



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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STEWARDING JOY

Our staff just finished our twice-monthly meeting. We began by speaking gratitude. Not all of us grew up celebrating Thanksgiving as a holiday, but faith calls all of us into the practice of thanksgiving. As we went around the circle, people named family members, experiences, church happenings, and more. There was a goodness, a joy that filled the spaces between us as we shared.

My college professor Anna Madsen, whose life has been filled with significant hardship, says that sometimes Christians feel guilty about joy. In her book *Joyful Defiance*, she writes that “we fear that joy wanders too quickly into self-indulgence, is a forced mask of plastic happiness, or at the very least selfishly disregards those who suffer while we smile.” But Madsen claims that “joy isn’t naïve, nor is it unaware or uninterested in sorrow, grief, or anger...[The two are deeply connected. We] steward the pain by changing the world for the better. [And we] steward the joy by creating a world where those who mourn have reason to breathe, reason to come back to life.”

As we emerge from a very tender time into another tender time in the life of the world, some of us might find that our joy and gratitude are a little rusty. The life of faith gently invites us to be ambidextrous—to stay alive to the sweetness of the world while remaining present to the heartache. The good news is that we are never expected to do this alone; instead, we find this movement in community and in communion with a loving God.

“Three Gratitudes”

by Carrie Newcomer

Every night before I go to sleep
I say out loud
Three things that I’m grateful for,
All the significant, insignificant
Extraordinary, ordinary stuff of my life.
It’s a small practice and humble,
And yet, I find I sleep better
Holding what lightens and softens my life
Ever so briefly at the end of the day.
Sunlight, and blueberries,
Good dogs and wool socks,
A fine rain,
A good friend,
Fresh basil and wild phlox,
My father’s good health,
My daughter’s new job,
The song that always makes me cry,

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. 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.

NOVEMBER 20 Sounds of Worship: The Changing Nature of Worship Music in the Caribbean Church with Andrew Martin:

“The steelpan is a tuned idiophone made from 55-gallon oil barrels. On the Caribbean islands of Antigua the fluid transfer of steelpan music from churches to schools to community bands links religious and civic life in a manner unlike anything else in the Caribbean. This forum explores the innovative use of steelpan in religious life in Antigua as well as Jamaica and the greater Caribbean archipelago.”

NOVEMBER 27 Discussion of Draft [ELCA Climate Change Statement](#)

Always at the same part,
No matter how many times I hear it.
Decent coffee at the airport,
And your quiet breathing,
The stories you told me,
The frost patterns on the windows,
English horns and banjos,
Wood Thrush and June bugs,
The smooth glassy calm of the morning pond,
An old coat,
A new poem,
My library card,
And that my car keeps running
Despite all the miles.
And after three things,
More often than not,
I get on a roll and I just keep on going,
I keep naming and listing,
Until I lie grinning,
Blankets pulled up to my chin,
Awash with wonder
At the sweetness of it all.

Schedule for Advent 2022

**Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21
Advent Suppers and Evening Prayer Services**

God has chosen to make a home among us. In our joys and sorrows, in our longing for healing and justice, in our gathering for worship, God promises to embrace us in love.

This year, there are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings:

The first is designed for parents and their young children to engage together in an interactive Advent reflection that invites busy hands and imaginative minds. It will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir members may wish to visit before rehearsal, then plan to eat supper following.

As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary where we will again use our beautiful, unique Advent wreath. People of all ages are invited to worship (including young children, if this time and format works better for them).

**Book Discussion on *Refugia Faith*
During the Advent Supper Hour**

Bring your supper (provided in the Community Room) to the Library and join the conversation on Debra Rienstra's book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth*.

Refugia (reh-FU-jee-ah) is a biological term describing places of shelter where life endures in times of crisis, such as volcanic eruption, fire, or stressed climate. Ideally, these refugia endure, expand, and connect so that new life emerges.

In our churches, in our communities, and in our ecosystems. Rienstra says, Christians are being called to nurture Refugia—inclusive spaces where transition, healing, and new growth can occur."

Sign up by Sunday, November 27. Discussions will be led by Matt Floding, Bryan Hollaway, and David Kohlstedt.

***Additional copies of the book are now available in the Community Room.**

THANK YOU FROM MARY ELLEN OLSON'S NIECE

"Thank you for your kind words...I so appreciate your wonderful help and the help of everyone at Holy Trinity. My aunt's service was beautiful and perfect in every way, and I know she would've loved it. (As we loved my dad's service there 11 years ago.) After experiencing several other memorials in other churches recently, HTLC's staff and volunteers go above and beyond in every way. The community is incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing, caring, competent organization within it, and I was so grateful for not having to worry about every tiny detail of putting the service together —you all have it pieced together perfectly."

**LIFE TOGETHER: THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 12 PM
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 chapters are available in the Community Room.

**MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 9:45-11:00 AM**

The youth are hosting an event to help usher in the Advent season. Whether you have a homemade craft or jam to share, a batch of sugar cookies embossed with a Martin Luther silhouette, or hand-knit socks, you are invited to donate your goods. All proceeds help to support summer youth trips. Contact [David](#) or a member of the Youth Committee to make your contribution.



HOLIDAY SHARING WITH LONGFELLOW H.S. DEC. 8

Reminder that Holiday Sharing with Longfellow High School takes place Thursday, December 8, at 2:20 p.m. Contact [Zoe](#) if you can help with setting up, donating treats, or cleaning up.

**LIFE TOGETHER: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM
SURVIVE AND EVEN THRIVE IN A MINNESOTA WINTER
~ OUR FINAL LIFE TOGETHER OFFERING FOR 2022 ~**

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. Please sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, December 11.

OLIVE OIL FROM MOUNT OF OLIVES

Once again, Mount of Olives is shipping olive oil our way! This time we will be selling 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$40. These bottles make excellent Christmas gifts! 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 the [office](#) for further information or to purchase (612-729-8358).

PARISH INFORMATION

THE COLOR ORANGE

Following the news of the 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were found in an mass grave in Canada and the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland, The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association invites congregations to place orange cloth in their sanctuaries as a way to remember.

The color orange is symbolic. The inspiration came from a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes, including a new orange t-shirt her grandmother had gifted her.

As a church we acknowledge and confess our complicity in the atrocities committed against the Indigenous peoples of North America and throughout the world where western Christianity colonized Indigenous peoples.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the altar area at Christmas, please sign up in the community room or contact the church [office](tel:612-729-8358) (612-729-8358). Cost is on a sliding scale from \$0-\$30. Donate according to your ability.

The Christmas Eve bulletins will list the names of sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering or honoring.

HTLC CHURCH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY

Gratitude to all who prepared for and attended the 100th Anniversary celebration. A truly joyful time to be together again.

Council will begin "Annual Conversations" with the pastors as part of their performance reviews. This month featured Pastor Ingrid who talked about Holy Trinity's significant contributions to the community in the past two years, her role as lead pastor, and her collaboration with our talented staff.

Stepping Out in Faith:

- *Our Shared Community* – November 13 Adult Forum being held in tandem with the Johnson Symposium.
- *Our Shared Home* – Watch for an end-of-year report from this group detailing their original directive, accomplishments to-date, and information to guide the next phases.
- The Stepping Out in Faith email account is available for questions or concerns. (steppingout@htlcmpls.org)

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, [Bright Stars of Bethlehem](#), the [Lift Garage](#), and/or [ELCA World Hunger](#). To donate online, click [here](#). *Please remember: contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022, to be counted as a 2022 donation. Thank you!*

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is a month to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Take some meaningful time this month to learn more about Native American Heritage Month and Native people here in Minnesota:

Tour [Our Home - Native Minnesota](#) at the Minnesota History Center.

Read [Minnesota's 2021 Proclamation](#) which "honors and uplifts the vibrant and diverse Native American cultures that form an integral part of Minnesota today."

Discover [Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations](#), a virtual and in-person nationally recognized, award-winning exhibit made in partnership with the [Minnesota Indian Affairs Council](#) and the [Smithsonian's Nt'l Museum of the American Indian](#).

VIDEO RECORDING OF JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM

There was a good turnout for the Johnson Symposium last weekend. The symposium featured plenary sessions with Winona LaDuke and Dr. Diane Jacobson. If you missed it, you can see video recordings of the symposium [here](#).

WALK TO END HUNGER

South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels depends on the Walk to End Hunger fundraiser as a big source of our fundraising for the year. The Walk to End Hunger takes place at the Mall of America on Thanksgiving morning. If you wish to support South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels you can choose to walk or donate through the [website](#).

Julie Cahoy and Mary Engen from HT have signed up as walkers. Checks can also be mailed to SMMOW at P.O. Box 17210, Minneapolis 55417. Checks should be written to Walk to End Hunger. We are very grateful that Metro Meals 'on Wheels will be providing a match for each donation.

~ Concerning People ~

We pray mindfully for the needs of others, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times, including the Khabeb family at the drowning death of **Naledi**, Benhi & Pastor Angela's 3-year-old great-niece; the family of Andrea Hansen, especially her father Walt, as they mourn the death of her stepmom, **Nancy**; **Jack Hanson**, as he prepares for surgery; Lois Eid's friends, **Ras and Marian Erdahl**; **Jeanne Salmon**; **Dorothy Kelly**; Mary Petersen's friend, **Joe**; **Cori Gershon**; **Marcea Mariani**; **DeWayne Townsend III**; **Marlene Peterson**; **Mary Heltsley**; and **Mark Symchych**.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Angela Khabeab	Preacher	Angela Khabeab
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Ministers	Ingrid Rasmussen
Andrea Hansen	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Julie & Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe & Dolores Gbala
Carol Masters, Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers	Deb Anderson & Tracey Baubie
Carol Berg, David Broberg, Mike Nevergall	Communion	Deb Anderson, Nicki Hines, David Krig
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Jen Frenzel, Joyce Petereson	Counters	Deb Helmelt, John Sulzbach
Chris Engen, Gori Gershon, Ginny & Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Helen & Bob Norheim
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

There were more than 350 government-funded, often church-run, Indian Boarding schools across the US in the 19th and 20th centuries. Indian children were forcibly abducted by government agents, sent to schools hundreds of miles away, and beaten, starved, or otherwise abused when they spoke their native languages.

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 20-NOVEMBER 26, 2022

Sunday, November 20	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 21	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 22	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, November 24		Thanksgiving Day/Building Closed

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 20, service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services through this [link](#).

