



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Sculptor: John Sterner  
Glassblower: Alan Honn  
Photo credit: Chris Gamble

After five years of careful work, the congregation welcomed a new font crafted by John Sterner and Alan Honn. The blue waters of the bowl meet prairie sweet grass, a symbol chosen by Sterner (Lakota) because of its spiritual significance to Indigenous peoples in this region. We are grateful that this font—and the baptismal waters that will flow from it—will be central to our lives for many years to come.

### A SERMON ON WATER AND BELONGING BASED ON JOHN 4

A friend of mine was "going north" for the first time recently, and I was thinking about what I should tell her about the experience. Those of you who have driven north on 35 to Duluth may know that there is a moment when the interstate crests and gorgeous Lake Superior is spread before you. On childhood trips, I used to tell my parents to wake me up before we got to "the spot." Now that I'm a parent, I call for peace and quiet in the car as we approach the sacred spot and often hold my breath as I take in the expanse. Maybe you do, too.

In her most recent book, theologian Anna Madsen tells the story of moving from South Dakota to Two Harbors, MN. One night the skies turned colors and the wind picked up—signs that Madsen and her family should protect from a tornado. Madsen called her neighbor to see how concerned they needed to be about storms. The neighbor laughed. "Oh, no one can remember the last time we had a tornado here. The

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
John 9:1-41

### 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 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

#### March 19 "Welcoming New Members in the Community Room"

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 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 the many people joining this congregation.

#### March 26 "Reflections on Climate Change" David Howe

More information to come next week.



Photos of the font installation, March 11

Marilyn Miller, Chair of the group leading the new font commission would like to express gratitude for the wonderful team that worked to see this project come to fruition. She feels we are very fortunate to have found two artists who excel in their fields and worked together so well to bring this beautiful work of art to our place of worship.

Final payment for the font will come from the Cotton estate.

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lake just sucks the storm's energy right on up." Madsen writes that the lake absorbs the storms that cross the prairie; it also absorbs the storms that cross one's life. There is something about the lake, the sacredness of space, that absorbs what we need it to absorb, reframes it, or gives us breath to tackle it.\*

The Samaritan woman comes to the well alone. Commentators have a lot to say about that—often making the mistake of mixing biblical exegesis with unfounded morality claims. One theologian that I read this week said that “these poor biblical characters have had to endure enormous caricatures that we people of faith have created for them.” Today, we aren't going to speculate why she's alone; we're simply going to notice that she is alone at the well at high noon—a time of the day when women in the ancient world did not go to draw water. It was just too darn hot.

What did this woman bring with her to the well? A jar, yes. But what else? What hopes, fears, and longings did she carry with her? I like to think that as her water jar went down into the cool waters, it took with it everything she wanted to shed and even those things she didn't know she needed to shed. I like to think that a la Mother Superior, the well had the power to know what the woman needed it to take. And that something sprang forth from that inexhaustible well of love that somehow, somehow, made her feel lighter, more like herself, more like who she was created to be.

Preachers have long proclaimed that Jesus found the woman at the well. But I think the water at the well finds the woman and Jesus. Here, at the well of Jacob the famous wrestler and Joseph the infamous dreamer, Jesus and the Samaritan woman both tap into the deep truth of who they are. The Sacred Source of All Life\*\* finds both the woman and Jesus at the water's edge. It's a baptismal scene of belonging.

I know some of what y'all carry with you into this space today. There's a lot I don't know, too. Whatever it is, the Inexhaustible Well of Love can receive it.

Your worries? Into the waters.  
 Fears, into the waters.  
 Shame, into the waters.  
 Loneliness, into the waters.  
 Weariness, into the waters.  
 Disappointment, into the waters.  
 Control, into the waters.  
 Relationships, into the waters.

Dear ones, may these waters absorb whatever needs absorbing, and may the font of life remind us of who we truly are—people doused in love, filled with dreams, and awash with belonging.

For this we say: Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*From Dr. Anna Madsen's *Joyful Defiance*.

\*\*Someone shared this phrase from Rev. Dr. James Gertmenian with me.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### CONFIRMATION BOWLING WITH SPONSORS MARCH 19

Confirmands and sponsors will meet after Confirmation class ends at 10:50 a.m. to head over to Memory Lanes for a few rounds of bowling and many rounds of fun and fellowship together!

### SAVE THE DATE: PANCAKE BRUNCH FUNDRAISER MARCH 25

Our partner Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Luc (CTUL) is restarting their Pancake Brunch Fundraiser, which will be on March 25, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. They need our help supporting the event with volunteers; please fill out [this form](#) if you are able to help!

Whether or not you're able to volunteer, please save the date, invite your friends, and [get your tickets here!](#)

## LENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

### WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 22, 29

#### LENT SOUP SUPPERS & EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Open gym time with adult supervision from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium will be available to all, especially young children. Come have some fun before worship!
- The community then moves downstairs at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer in the Bartsch Room, where we hear God's story read aloud. Throughout the season, we will reflect on the theme of "Fire."

### HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS MARCH 27-31

Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of March 27-31. Meals are picked up at Nokomis Squares Cooperatives delivery dock on 35th Ave. S. (between 50th and 51st St) at 11:15 a.m. Meal delivery takes about an hour and a half. Volunteers are needed. If you haven't volunteered previously, we would do a training with you the first time. If you are interested, contact Mary Engen at [engenmary@yahoo.com](mailto:engenmary@yahoo.com).

### 2022 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars.



# PARISH INFORMATION

## ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT

We experienced a beautifully snowy and wonderfully connecting Annual Family Retreat this past weekend (March 10-12). A total number of fifteen children and fifteen adults made for a lively time! Folks were invited to spend time relaxing, playing, and connecting with each other. There was a moment in which, as I sat by a wood-burning stove looking at snowfall from the window, I was reminded of how grateful I am to serve alongside you all. As Holy Trinity members we truly are a group of people who create welcoming community, ask difficult questions, and make meaningful connections. There is so much that I could write about, but I promised that I would mention the Crazy Silly Bible Story Dioramas created by using Peeps marshmallows. We had a total of four groups, and it was too difficult to name a winner, so we all won! The stories depicted are Acts 20:9 created by Johnny Weiss, Julian Schroeder, and Wesley Johnson-Heist, 2 Kings 2:23-24 created by Frances Olsen Biebighauser, Caroline Nevergall, and Jayne Vaillancourt, as well as an apocryphal mishmash created by Elliott Nevergall, Peter Schroeder, Francis Kelly, and Annika Lindorfer. We'd like to know which one is your favorite and know that you most likely want to be a part of this kind of fun in the future! Please keep in mind that we will have our next year's Annual Family Retreat February 16-18, 2024, at the YMCA Camp Saint Croix outside of Hudson, Wisconsin. We hope you will join us!



## EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website ([htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)) to donate electronically.

## AARP TAX AIDE AT HOLY TRINITY

AARP Tax Aide is available at Holy Trinity to provide assistance with 2022 tax preparation for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Tax assistance will run from February 6 until April 19. You need an appointment to have your tax documents scanned. Returns are completed off-site.

- **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**  
call 612-757-2622

When you call, please have your 2021 tax return available.

## CELEBRATING 2023 GRADUATES

We want to celebrate all who are graduating this spring, especially those who are completing their high school years. Please mark Sunday, April 30, as the day on which we will be blessing graduates at both church services. Please also send an email to Dcn. David ([drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org](mailto:drojasmartinez@htlcmpls.org)) with the full names of your anticipated graduates. We are excited to celebrate with you!

## MIGIZI SUMMER PROGRAMS

Holy Trinity has included MIGIZI Summer Programs in its 2023 Special Appeal Funds. At last Sunday's [Adult Forum](#) we heard from Kelly Drummer, MIGIZI CEO, who provided an update on their 2023 Summer Water Sovereignty Program and other youth leadership activities. Dan Ahrendt, Program Manager, Wilderness Canoe Base, highlighted 2022 MIGIZI canoe trips and plans for 2023 canoe trips. Four native youth also shared about their summer 2022 canoe trip experiences. If you would like to contribute to the MIGIZI Summer Programs and the three trips planned for 2023, you may either write a check to Holy Trinity and write in the Memo that it is for MIGIZI Summer Programs or give electronically through the Holy Trinity website [Donate](#) tab and select MIGIZI from the Special Appeals list. It is estimated that the cost (including the wilderness camping trip, transportation, needs for gear, etc.) is about \$1,200 per person.

## OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Bottles of fresh olive oil are available in two sizes: 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$35. 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](#) to purchase.

## ~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of God's tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times. We remember especially **John Sulzbach; Ben Sulzbach; Kathy Ohler; Pam Kildahl; Reidun Harris; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Mary Petersen's friend, Anna Marie.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Ingrid Rasmussen	Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Bob Aldrich	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Kevin Proescholdt, Rick Liedholm, Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Deb Anderson, Sue Roberts, Kris Christians
David Broberg, Chris Engen, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe, Doris Gbala
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Bob Norheim, Joy Nelson
Pam Blomgren, Joyce Peterson	Counters	Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

## PARISH EVENTS MARCH 19—25, 2023

Sunday, March 19	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Confirmation Bowling with Sponsors
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, March 20		
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 21		
	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 22		
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	5:45-6:45 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Lent Service
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Saturday, March 25	10:30-1:00 PM	CTUL Pancake Brunch

### 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 worship services [here](#).

