



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## Priority: Journeying Toward Racial Justice

The work to address and actively work against racism in our church and in society continues. Two of our five congregational goals for 2023 name this important work directly: *Grow in competency and commitment to racial justice, particularly naming and actively addressing anti-Blackness. And honor the Dakota people, the original and contemporary stewards of this land.* Both the Racial Justice Working Group and the Doctrine of Discovery Working Group continue to move a variety of concrete initiatives forward, including:

- Continue the work on microaggressions and microinclusions that began last year;
- Explore funding educational grants with BIPOC partners as part of our commitment to reparations;
- Support legislation to establish a deed tax on Minnesota real estate transactions that would support the buy-back of Indigenous land;
- Host a [sacred sites tour](#) in partnership with Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs and the MN Council of Churches;
- Return to the report on Institutional Racism provided by consultant Alicia Sojourner for guidance in further anti-racism work.

In addition to the work by these two Working Groups, the Church Council is intentionally planning ways to engage the full membership of our congregation over the next year. External facilitators will help us to hold this work. A longer-term engagement with facilitators will allow the congregation to continue working with the Intercultural Development Inventory, to participate in individual and group coaching, and to weave racial justice into worship through art and music.

If you are interested in getting more involved in the work of racial justice at Holy Trinity, contact [Libby Olstad](#), Chair of the Racial Justice Working Group, or [Mike Miller](#), Chair of the Doctrine of Discovery Working Group.

## ~ 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 **Sharon Clappier** and her family (Steve Murray's aunt) who is nearing the end of a battle with cancer; Steve Murray's grandma, **Rosie Stalsberg**, who recently experienced a stroke; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; and **Mark Symchych**.

## Third Sunday of Easter



### READINGS

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*

### 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 23 "Pretrial Freedom in Minnesota: Alternative Paths" Anna Hall, Criminal Defense Attorney

Anna will look at what other states have done and what alternatives might look like for Minnesota

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.

The Legal Rights Center is a community-led, nonprofit law firm founded in 1970 by Black activists from The Way and indigenous activists from AIM. Our mission is to work with our communities to seek justice and promote racial equity for those to whom it has historically been denied. We do this work through criminal defense, restorative practices, advocacy, and community education.

#### April 30 "Dawnland: The Film" part 1 Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe

For decades, child welfare authorities have been forcibly removing Indian children from their homes to "save" them from being Indian. In Maine, the first official "truth and reconciliation commission" in the United States began an unprecedented investigation. *Dawnland* goes behind the scenes as this historic body deals with difficult truths, questions the meaning of reconciliation, and charts a new course for state and tribal relations.

The film will be shown in two parts with time for discussion at both sessions. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe and member of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force, will lead the discussions.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**



**“DEFEND THE DEPOT”**

Mike Forcia gave a heartfelt presentation at the recent Adult Forum. He told stories about his experiences with Christianity and offered a message of forgiveness and action to address the environmental racism in Native communities. He supports the efforts by East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to establish an indoor urban farm in the old Depot space at 28th and Longfellow Avenue. In order to support and follow Native leadership, the Racial Justice Committee has sent a letter of support to the Mayor and City Council members. There is a community event on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Watch for details and learn more at [EPNI.org](http://EPNI.org).

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

The Creation Care Team invites you to join us this Sunday at both worship services as we celebrate EARTH DAY. Worship will include a brief talk, highlighting both our call to be creation caretakers and the urgent need for such care highlighted by the most recent United Nations report on global warming. An insert in the bulletin will lift up 10 commitments we can make to creation care and ask us to select 1 or 2 as a focus for us in 2023. After worship, in the Community Room, there will be informational materials and a game for kids. Roberta Shaw will also have a display of books from our church library on earth care and climate change.

**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.

**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. A light reception will follow the worship service, which will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie.

**CELEBRATING 2023 GRADUATES, SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

We will be celebrating 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!

**KNITTING GROUP, TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2:00 P.M.**

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com))

**PROPERTY WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 4, 4:00 P.M.**

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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 7, 10:00 A.M.**

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, this week the Council voted to call a special Congregational Meeting on May 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing a call committee to consider Deacon David Rojas Martinez for call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please make every effort to join us for this meeting which will take place in the sanctuary between services.



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

It's not too late to join the other HT members who will be attending the play *What I learned in Paris* on Sunday, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. Group rate and subsidized tickets are \$25 each, payable to Kathy Hollander. Attendees will discuss the play and have a bite to eat afterward in the adjacent Hallie Q. Brown Center. Sign up in the Community Room or contact Kathy Hollander ([kath77holl77@gmail.com](mailto:kath77holl77@gmail.com)).

# PARISH INFORMATION

## HANDBELL RESTORATION SPECIAL APPEAL

In the 1960s, Holy Trinity purchased the first few octaves of our handbell set from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in England. In subsequent years we were able to purchase additional octaves to complete our set. These handbells are unique, in that each bell contains more metal in the casting, producing a more full and rich sound. The quality of the casting and internal mechanisms contribute to their exceptional sound.

However, the unique nature of these instruments means there are very few options for who can perform maintenance on them within the United States. As bells have been added to this set over time, they have worn at different rates meaning that some are in need of more work than others. It has been many years since we've had full maintenance completed for our handbells, and the wear and tear has been showing. The metal on the inside of the bells is beginning to show signs of age, the clapper mechanisms on many of the handbells are loose and unable to be adjusted in house, and the leather handles on a few of the handbells have become so floppy, it's a wonder the choir is able to ring them at all!

This full restoration is estimated to cost \$7,000. The high cost of this restoration accounts for new handles which last anywhere from 10 years without handle stiffeners or 35+ years with handle stiffeners. Currently, some of the older bells have stiffeners, and the newer ones do not. This mismatch makes playing them inconsistent. This restoration would correct these issues, bring the bells back to original condition, and replace worn parts to ensure uniformity while playing.

Click [here](#) to support this special project. Please select "handbell restoration" from the dropdown menu.

## LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

Many of you may have seen the consecration of the Lay Communion Ministry at the end of a service a few weeks ago. The Lay Communion Ministry has been doing outreach at Holy Trinity for many years. It is a Ministry in which Visitors bring communion to the homes of members who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. It is a meaningful practice for both the Visitors, and the members who are visited. Monthly visits last from about 30 minutes to an hour. A short service outline may be followed, and many Visitors bring the Sunday Bulletin with them and read the Intercessions and some of the prayers. Friendships have developed as a result of these visits. Currently nine persons are being visited.

We welcome new Visitors, and new persons who wish to be visited. This is usually a long-term commitment. Some of our visitors have been seeing their folks for years. Training and supplies are provided. If you would be interested in having a Lay Communion Minister visit you, or would like to be a Visitor, please contact Nancy Madich ([nmadich@gmail.com](mailto:nmadich@gmail.com)).

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT MINISTRY CALENDARS NOW OPEN

The Worship Assistant Ministry calendars for May, June and July are now *live*. This schedule reflects the move to a single service at 10:00 a.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend. Volunteers can log into the Rotunda app for the next few weeks and block off any worship dates/times that you cannot serve or that you want to serve. Thanks for serving!

## COTTAGE MEETING HOSTS

To further community connection, we are looking for congregants willing to host cottage meetings throughout the spring and summer, gathering small groups of members of the congregation who live in similar geographic areas. Cottage meetings will provide informal space to enjoy food and conversation, connection and reconnection. Cottage meetings could take place in a home or a nearby public space. If you are interested in hosting a cottage meeting, please reach out to Karen Kunze ([karen.kunze@yahoo.com](mailto:karen.kunze@yahoo.com)) or Erin Henry ([emanlove@umn.edu](mailto:emanlove@umn.edu)). An invitation to a cottage meeting will be sent to each member household by early May, with gatherings held later this spring or early summer.

## 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 sessions of sharing and discerning. In order to build a cohesive group, Joel will personally interview each participant prior to the first session.

Via Zoom or in-person, medium to be determined. Please contact Joel Wiberg with questions or sign up in the Community Room if interested in learning more.

## GERANIUM CAREGIVERS NEEDED

For several decades, members have kept geraniums alive that were donated years ago, in order to replant them each spring. This involves digging the plants up in the fall, placing them in cold storage in the church over winter, trimming them in the spring, setting them out on warm days, and placing them inside under grow lights when the temperature drops below 50. Then replant by the church at the end of May. This caregiving has become increasingly difficult due to a member's downsizing. Can you help this spring by adopting some geraniums, gently waking them from their slumber, and bringing them back to replant the end of May? Sign up, or pick them up in the Community Room this Sunday.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Andrea Hanson	Cantor	Andrea Hanson
David Kohlstedt	Assisting Minister	Nicki Hines
Kevin Proescholdt, Andrea Hansen, Linda Berglin	Communion	Sean Gosiewski, Bryan Kuzel, Matt Floding
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Julie and Tom Cahoy	Ushers	Joy Nelson, David Broberg, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Sally Kohlstedt, Joel Wiberg	Coffee Servers	Josef Fortier, Liz Kelley
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Pam Kildahl
	Closer	Bob Hulteen

### PARISH EVENTS APRIL 23—APRIL 29, 2023

Sunday, April 23	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, April 24	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 25	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, April 26	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	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](#).

