



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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Reflection From Senem Yumusak

Senem Yumusak is the daughter of Aysel, a regular worshiper at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. You'll see them on Sunday the next several months. Please greet them warmly.

I am Senem Yumusak.

I am from Malatya, one of the 11 provinces that was destroyed in the earthquake called the disaster of the century at 4:17a.m. on 2.6.2023

My brother is in Adiyaman province, which was most affected by the earthquake. He was working as a teacher. The distance between Malatya province and Adiyaman is three hours. My brother called me the night before the earthquake and said that he had health problems. We set off for Adiyaman by bus at 3:30 the next morning. The first earthquake happened while we were on the bus. The bus stopped and we ran out. We saw that all the buildings were like paper. The weather was -14(C) degrees and everything was covered with snow. Everywhere there was squeaking, dust, and smoke. We saw buildings collapse on top of passing cars. At that moment I thought that life in the whole world was over. I was just crying and praying to God. People rushed to the wreckage of the buildings. There was screaming for help underneath. I was shaking, I was in shock. But I had to come to my senses, people needed us, there was no ambulance and no help. We learned that half of Turkey was in this situation. At that moment I stood up to the people on the bus, I said we had to get up, we had to help people. We took a quick breath, we all headed to the building debris. We were able to save many people by pulling out the ones close to the doors and windows or by throwing the debris with our hands. There were also pets among them. The buildings were as if the ground had been split open and they fell into it. It was not possible for us to remove thousands of people. There was so much noise that I was about to lose my mind. It's called desperation.

Most of those we could pull out of the wreckage were wounded. We had to take them to the hospital. Five hours passed and no help came. We took all the injured children and old people on the bus. We came to a hospital in Malatya that was destroyed on one side. The hospital was like a life-saver. Paramedics were crying. Telephone networks were down and no one could reach anyone. While we were in the hospital the government made the announcement—they said that the bus station is safe and we can all take shelter there. We were

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



READINGS

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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.

May 7 Special Congregational Meeting In place of the Adult Forum

At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, 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.

May 14 and 21 "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 in two parts with time for discussion at both sessions. Jody Beaulieu, Red Lake Anishinaabe and members of the Doctrine of Discovery Task Force will lead the discussions.

DO YOU LOVE PEOPLE?

Holy Trinity needs more Lay Communion Visitors. We welcome new Visitors and new persons who wish to be visited. Visitors bring communion on a monthly basis to members who are unable to come to church on a regular basis. This is usually a long-term commitment, and good friendships may develop as a result of these visits. Training and supplies are provided. If you are interested in being a Lay Communion Visitor, or desire to have a Lay Communion Minister visit you, please contact Nancy Madich (nmadich@gmail.com).

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trying to come together with everyone at the bus station—it was very crowded. At this moment there was the second very big earthquake. This earthquake was very close to the surface and very intense. I had a child in my arms. I was in an area very close to the door by chance. In the first seconds of the earthquake, I ran out the door with the child, but unfortunately behind me at least 50 people were killed. It was the worst of carelessness. Most debris fell on my face. My nose was broken and there was bleeding on my face. I made a bandage with my socks and had to have surgery.

Millions of homes were destroyed in Turkiye. My home and my soul were destroyed too. The rich became poor, too. There was only one thing left: Love. The whole world gave a lot of support. I would like to thank all of you here. Please do not put off your dreams. I love you very much. Millions of people are staying in tents at the moment. Due to sewage the water is dirty. People have no money, no home, no job, diseases are on the rise. There are millions of children who have lost their families. Our government was very inadequate. I have to return after four months, I have nowhere to go. I am just going to go the place where there is a lot of love.

ART EXHIBIT IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Holy Trinity is fortunate to have a month-long exhibit of 10 wood block prints of immigrants riding “La Bestia,” the name given to the trains running north in Mexico, with immigrants riding on top—obviously very risky traveling! This exhibit, in the Community Room, can help us to think about what immigrants risk in trying to get to safety.

Jeffrey Berger, the creator of these block prints, has written comments, and has handouts for us. Also, he offers the prints for sale, to benefit two immigrant support non-profits, one being the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.



COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS

To break bread, we need to make bread! With summer coming, we'd like to firm up a schedule for Communion Bread bakers. There is a sign up sheet in the Community Room. There will also be an instruction and recipe sheet, in case you are new to the process and want to give it a try.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Do you like to write? Would you like to write prayers for Sunday worship? Please call the office (612-729-8358) or email Sue Roberts (htoffice@htlcmpls.org) if you would like to be added to the list of prayer writers.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MAY 7, 10-10:50 A.M.

Join us for supervised open gym time and crafts with Kay Buzza. We hope this will encourage fun, interactive, and meaningful connections for our children, youth, and adult participants.

SOUTH HIGH FOUNDATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

South High Foundation is hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, May 7, 8 a.m.—Noon. Tickets are sold at the door. \$12 for ages 19+ / \$6 ages 6-18, 5 & under FREE. 3131 19th Ave South, enter the 32nd Street Gymnasium door.

IT'S NOT WINTER CELEBRATION! SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2-4 P.M.

Fair, concert, food, fundraiser, fun and games for all ages! Free family and all-ages event outside at the church. Donations recommended to Swahili Choir, who will be providing music, for the fundraising effort for new instruments. Bring your friends and neighbors and let's celebrate the end of a very snowy winter together! In case of rain, the event will be moved inside.

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY MAY, 14, AND 21, 2023, 10-10:50 A.M.

We will be participating in different activities like supervised gym time, craft making, neighborhood clean up, and other outdoor activities with minimal formal classes. We hope this will encourage fun, interactive, and meaningful connections for our children, youth, and adult participants.

- May 14, forest bathing with Ann Schrooten
- May 21, trash pick up with Trash Falcons

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS, MAY 15-19.

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Holy Trinity will be delivering meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of May 15-19. If you are interested in helping with delivery, contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com). Volunteers pick up meals at Nokomis Square Cooperatives on 35th Ave. S. between 50th and 51st St. at 11:15 a.m. Delivery takes between 1 hour to 1 1/2 hrs. If you have not delivered before, Mary will provide an application form and train you before your first delivery.

CELEBRATING THE RESTORE THE VOTE CAMPAIGN AND MORE!

You are invited to join with the leaders who championed Lutherans for Restore the Vote as well as friends, neighbors, and partner organizations to celebrate all the amazing work that has paved the way to this point. [RSVP HERE](#)

Synod Organizing Celebration Event
Saturday May 20, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Redeemer Lutheran Church Backyard
1800 Glenwood Ave, Minneapolis

LIBRARY NOTES: FREE BOOKS

In the hallway outside the library you'll find an array of books that are free for the taking. Please help yourself, there is something for everyone.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

ART AND CRAFT PRACTICE GROUP — ONGOING

Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at East Lake Library, 2726 E. Lake St. If you need to get away from distractions and connect with other creatives—this is the group for you! A quiet supportive atmosphere to work on your art and craft projects—no pressure to show or discuss your work unless you want to. All non-toxic supplies and materials are welcome. Group is limited to 12, to register email Donnab2022@duck.com

LONGFELLOW PLANT SALE

Longfellow School will be having our annual plant sale starting on Friday (May 5th) and continuing for the next two Fridays: May 12 and May 19. The sale will be from 2-4pm on the corner of 31st St & 31st Ave. Most plants were grown from seed by students during STEM class!

The plants this year include:

- Cherry and beefsteak tomatoes
- 4 varieties of peppers
- Herbs: basil, thyme, sage, oregano
- Flowers: alyssum, marigold, moss roses, geranium, coleus, impatiens
- Clearance section

This is an incomplete list, there will be more, stop by and check them out! Please spread the word to friends and neighbors!

SURRENDER

outside my window	before I surrender
is a sea of trees	to anyone
thin	including Jesus
straight	I must let go of
skye-touching	control of my fear
at their very tip	to surrender
the swell of	thereby
new life	relinquishing
	control of my life
	which I fought
	so hard to maintain
I expected to feel	so there's still
something when	a road for me
I surrendered my life	to travel
to Jesus....but what	I am sure
questions abounded	there will be others
how do I know	along the way
I'm doing it right	
how many times	
do I have to repeat	
this surrender	

~Cori Gershon
March 7, 2023

there's no
fanfare
parade
atta girl
then I was hit
with an
amazing insight

MANDELA NAKBA DAY TOUR - MINNEAPOLIS, MAY 16

2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the Nakba ("Catastrophe" in English), when over 750,000 Palestinians were banished from their homes upon the formation of the settler-colonial state of Israel. Today, there are close to five million Palestinian refugees who continue to demand their Right to Return to the homes and lands from which they were exiled.

To commemorate the Nakba, the U.S. Palestinian Community Network (USPCN) and the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression (NAARPR) have arranged a brief U.S. Nakba Day 75 tour, to take place from May 15 - May 20, featuring Nkosi Zwelivelile Mandela, elected member of the South African National Assembly representing the African National Congress – and grandson of the late Nelson Mandela – as the tour's keynote speaker. Tue, May 16, 2023, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., 301 S 19th Ave, Minneapolis. Click [here](#) for more details.

Please note: We are not charging for admission, but instead asking if our communities would help us support this historic tour with a donation!

THE US CAMPAIGN FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

The US Campaign for Palestinian Rights has a new tool to look up how much money goes from your city or state to fund Israel's military. Curious? Over \$11 million goes just from Minneapolis and St. Paul, with Minnesota contributing \$65 million in our tax dollars.

For more information: <https://uscpr.org/activist-resource/us-military-funding-to-israel-map/>

AL NAKBA MARCH

End U.S. aid to Israel! The state of MN must divert over \$800 million in state pension funds from Israeli companies and bonds. Speaking out for Palestine is not a crime! Join the march Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. Meet at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryand Ave S.

OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Remember you can buy Olive Oil from the Mount of Olives. 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 **Tammy Wells**, Karen Batdorf's friend **Katie**; **Sharon Clappier** (Steve Murray's aunt); Steve Murray's grandma, **Rosie Stalsberg**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Mark Symchych**.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Katie Schroeder	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Phil Radtke	Cantor	Phil Radtke
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Rick Liedholm, Gretchen Lund, Kris Christians	Communion	Katy Benson, Allison Johnson Heist, Keith Olstad
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joy Nelson, Chris Amundson
Mary Engen, Ginny Jordan	Altar Guild	Kathryn Howe
Sally Kohlstedt, David Broberg	Coffee Servers	Sue Roberts
Chris Engen, Annie Hines	Counters	Deb Helmelm, Wayne Vetter
	Closer	Roberta Shaw

PARISH EVENTS MAY 7—MAY 13, 2023

Sunday, May 7	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Special Congregational Meeting
	10:00 AM	Supervised Play Time
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:10 PM	First Sunday Musings
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, May 8	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 9	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, May 3	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:30-6:30 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-7:30 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:00-7:30 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:30-8:30 PM	Trinity Singers 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](#).

