



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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GOLDEN GROUND

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We learn in Proverbs 18:21 that "death and life are in the power of the tongue." When I encounter this verse, I'm reminded that my words have impact and should be chosen carefully. Over the years, I've tried to adopt the practice of "when in doubt, speak life" (or at least keep the tongue quiet).

It has been my experience that for talkative people (like me), the law of averages is squarely against us. We're bound to say something wrong sooner or later. Perhaps you've been there? And the longer I live, the less selective my internal filter has become.

I sometimes find myself making inappropriate comments when my mouth seems to outpace my brain.

I remember making an especially egregious slip of the tongue many years ago. I'd registered for a quilting class. I wanted to sew my own design because most of the quilts I'd seen carried a rather strong country motif that didn't quite fit my style. Instead, I wanted to make a vibrant quilt from African fabrics I had brought back from Namibia. This blanket would better match the energy of our family.

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Since I didn't have a sewing machine, I would need to stitch this quilt by hand. Now, I wasn't an experienced seamstress—quite the contrary—but I could follow instructions pretty well and was highly motivated. During the first session of the class, the teacher distributed the instructional guide. It was the size of a small telephone book—remember those?

This manual was meant to guide us through the process of making a simple lap quilt with nine basic squares. I began to flip through the detailed pages and grumbled aloud (but to myself, under my breath), "Dang, I'm gonna die."

The woman sitting next to me turned to me and said, "As a matter fact, I am dying. That's why I'm taking this class. I want to make this quilt so that my daughter will have something to remember me by."

I felt like an idiot. What a poor choice of words on my part. But not to worry, dear reader, I played it really cool. I turned to her, looked her directly in the eyes and simply burst into tears, exclaiming, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. That was so flippant of me. Please forgive me. I should not have been so crass."

Would you believe that this precious woman then tried to

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111;
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19*

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations in the Library 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.

OCTOBER 9 No Adult Forum

One worship service celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Holy Trinity's current home.

OCTOBER 16 "New Member Welcome"

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll hear from two delightful current members, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation.

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comfort me? She even pulled back her wig, exposing her scalp and making jokes in an attempt to make me laugh.

My failure didn't stop there: after completing four of the nine squares, my work hours changed, forcing my attendance in class to dwindle. Sadly, I never finished my African lap quilt.

I think about this compassionate woman from time to time. I think about how kind she was to me, how she returned grace upon grace in response to my cavalier quip. I'm embarrassed to admit that over the many years since our interaction, I've forgotten her name. But I can picture her face in my mind's eye at this moment. I'm certain her daughter treasures her mama's quilt.

When I think about that clumsy yet grace-filled encounter, I'm reminded of a popular gospel song, "Please Be Patient With Me." Many artists have recorded this tune, but one of my favorites is by the late-legend Albertina Walker, who recorded a live version in Chicago in 1979 that featured James Cleveland. This dynamic duet posits a simple plea: "Please patient with me. God is not through with me yet."

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The song continues: "When God gets through with me, I shall come forth, I shall come forth like pure gold."

Obviously, I'm no golden child—yet. But I imagine that gracious woman, who I met all those years ago, has indeed come forth as pure as gold. Her life is no longer under construction and her baptism is complete.

~Pastor Angela T. !Khabebe

REMINDER: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AS WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS IN OUR BELOVED BUILDING!

In 2022, we commemorate 100 years since the church's cornerstone was laid and opened to the community. Join us on Sunday, October 9, as we reflect on what those 100 years have meant for the Holy Trinity congregation and as we dream together about what the next 100 years might look like for our community. The past three years have redefined what it means to gather as a community, but they have also created new opportunities to consider the significance of our building and its presence in the Longfellow neighborhood. Your presence and participation is critical as we imagine how our church home reflects the community we are and wish to become. There will be one worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon, celebration, and opportunities for conversation and engagement. Hosted by the Our Shared Home working group. Please contact [Libby Olstad](#) if you can volunteer to help with the festivities (612-839-4981).

FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS

Join us to both be informed and have fun! **Saturday, October 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Community Room. Facilitated by David Scherer and Joe Davis, the event will help build our caring communications skills around race. David and Joe will help us look at:

- * *Breaking down barriers when talking about race.*
- * *Recognizing when we intentionally or unintentionally use micro-aggressive comments or actions (that could feel like harm to others) AND micro-inclusive comments that keep us in relationship even in the middle of conflict.*
- * *Improving our ability to communicate "gospel welcome" in our words and actions.*

Sign up in the Community Room or email [Erin Henry](#).

VISIT THE SURVIVORS MEMORIAL ON BOOM ISLAND WITH THE ENCORE! GROUP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 10:00 AM

The Survivors Memorial is a beautiful mosaic art piece that is the nation's first, permanent, public memorial to victims and survivors of sexual abuse. Meet up at 10:00 a.m. by the picnic area near the parking lot on Boom Island at 724 Sibley St NE, Minneapolis.

WEAVING PROJECT - INVITING YOU TO BRING OBJECTS OF LIFE OCTOBER 9-23

A photo of your pet, seeds, a college acceptance letter, tools for a new hobby, a pride flag... During these weeks, we invite you to bring an object that somehow represents life for you.

- Bring objects to the box in the Community Room.
- We'll weave your objects into the community tapestries; your objects will not be returned to you. If there's a cherished item you want included, consider a photo, scan, drawing or other creative representation!
- Objects should be light (lighter than a medium apple or 150 grams) and fit in a shoe box. Contact a weaver (ryanadh93@gmail.com or mariah.wika2@gmail.com) if you have questions—some objects may be outside our given bounds but still can work! (like a stick, for example).
- Stop by the outdoor fiber arts project (just east of the library on Lake Street) to write thoughts inspired by the theme on a piece of fabric. Tie or weave in the fabric to the wire and add to this bright and fluttering display of community story and emotion.
- Objects should be light (lighter than a medium apple or 150 grams) and fit in a shoe box. Contact weavers [Ryana](#) or [Mariah](#) if you have questions. Some objects may be outside our given bounds but still can work!

Stop by the outdoor fiber arts project on the east side of the library on Lake Street to write your thoughts. Tie or weave in the fabric to the wire and add to this bright and fluttering tapestry display of community story.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27: WE STILL NEED HELP TO CLEAN UP THE OUTSIDE OF HTLC BEFORE WINTER!

We hope some of you will be able to join Nolan and the Property Committee chair, Rod Johnson, to do some clean up around the outside of the church on Thursday, October 27 from 3-7:00p.m. Rain date Saturday, November 5 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Please sign up in the Community Room or contact the [office](#) (612-729-8358).



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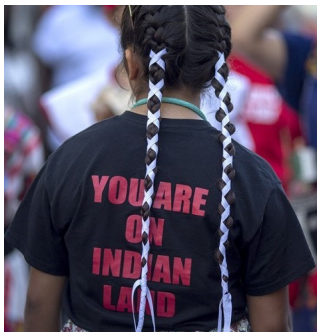
COURT OF APPEALS: DACA PROGRAM VIOLATES U.S. LAW

Breaking: On October 5, 2022, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled with a July 2021 lower court order that determined the “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” (DACA) program violates U.S. immigration law. The lower court had ruled that the DACA program was illegal and ordered that the program end but allowed DACA renewals to continue while its decision was appealed. However, the appeals court has not ordered the Biden administration to shut down DACA or stop processing renewal applications. Essentially, the program is still in place and open for renewals *for now*. Please watch for more information as this ruling is processed and we wait to see what comes next.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, October 10, in commemoration of Indigenous Peoples Day, which honors the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the United States.

The holiday recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Native communities, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.



This holiday is an opportunity to bring more awareness to the unique, rich history of North America which is inextricably tied to its first peoples.

Currently, there are over 600 Native Nations in the U.S., and 6.8 million Americans identify as Native American, yet representation for Native peoples is seriously lacking, and Native communities still experience a legacy of discrimination as a result. Indigenous Peoples' Day pushes back on these injustices.

TOOT-TOOT! PARKING AT HOLY TRINITY ON SUNDAYS!

Please reserve the parking spaces in the small cul de sac lot for those with limited mobility on Sundays.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6, 2022!

UPCOMING “LIFE TOGETHER” OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up in the Community Room for any of these sessions.

LADDER TO THE LIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:00 PM

Join Randy Nelson on Thursday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Ladder to the Light—an Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage* written by Steven Charleston. Randy will host this conversation in the Community Room. Copies of the book and a sign up sheet are available in the Community Room. **Please sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 9.**

CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 12:00 PM

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 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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM

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 to share companionship and encouraging ideas with each other. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.

WATCH FOR YOUR GIVING STATEMENTS

Please watch the mail for your current giving statements. The statement will include all giving deposited between January 1 and September 30, 2022. Please pay attention to the amounts given, dates, and categories. If you would prefer your statement be sent to you via email, or have questions, please contact [Kaia Ellis](#). As always, thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity!

~ Concerning People ~

We pray mindfully for the needs of others, especially those who face illness or hard times, including Sharon Englund's brothers, **Earl Anderson; Dennis Anderson**; Lois Eid's dear Colorado friends, **Ras and Marian Erdahl**; Tom and Kathy's friend, Earl, in hospice; **Mary Ann Sheets & Jack Hanson; Bob Peschiutta; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly**; Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Mary Heltsley**; Kaia Ellis' dear friend, **Erin; Mark Symchych**; Ann and Dawn's neighbor, **Brian; and Edna Goltz**, who will be baptized this Sunday.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

	10:00 AM
Preacher	Doug Mork
Presiding Ministers	Ingrid Rasmussen
Assisting Minister	Liz Conway
Altar Guild	Anne Beschnett, Josh Becker
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Communion	Linda Berglin, Kari Kleven, Richard Liedholm
Crucifer	Mike Nevergall
Counters	Pam Blomgren, Deb Helmel, Julie Cahoy
Ushers	Joshua Combs, Cori Gershon, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Video Operator	Jeffrey Weiss
Closer	Rod Johnson

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 9-15, 2022

Sunday, October 9	10:00 AM 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Lunch and Celebration in the Gym Swahili Service
Monday, October 10	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Office closed: Indigenous Peoples' Day Adult Choir Rehearsal Lectio Divina
Tuesday, October 11	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, October 12	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30 PM	Encore, Survivor's Memorial on Boom Island Choir Families Supper Children's Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Cantate! Rehearsal
Thursday, October 13	6:00 PM	<i>Ladder to the Light</i> Book Discussion
Saturday, October 15	9:30-11:30 AM	<i>From Micro Aggressions to Micro Inclusions</i>
October 2-22		"Water Protectors" Photo Exhibit at Holy Trinity

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 9, service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services through this [link](#).

