



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Let's observe Holy Week before we sing hallelujah!

We've entered Holy Week, and I hope and pray that we will not skip from the hosannas of Palm Sunday right to the hallelujahs of Easter Sunday. It's important, as we travel through this week, to see not only incredible sacrifice and love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ, but all of the human condition that comes out during this week.

On Sunday, of course, we shout "hosanna" because we welcome the Messiah. Which Messiah do we welcome? The one we want or the one we need? And then at the end of that Palm Sunday service we take time to hear that we'll in fact be going to dark Gethsemane.

In my former synod it was our tradition to take Tuesday in Holy Week as a special time and a liturgy for our pastors and deacons where they could take a moment to rest and prepare for the crush of events ahead. They would renew their vows. They would receive Holy Communion. They would hear the word and receive oil.

Then we moved to Maundy Thursday. A command Jesus says [is] that "you are to love each other as I have loved you." And Jesus, as a servant, stoops to wash their feet and also gives us his Holy Supper, in which his body is broken and his blood is shed.

And then on Good Friday very often we have congregations taking the part of the people in the crowd when they shout, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Hosannas to "crucify!"

And then [on] Holy Saturday, this day that I think that we miss at our peril — it's usually so filled with preparations for the next day that we don't take time to realize that Jesus rested in the tomb. That a beating heart stopped. That he breathed his last and was in this space. It invites us to come into that space and shed all of those things that get in the way of our understanding and experiencing the love of God in Christ.

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EASTER SUNDAY READINGS

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

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 9 Easter Sunday—No Adult Forum

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.

April 16 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Introduction" Anna Hall

Anna Hall (she/her) is a criminal defense attorney and Equal Justice Works fellow at the Legal Rights Center. Her focus is disrupting and dismantling Minnesota's unjust pretrial detention and cash bail systems. Through her advocacy, Anna aims to support and amplify Minnesota activists and organizers as they agitate for more just systems of accountability. Anna's work is guided by curiosity, deep commitment to community, and a belief that all people are worthy of a meaningful, joyous life.

Many of our congregations have Easter vigil services at night, and they're wonderful, because now unreservedly we sing and say, "Hallelujah!" The lights come back on. There's singing and rejoicing as we prepare for Easter. And then, on Easter Sunday, let the hallelujahs ring. We know now that God has encountered us in all of our brokenness and in all the ways that we stumbled, as we're so clear during the whole Holy Week narrative. But nevertheless, God would rather die than lose a single one of us. And since Jesus has died, he has also been raised and we are promised this new life. This gives us the strength and the hope and the ability to be witnesses to this new life, that in fact life is stronger than death. So sing "hallelujah," dear church. Happy Easter.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
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HOLY WEEK 2023



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!

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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.

PRIORITY: STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation.* As the congregation moves into a time of intentional interim space, the Church Council acknowledges the impacts of a three-year-long pandemic and the neighborhood Uprising of 2020. Many congregants are different people than they were three years ago. Many worshipers are also new to Holy Trinity in the last three years and worshiping within the walls of the building for the first time.

The Church Council seeks to build a volunteer team of individuals who are excited about community and want to create pathways for all members—seasoned and new—to build connections with one another. If you're excited about meeting new people, gathering others in, and having fun along the way, please contact [Katie Schroeder](#) or [Kathy Howe](#) and let them know you're interested in serving on the "Community Connection Team." This will be a short-term commitment between now and the end of the summer. We especially invite members who are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet served on a committee to join this team!

To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the spring and summer, gathering together members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. If you are interested in hosting a cottage meeting, please reach out to [Karen Kunze](#) or [Erin Henry](#) by April 10, 2023. An invitation to a cottage meeting will be sent to each member household by early May.

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) with the full names of your anticipated graduates. We are excited to celebrate with you!

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

THIRD PRECINCT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SESSIONS

Longfellow Community Council is excited to be a part of the community engagement efforts around the future site of the police building in the 3rd precinct. Phase I of this community engagement effort will ask, "Should the 3rd Precinct police building be located at Lake and Minnehaha or the alternate site?" We are looking to the full community of the 3rd precinct for the answer.

To participate in the conversation, please join us at one of the following sessions:

- Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Hook and Ladder (3010 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis 55406) Business Owners Session. Snacks provided.
- Thursday, April 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Midtown Global Market (920 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis 55407). Open to all. Meal vouchers provided to the first 100 participants.
- Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Roosevelt High School Cafeteria (3131 19th Ave S, Minneapolis 55407) Snacks and beverages provided.
- Wednesday, April 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sabathani Community Center (310 E 38th St, Minneapolis 55409) Snacks and beverages provided. [REGISTER HERE](#)

FACING THE FIRE, APRIL 11, 8:00–10:00 P.M.

Artists Paul Herwig and Queen Drea, commissioned by Longfellow Rising, will install a projection display on the former Third Police Precinct, which will highlight community hopes and dreams for this corner of the city. The projection performance will be shown from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Other performance dates include April 20, 21, 27, and 29.



"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).

SAVE THE DATE

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD ALL-SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE FRIDAY, APRIL 28

A festive all-synod worship service will be held Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Ann Svennungsen will be preaching and Dr. Phillip Schoultz, associate artistic director of VocalEssence and cantor at Westwood Lutheran, will lead the music for worship, as well as conduct the Synod-Wide Volunteer Choir. The worship service and volunteer choir are open to all; you do not need to be a voting member. The Pop-Up Synod Choir will have one rehearsal prior to April 28, and will meet at 5:15 p.m. on April 28, prior to the worship service. [Sign up](#) by April 19 if you intend to participate. A light reception will follow the worship service, which will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

SAVE THE DATE: PROPERTY WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, May 4, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If it rains, we'll meet on Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to noon.) Sign up in the Community Room by April 24.

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.

GRATITUDE FOR SOUP (AND MAC AND CHEESE)

Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve soup during Lent and for Maundy Thursday, and for the new tradition of Mac and Cheese! We are grateful for your work.

"When we provide a meal, we are giving people a place to belong." ~ Tom Skold, Holy Trinity member

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 **Dorothy Kelly; Reidun Harris; Cori Gershon; Mary Heltsley, and Mark Symchyk.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork, David Rojas Martinez	Presiding Ministers	Doug Mork, David Rojas Martinez
Cathy Alpizar	Cantor	Cathy Alpizar
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Margaret Kelly	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Nicki Hines, Sue Roberts, Linda Berglin	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Scott Cole, Keith Olstad
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Doris Gbala
David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Ann White
Chuck Jordan, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 9—APRIL 15, 2023

Sunday, April 9	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 10		Office Closed
Tuesday, April 11	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Racial Justice Working Group
Wednesday, April 12	6:00 PM	No Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 28

Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services will join together for one service at 10:00 a.m. The summer season affords us the opportunity to see and to connect with members and friends from “the other service.”

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](#).

