



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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### HOLY WEEK 2023



#### Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.

#### Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for supper in the Community Room at 5:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move downstairs to the Bartsch Room to begin our observance of the Three Days. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir and Trinity Singers will help lead music for the worship.

#### Friday, April 7—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing.

#### Saturday, April 8—Vigil of Easter

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. A small group ensemble and soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

#### Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass ensemble will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

#### Sunday, April 9—No Adult Forum on Easter Sunday

Join us in the Community Room (the room to the rear of the sanctuary) in between services for breakfast tacos from Habenero, sweet treats from congregants, and friendship.



### PALM SUNDAY

#### READINGS

*Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;*

*Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11*

### 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.*

#### April 2 "What's up with the Roof Depot?"

**Mike Forcia**

Mike Forcia will talk about the neighborhood project to establish an indoor farm and create space for community businesses and services in the warehouse space known as the Roof Depot. The City wants to demolish the building to make room for a parking area for over 880 city vehicles. Residents, including the largest urban population of Native people in the US, already live in the most polluted neighborhood of Minneapolis. Pollution-related health issues would increase with fumes from diesel trucks and the possible release of arsenic through the demolition process. This is happening so close to HTLC. Find out more, ask questions and learn what action is next!

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#### 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.

#### ~ 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 **Kathy Ohler; Reidun Harris; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley, and Mark Symchych.**

## COMING SOON: SANCTUARY UPGRADES FROM OUR SHARED HOME RECOMMENDATIONS

The Church Council reviewed recommendations from the Our Shared Home Task Force last December and again in our March 2023 meeting. If you haven't read through it already, I highly recommend reviewing them in our [latest annual report](#). Our approach is to move recommendations from the report forward in phases. In this phase, we approved sanctuary updates to include: chairs in the front two rows, lighting and sound upgrades, and the creation of a "prayerground" space. These ready-to-go projects will improve accessibility of worship and provide greater flexibility in how our worship space is used. We also authorized a short-term task force to develop the concept of a prayerground: a dedicated area for young children and families to worship together near the front of the sanctuary. Families who might use this space and are interested in joining the group can contact Meghan Olsen Biebighauser.

These changes come directly from the recommendations of the Our Shared Home Task Force. This dedicated group focused on questions about the future of our building while centering racial justice, radical hospitality, and building capacity in the surrounding neighborhood. They considered the growing needs of our congregation's ministries as well as dozens of partners and community groups who use the building on a regular basis as an unofficial community center of the Longfellow neighborhood.

The Council is excited to put the Our Shared Home funds to use in our worship space. We will provide updates on each phase of this work going forward. Big thanks to Mike Nevergall, Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Donna Goodlaxson, Nicki Hines, Lisa Olson, Libby Olstad, and Pastors Ingrid and Doug for their leadership on the task force over the last two years.

## SPECIAL APEALS LIST: MIGIZI SUMMER

You can help change an urban Indian youths's life. Four native American youth told about their canoe trips last Summer with groups in the Boundary Waters in our Adult Forum on March 19. These four participate in MIGIZI's Summer programs for Indian youth in the Twin Cities. Holy Trinity has included MIGIZI's Summer Programs in our Special Appeals. Your donation to this special appeal for MIGIZI Summer Programs can help send Indian youth from MIGIZI on a canoe trip this coming Summer. You can either write a check to Holy Trinity and write MIGIZI Summer Programs on the Memo line of your check, or you can give electronically on the Holy Trinity website. Just click on the Donate tab and select MIGIZI Summer Programs on the Special Appeals list. The cost of one youth's trip is estimated to be \$1,200, and includes the wilderness camping trip, transportation, needs for gear, etc.

## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Nope, not Christmas yet. But we are continuing to try to improve sound in our sanctuary. It's a very difficult space and I want to share an update both on our new hearing assistance system and on new speakers that will be coming in the summer.

First, in addition to the older hearing assistdevices (which still work), we have a new Wi-Fi based system called **Listen Everywhere**. The new system enables you to download the **Listen Everywhere** app to your phone or tablet device and then connect directly to the system when you are in the sanctuary (or actually anywhere on the church's wifi network) and on the church's Wi-Fi. You can then run headphones from your device and listen to whatever is coming through the sound system. If you have hearing devices that connect to your phone via Bluetooth, you can even stream directly to them. The one caveat is that most Bluetooth devices have a little latency (delay) so you may get a bit of an echo effect. Starting this Sunday, you will see a poster with information on the system and two baskets in the narthex with headphones, one equipped with iphone adapters and one with android (usb-c) adapters.

If you want to give this a try, you will need to do the following:

1) Download the app: It's called "**Listen Everywhere**" in the app store.

2) Once you are at church, connect to our Wi-Fi:

SSID: Holy Trinity Password: HTLC8358

3) Start the app and it should automatically connect. Just click on Audio 1 to start listening.

Please see me (Pastor Doug) with questions and let me know how it goes. It may take us a bit to work out the bugs but I think the sound is good.

Second, sometime over the summer we hope to have new Bose speakers and a signal processor installed in the sanctuary. These should dramatically improve the quality and clarity of everything we do.

Again, feel free to ask any questions you may have!

See you Sunday!

Pastor Doug

## LIBRARY NOTES: APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

On the book cart in the community room for the next couple of weeks, you will find poetry collections by current and past Holy Trinity members--Carol Masters, Cory Gershon, Sue Salm, Arnie Johanson, and Gloria Sauke. In the library, you will find more good poetry. As always, you can access the church's library catalog at <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>. You may also contact your librarians, Annie Hines and Roberta Shaw if you need a good read.

# PARISH INFORMATION

## GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND COMPANIONSHIP

Member Joel Wiberg will be offering 6 to 8 members of Holy Trinity the opportunity to participate together in the process of spiritual companionship. The purpose would be to meet regularly to explore and be open to growing in their relationship with Christ, with one another, and with their own self. This will be a small group committed to a daily spiritual practice enhanced by sharing their experience with the group.

Each participant will commit to an initial period of 10 session of sharing and discerning. In order to build a cohesive group, Joel will personally interview each participant prior to the first session.

To be determined: Medium via Zoom or in-person.

Please contact Joel Wiberg with questions or sign up in the Community Room if interested in learning more.

## "MUSIC FOR FOOD" CONCERT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00 P.M.

The second "Music for Food" concert will be Sunday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary at Holy Trinity. "Music for Food" is a nationwide, musician-led initiative to fight hunger in our local communities. Food insecurity is a painful reality right here in the Twin Cities. All proceeds from this concert will go directly to providing food through the pantry at Source MN. Come hear some beautiful music to nourish your soul while helping put food on someone's table. Suggested donation: \$0-30 (sliding scale).

## WHAT I LEARNED IN PARIS SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4:00 P.M.

The Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group is sponsoring a trip to Penumbra Theatre's performance of *What I Learned in Paris* Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. We have twelve \$25 discounted tickets - reserve yours now in the Community Room. Pay Kathy Hollander for your ticket(s) by April 9. We'll meet after the play in the same building for discussion and snacks. For more information, contact Kathy Hollander or Libby Olstad, or visit [www.penumbratheatre.org](http://www.penumbratheatre.org).

## MN FILM FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS HOLY TRINITY'S PUBLIC ART PROJECT

In the summer of 2021, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Pangea World Theater co-commissioned *The Transition Stage*, a community-engaged public art installation created by Angela Two Stars (a Dakota artist based in the Twin Cities). Through this piece, we invited Longfellow residents to share their laments, their hopes, and their reflections for a just future.

A documentary made about this public art project was selected for inclusion in the 2023 MN Film Festival, which is being held in Duluth this weekend. Two Stars and Pangea leaders asked Pastor Ingrid to meet them for the viewing on Sunday afternoon. Pastor Ingrid almost declined, as she was focused on Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Then they said the film category was called "Truth to Power." She couldn't say "no" to that on Palm Sunday!

If you see her leave worship early, it's because Holy Trinity's ministry extends far beyond our walls this afternoon.

## 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.

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### LONGFELLOW HOST FAMILIES NEEDED! APRIL 16-28

**Who:** Cayo, a Longfellow-based non-profit organization that connects the people of the US and Cuba through music, is seeking host families for four college-aged students for our April Ambassadors Program.

**What:** Hosts who can provide comfortable private sleeping quarters for three young women and a young man during their cultural exchange here in the Twin Cities. Most transportation needs provided by Cayo. Hosts provide daily breakfast and 5-6 dinners.

**Why:** "Hosting ultimately affirmed that we always have more in common with our neighbors than we might initially think - we share a love of family, friends, food, nature and of course, music! Our student knows that she will always have a family ready to welcome. Contact Dr. Rena Kraut [rena@cayomusic.org](mailto:rena@cayomusic.org), 612-237-6437, [www.cayomusic.org](http://www.cayomusic.org)

### ~ Thank You ~

Thank you to the Holy Trinity community for all the prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery from my fall on the ice. I felt uplifted and cradled by the love, and a power far greater than imagined. ~ Kathy Ohler

3rd Precinct  
Community  
Conversations

Should the 3rd  
Precinct police  
building be located  
at Lake and  
Minnehaha or the  
alternate site?

4 times to join

TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
THE HOOK AND LADDER  
Snacks provided.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET  
Meal vouchers provided to first 100 people.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL  
Snacks and beverages provided.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
SABATHANI COMMUNITY CENTER  
Snacks and beverages provided.



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or scan QR code

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Rojas Martinez	Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Wayne Vetter
David Broberg, Andrea Martin	Communion	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, David Krig, Bryan Kuzel
Chris Engen, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Kathryn Howe
Mary and Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Kathy Hollander
Joyce Peterson, Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Rod Johnson

## PARISH EVENTS APRIL 2—APRIL 8, 2023

Sunday, April 2	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, April 3	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 4	11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, April 5	5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Choir Families Meal Youth Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Trinity Singers Rehearsal
Thursday, April 6 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Soup Supper Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 7 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 8 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service

### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 8:40 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

