your soul is blue, your heart feels gray, your mind does, too.

Rise up with those around you. We're stronger when we go through hard things together.

We're not alone. Won't you come with me? Be all we can be?

*Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage, shining light that might encourage
all God's children to reach for what's next.*

We're not alone as we walk this road, so meet the need, and share the load.

There might be someone who needs a smile, or may need time to rest awhile.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Great God, Whose Story

The hymns of saints of yes - ter-days Still sound when we our
By songs, by sign, by word, by meal Your lov - ing pres - ence
voic - es raise; And gen - er - a - tions yet to be Take
is re - vealed; Oh, may our sto - ries join as one, Cre -
hope in ev - 'ry lit - a - ny; For through the Word, God
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One, That we may weave through
new cre - ates, The past and fu - ture, in - ter - laced.
end - less days A sto - ried tap - es - try of grace.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through Jesus you invite all the world to an abundant table. Grant that this meal of mercy will lead us into your love for each one of us, and for the entire world; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you for your glorious Word that spoke, and it was so. With just a word you create a universe of breathtaking beauty and tenderly breathe life into human beings made in your image. Your creative power is beyond our comprehension. You raised up prophets among your people, including your servant Martin Luther, and through them spoke your word of life and truth. In your compassion, Jesus came among us serving all and lifting up those who were bowed down. Through Jesus' living, dying, and rising, we, too, are raised and made new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

+SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of _ pow - er and
might. _____ Heav - en and earth are full of your glo -
ry, Ho - san - na _ in the high - est! _____
_____ Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes in the
name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high -
est, Ho - san - na _ in the high - est! _____

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you — take a-way the sin of the world, have
mer-cy on us. _____ Lamb of God, you —
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on
us. _____ Lamb of God, you — take a - way —
_____ the sin of the world. _____
Grant — us _____ peace, Grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. For those worshipping at home and those who prefer to commune with individual packets in your pews, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Blessed Are You

Choir: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheanu



1,5 Blessed are you who made the u - ni - verse,
2 Through your good - ness we have bread to eat,
3 Through your good - ness we have wine to drink,
4 Here the stran - ger is a wel - come guest



you who see be - yond our death,
seeds that died to bring life new,
fruit of vine - yard, work of hands,
here all hun - gers shall be fed.



Blessed are you who dwells in each of us,
as the sep - 'rate grains be - come one loaf,
let the fruits of all we cel - e - brate
Come, and know the one who brings you life



Blessed be you with ev - 'ry breath Blessed be you with ev - ry breath.
gath - er us as one in you, Gath - er us as one in you.
spread your love to ev - 'ry land, spread your love to ev - 'ry land.
in the break - ing of the bread, in the break - ing of the bread.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the bass line is in the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, with two staves (treble and bass clef) and the same key signature. It concludes with a double bar line.

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Founded on Faith



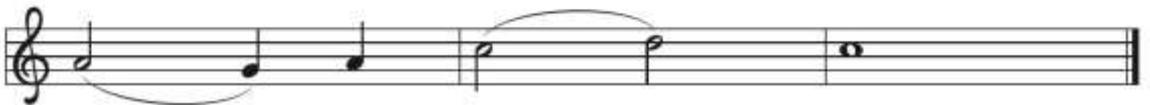
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

+BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless us and keep us. May God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Flourish

P. Radtke

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“Great God, Whose Story” Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, Music: EDMONTON NEW, David Cherwien

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LITURGY: *CUP OF BLESSING*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Deacon David Rojas Martinez	Preacher	Deacon David Rojas Martinez
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	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
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David Kohlstedt, Rick Liedholm, Carol Berg	Communion	Sean Gosiewski Bryan Kuzel, David Krig
Mary Engen, Jim Hartsoe	Coffee Servers	Nicki Hines, Joe Fortier
Jennifer Frenzel, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmel, John Sulzbach
	Closer	John Sulzbach
	Video	

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P A R I S H I N F O R M A T I O N

COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP BUDGETS FOR 2023

It's time to start drafting your 2023 budgets! Given the ways that COVID has shifted programming, committees may need to do some discerning of what can be done during this time and what financial support is needed to do it. (In other words, simply saying "the same as last year" doesn't work this time around!) Please submit this information by November 1.

NOMINATE A LEADER TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL

This year's Nominating Committee (Connie Adams, Katy Benson, David Broberg, Scott Cole, Rod Johnson, Ginny Jordan, and Andrew Martin) will soon start to discern a slate of new Council members. If you would like to nominate a great leader to serve on Holy Trinity's Church Council, please send their name and a brief description of their leadership to Connie Adams.

FINAL TWO LIFE TOGETHER SESSIONS

Please sign up in the Community Room for these two remaining sessions:

Conservation and Biodiversity: Join Shaun Morrell in the church library on Sunday, November 20, at 12:00 p.m., to discuss a chapter from *A Life on Our Planet* by Sir David Attenborough. Lunch will be provided. Group participants will have the opportunity to talk about how Christian faith intersects with wildlife conservation and biodiversity. Copies of the book and/or the chapter will be available in the Community Room. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, November 13.

Survive and Even Thrive in a Minnesota Winter: Winter can be long in Minnesota. Advent and Christmas bring opportunities for gathering and celebration, but many of us experience some dread as we face the long nights and cold months of winter. Kari Kleven will host a candlelight gathering in her home on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. to share companionship and encouraging ideas with each other. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.

ELCA DRAFT SOCIAL MESSAGE ON CLIMATE CARE

After hearing requests from across the church for guidance, the ELCA Church Council in November 2021 authorized development of a social message on climate care. Social messages are ELCA social teaching documents on specific social topics; these documents shape ELCA policy and help members discern how to respond to an issue.

A draft of the social message "Earth's Climate Crisis" is now posted for public comment. Feedback of this kind helps the drafters know how the document could be more clear, helpful, and faithfully Lutheran. Please read the social message draft (<https://elca.org/climatecare>) and use the survey to share your input by Friday, December 2. Questions or longer responses can be emailed to draftsocialmessage@elca.org.

LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY SHARING DECEMBER 8

Zoe Martinez will be giving out names of moms and their children for holiday sharing in the Community Room on Sunday, October 30. Zoe needs the gift bags returned by December 4 for delivery on December 8. If you wish, you may email Zoe and she will send you the information. We will be giving a \$30 gift card for the moms, socks and stretch gloves/mittens for the child, plus lip balm, hand lotion, and nutritious snacks. An age-appropriate gift will be given to the child. The nutritious snacks will not be in the gift bags but will be handed out that day.

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

Looking for 12 households to help with soup suppers prior to Wednesday Evening Worship in Advent (Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21). Each Wednesday 4 households would bring soup enough for 30 people and help to serve it. Sign up in the Community Room. Thank you!

NEW DATES FOR KNITTING GROUP

Beginning November 1, the knitting and crocheting group will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. This change is necessary to avoid an overlap with the knitting classes at Longfellow School, as some knitters are in both groups.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY ELLEN OLSON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1:00 P.M.

Mary Ellen Olson died after a short illness on June 1, 2022. She had been living at Walker Methodist Care Center in Minneapolis for about seven months, and at Augustana Independent Senior Living in Minneapolis prior to that. She had several years of declining health issues.

Mary Ellen's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Visitation will begin at noon; the service will start at 1:00 p.m. and a small reception will follow. All are welcome to join us at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2023

Each year, Holy Trinity authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving units in the congregation. The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support for your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, will be accepted until November 15, 2022, and may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid at ingridrasmussen@htlcmpls.org.

REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed so you're not too early to church next Sunday!



JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12

Holy Trinity has long sought to provide opportunities for conversations about faith and life. Designed to celebrate and honor the exemplary ministries of Pastors Ronald K. Johnson and Stacy K. Johnson during a creative and exciting period in the life of the congregation, the Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society is an annual event in which a leading theologian, scholar, and/or practitioner leads conversations over a two-day period on important issues facing the church and society today.

This year we are offering plenary sessions with Winona LaDuke and Dr. Diane Jacobson and registrations are coming in fast! Winona LaDuke is an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg. Ms. LaDuke is a tireless and charismatic fighter for climate justice, indigenous and human rights, alternative energy, and clean water.

Dr. Diane Jacobson, professor emerita of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, wrote her dissertation on Creation in the Psalms and serves on both the St Paul Area Synod's Care of Creation Workgroup and the leadership team of the NE Synod EcoFaith Network.

Symposium Schedule

Please register by Friday, November 4 (<https://htlcmpls.org/symposium> or 612-729-8358).

Friday, November 11

- 6:30 p.m. Doors Open
- 7:00 p.m. Music
- 7:30-9 p.m. Plenary 1 with Winona LaDuke

Saturday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Plenary 2 with Winona LaDuke
- 10:00 a.m. Break with snacks by Yazzie the Chef
- 10:30 a.m. Plenary 3 with Dr. Diane Jacobson

P A R I S H S C H E D U L E

Monday, October 31	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 1	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, November 2	5:00-6:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	Choir Families Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate! Rehearsal
Thursday, November 3	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Saturday, November 5	12:00 PM 1:00 PM	Visitation for Mary Ellen Olson Memorial Service / Reception to follow <i>(Livestream link will be available)</i>
Sunday, November 6	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY “Doctrine of Discovery”

The Doctrine of Discovery was a proclamation (papal bull) by the Vatican in 1493, the year after Columbus “discovered” islands in the Caribbean. The Doctrine gave the Christian nations of Europe permission to take the lands of non-Christians around the world and kill and enslave their occupants. Sadly, the Doctrine remains in effect in American law and continues to influence the government’s treatment of Native people. The Doctrine of Discovery Task Force was formed to address the effects of the Doctrine and to seek justice for the Native people of Minnesota. The forum will provide an update on the Task Force’s work with Native partners on legislative advocacy and education.

November 6 “Celebrating the Lives of Our Saints”

We will remember those sinner-saints who have died before us. Too rarely are we given the opportunity to talk with one another about the loss of beloved friends and family members. We invite you to bring pictures of the saints in your lives and display them during the adult forum hour. There will be an opportunity to share stories about loved ones.