

PENTECOST

May 28, 2023 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Minneapolis

WELCOME TO ALL

The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a special welcome to all visitors! Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.

We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Children are full participants in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.

Accessible and all-gender restrooms are located in the nursery on the 2nd floor and in the basement. **Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1st floor.

For over forty years, this congregation has advocated for the **full welcome**, **inclusion**, **and equity** of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the church and the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.

Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.

Our services are livestreamed on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we will be employing a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

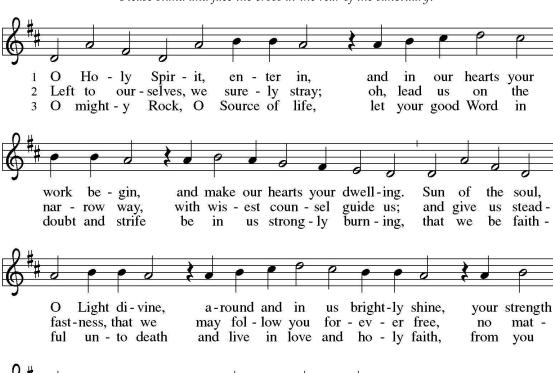
Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three. We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It will be an adventure!

PRELUDE

+LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We collectively acknowledge that Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. Holy Trinity resides on land that was cared for and called home by the Dakota people and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Dakota in 1805 through a fake treaty, this land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region. We recognize and continually support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native nations in this territory and beyond. By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold this church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America accountable to American Indian peoples and nations.

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.





in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show-er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing. to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us. pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Shape us to live as a people of forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, the word of reconciliation.

Amen.

Please he seated.

WELCOME

FONT DECOMMISSIONING PRAYER

Mothering God, our hearts are full of gratitude for this font and the streams of water that have flowed through it over the past one hundred years. You have met us here, through water and the Word. With grace and love, you have held our young and our old, our joy and our sorrow, our knowings and our unknowings. Through water and the Word, you have given us nourishment for our spirits, strength to live, good news to share, and liberation from all that would hold us captive. God of freedom, as this font has been a steady companion in our community of faith, we now release it from its faithful service. This we pray through Jesus your anointed one with the unifying breath of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

TEMPLE TALK BY ARTISTS

After five years of careful work, the congregation has 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.

DEDICATION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Presider: Siblings and friends in Christ, today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this new baptismal font to the glory of God. In the name of the Triune God, from whom all life flows. **Amen**.

Assisting Minister: A reading from the Psalms, "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace." (*Psalm 29:3, 11*)

Presider: A reading from Second Corinthians, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Assisting Minister: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the font of rebirth.

Congregation: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Assisting Minister: Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Congregation: Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

Assisting Minster: You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters.

Congregation: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that claims us in this sacrament.

Assisting Minister: Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Congregation: Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Font Team Member: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to all children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy. **Amen**.

Presiding Minister: In gratitude to God for the ministry and mission of this congregation, for the faithful through the ages, for the generosity that has supported this font project, for the creativity of the font team, the gifts of the artists, and staff, we now dedicate the new baptismal font and ask God's blessing.

The water is moved from the font that has held us for the past 100 years to the font that will hold us for the next 100 years.

Let us pray: Triune God, bless this new baptismal font which we set apart today; may these material things of your creation, shaped by human hands, draw our hearts to you and your everlasting promise. **Amen**.

This font is now dedicated to the glory of God and for the healing and wholeness of all. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 104: 1-9, 14-16, 34-35

we

Hal H. Hopson



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to

you.

My soul praise the LORD! The LORD is most great, With glory arrayed, majestic in state The light is God's garment, the skies form a tent, And over the waters God's message is sent. Refrain

sing your

God rules on the clouds and wings of the storm. The lighting and wind God's mission perform. Foundations of earth God forever has stayed; To cover it, oceans like garments are laid. **Refrain**

On mountains and plains the birth waters lay. They heard God's rebuke and hurried away. God lifted the mountains, to valleys gave birth, Wet boundaries for seas that once covered the earth. Refrain

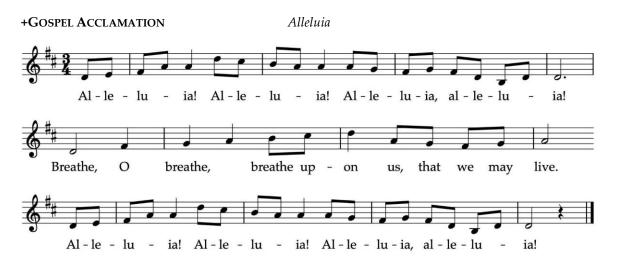
How many and wise the works of the LORD! The earth with its wealth of creatures is stored. The sea bears in safety the ships to and fro; Leviathan plays in the water below. Refrain

Rejoicing in God, my thought shall be sweet. May sinners depart in ruin complete. My soul, praise the LORD God, that name be adored. Come, praise God all people, and worship the LORD. Refrain

SECOND READING

1 *Corinthians* 12:3*b*-13

Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.



+GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Randy Nelson

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Inspiring Spirit, as ordinary people did extraordinary things on Pentecost, may the same Spirit fill our lives with the awareness of its work among us. If the Spirit's work is to renew the face of the earth, may we be filled with the courage, the wisdom, the insight, and a sense of urgency to join in that calling. Inspiring Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

Encouraging Spirit, we are grateful for the unity that we share as one people created in God's image, a unity that does not deny the uniqueness of each individual. We are grateful for the diversity of gifts with which we have been blessed. May we celebrate our individuality even as we strive to build the beloved community in which the need of the neighbor becomes more pressing than our own. Encouraging Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

Sending Spirit, tongues of fire led to action. The Spirit calls us to action. May we not grow weary in well-doing; not be afraid in the face of challenge; not be silenced in the face of resistance. May the Spirit of Pentecost touch our lives as we discern how to be true disciples and carry on the commitment of Jesus to be compassionate, loving, and faithful witnesses. Sending Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

Healing Spirit, we are a people blessed with many gifts: we are also a people of many needs, and so we ask for your graceful presence and the care of this gathering. We ask especially for the members of this community, some of whom are known to most of us, some only to a few, but all of whom are loved. We pray for Libby and Keith Olstad, on the death of their brother-in-law, Bob Tizler; Amy Froiland-Parada's family upon the death of her grandfather, Wayne Stumme; Carol Kelly; Sharon Clappier; Rosie Stalsberg; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; Mark Symchych; the family of George Floyd; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Healing Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Merciful Spirit," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always! (John 20:19, 21)

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING



+OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You freed the widow from her debt by transforming a small jar of oil into countless overflowing vessels. (2 Kings 4:1-7)

You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and enflesh your radical freedom.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

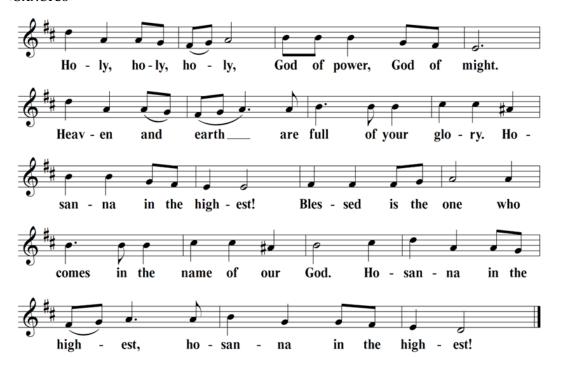
We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks because in the victory of Jesus Christ over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. With all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together:

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

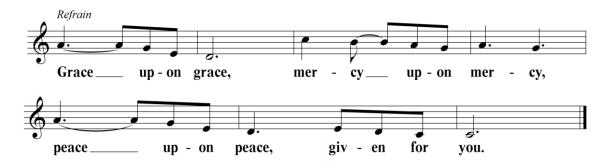
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. **Refrain.** Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. **Refrain.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshiping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

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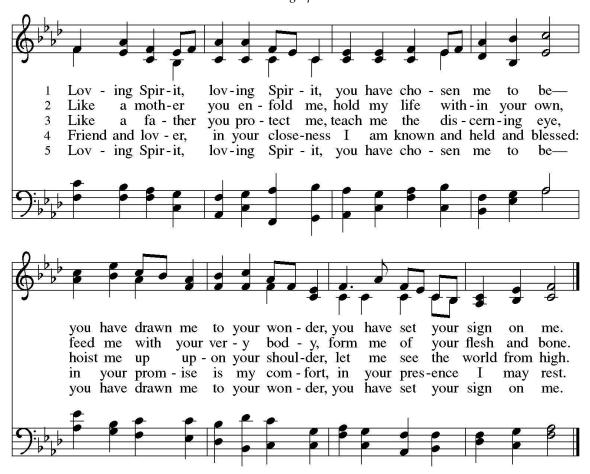


- 1 Like the mur mur of the dove's song, like the chal lenge of her
- 2 To the mem-bers of Christ's bod y, to the branch-es of the 3 With the heal ing of di vi sion, with the cease less voice of

flight, vig like like the of the wind's rush, the or vine, church faith the sem - bled, to in as to our with pow'r with the prayer, the to love and wit - ness,



midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come. peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



+BLESSING

♣ May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope.

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

SENDING



+BENEDICTION Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you.

Let nothing make you afraid.

All things are passing.

God alone never changes.

Patience gains all things.

If you have God you will want for nothing.

God alone suffices.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Be moved by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

Psalm 104: Refrain Text: hal H. Hopson, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers

Music: Hal H. Hopson, © 2008 Birnamwood/MorningStar Music Publishers

"Spirit, Open My Heart" Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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"Christ Our Peace" Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944. Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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"Loving Spirit" Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020.

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, 'Southern Harmony', 1835; arr. Hymnal version
Text © 1987 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Company. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen	
Presiding Minister	David Rojas Martinez	
Crucifer		
Guest Organist	Brad Althoff	
Cantor	Ann Schrooten	
Assisting Minister	Margaret Kelly	
Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Kris Christians	
Ushers	David Broberg, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Ginny and Chuck Jordan	
Altar Guild	Libby and Keith Olstad	
Coffee Servers	David Broberg, Liz Kelley	
Counters	Chuck Jordan, Julie Cahoy	
Closer	Roberta Shaw	

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PARISH INFORMATION

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY

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."

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID THROUGHOUT JUNE

As a progressive parish minister, Molly Baskette has been a companion during the most vulnerable, traumatized, and unsettled periods of many people's lives. She has also had a front row seat to remarkable human transformation, as many of the ruptures her people lived through turned out to be the way that God got in. But when she was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer at age thirty-nine, with two small children, her theology of and relationship to God was tested more profoundly than ever.

Instead of becoming despondent, though, she engaged with her faith more deeply–seizing the opportunity to test the seaworthiness of the faith she had been practicing and preaching. In *How to Begin When Your World is Ending*, Baskette shares the questions that confronted her along the way like: Is it true that prayer changes things? Does God care whether we live or die–and is there a damn thing God can do about it anyway? How can vulnerability, counter-intuitively, be a strength? And the million-dollar question: is there life after death, and just what might it be like?

Weaving together her own story and the stories of those she encountered in her life of faith, Baskette mines joy from all the hardest parts of being human. In doing so she reminds us that whatever you are going through, someone has been there before you and found meaning in the chaos.

Books are available in the Community Room for those interested in joining the discussion. Pastor Ingrid will send out a short reflection by email each Monday morning. The group is invited to gather for one in-person gathering on Arbeiter's patio on the evening of June 22. Further details will be sent to participants. Sign up in the Community Room by May 31.

BIKE TO CHURCH IN JUNE

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

SUMMER BOOK READ

Caring for Creation is sponsoring a summer book read–*Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.* We'll meet for backyard discussion gatherings every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. from June 14 - July 12. Books have been ordered and will be available in the Community Room soon. A signup sheet and book synopsis are in the Community Room.

FIRST SUNDAY MUSINGS JUNE 4

Head to Turtle Bread at 4205 E. 34th St. at 11:15 p.m. with several other members for lunch and conversation. No sign up necessary. The group meets in the Community Room.

KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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 in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

COTTAGE MEETINGS BEGIN JUNE 7

The first congregational goal of 2023 reads: *Nurture community care and connection as we emerge from COVID separation and isolation*. To further community connection, Church Council members and other congregants will lead cottage meetings throughout the 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. More information has recently been sent to members.

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN RESUMES JUNE 11 AT 11:00. We'll eat pizza and drink whatever the volunteers bring to drink, and listen to the music of The Dissenters (featuring our own Scott Cole!). If you can help (buying groceries, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up), reach out to Jeff Olsen Biebighauser (jbiebigh@gmail.com). And clear your schedule for the next three events, too: July 23, August 13, September 10! It'll be so much fun.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, May 29		Memorial Day/Office is Closed
	11:30 AM	Funeral for Peter Kjeseth
Tuesday, May 30	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, June 1	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, June 4	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	11:15 AM	Adult Forum
	11:15 AM	First Sunday Musings at Turtle Bread
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY No Adult Forum

On Sunday, June 4 we begin our Summer Schedule with one worship service each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and the Adult Forum at 11:15 p.m. in the Library and on Zoom.

June 4 "Dawnland The Film"

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 on Sunday, June 4 at 11:15 in the Library. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe, and members of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force will lead the discussion following the film.