

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 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

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GATHER

PRELUDE

Praeludium in e

Nicholaus Bruhns

+GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here

ELW 526

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



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

+GATHERING LITANY

Our lives are so small, O God,

Our vision so limited,

Our courage so frail,

Our hours so fleeting.

Therefore give us grace and guidance for the journey ahead.

We are gathered here because we believe that we are called together into a work we cannot yet know the fullness of.

Still, we trust the voice of the One who has called us.

And so we offer to you, O God, these things:

Our dreams, our plans, our vision.

Shape them as You will.

Our moments and our gifts.

May they be invested toward bright, eternal ends.

Richly bless the work before us. Shepherd us well lest we grow enamored of our own accomplishment or entrenched in old habit.

Instead let us listen for Your voice, our hearts ever open to the quiet beckonings of Your Spirit in this endeavor.

Let remain ever ready to move at the impulse of your love in paths of your design.

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit have power to knit our imperfect hearts, our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories, and our gifts, one to another.

Unite Your people and multiply our offerings, O God, that all might resound to Your beauty.

May our acts of service and creation, frail and wanting as they are, be met and multiplied by the mysterious workings of Your Spirit who weaves all things together toward a redemption better and glorious than we yet have eyes to see, or courage to hope for.

May our love and our labors now echo your love and your labors, O God.

Let all that we do here, in these brief lives, in this our brief moment to love, in this the work you have ordained for this community, flower in winsome and beautiful foretaste of greater love and justice yet to come.

O Spirit of God, now shape our hearts.

O Spirit of God, now guide our hands.

O Spirit of God, now build Your community among us. Amen.

+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

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Turn our feet from evil paths, our hands from hurtful deeds, our minds to your wisdom, and our hearts to your grace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS ENTERING CONFIRMATION

Students receiving Bibles and their parents and guardians gather near the baptismal font.

Dear friends in Christ, when you joined this community, adults who love you made promises to share to help you learn the way of Christ. Now as you prepare for classes, these adults place in your hands the Holy Scriptures. The Bible you receive today, a gift from them and this congregation, is given to assist you in your faith journey.

Students, as you receive this gift today and enter your classes this fall, will you do your best to listen for God's promises, ask your questions, share your concerns, and continue to join the ministry of the church?

Students: Yes, with the help of God, our adults, and this congregation.

Parents and guardians, through your countless loving acts and your faithful example, you nurture your children in life and faith. Today, as you present these Bibles to your children, do you also promise to help them in their reading, answer questions as you are able, and continue to support them in their ongoing journey of faith?

Parents: Yes, with the help of God, one another, and this congregation.

Let us pray. Loving God, source of all wisdom, wonder, and truth: you have given these families as a gift to each other. You have given us your Word to teach us your dream for this world and to renew us for living. As these students receive new Bibles, we pray that you grant them wisdom, faith, and joy. Help us to provide to them a community of nurturing and support each day as they learn more of your gracious promises. **Amen.**

May God bless you and keep you in your learning and growing in faith. May the Word of God fill your home with grace, peace, and hope, today and always. Amen.

The congregation may celebrate with all those gathered at the front of the sanctuary by offering applause.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then **All**):

Refrain

Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord, come sing a new song, Amid all the saints God's praises prolong.
Let Israel be glad in their Maker and sing;
Let all Zion's people rejoice in their King. **Refrain**

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim, With dancing and song give praise to God's name.
For God in the faithful great pleasure will seek,
With robes of salvation adorning the meek. **Refrain**

In glory exult, you saint of the Lord; with songs in the night high praises accord.
Go forth in God's service, be strong in God's might
To conquer all evil and stand for the right. **Refrain**

For this is God's word; the saints shall not fall, But over the earth their faith shall prevail.
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sword
Thus God shows great glory, sing praise to the Lord! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

The musical score consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the last two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, rhythmic style with chords and single notes.

+GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain




Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Please be seated.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Wendy Claire Barrie

Sunday School teachers, all teachers by profession, and students of all ages are invited to stand up with their backpacks or briefcases.

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms, in person and online, and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We especially praise you for those who will be teaching and helping with our Sunday School and Confirmation classes, including Noëlle Morrell, Kay Buzzza, Stephanie Sulzbach, Marcia Floding, Jenni Vaillancourt, Katie Murray, Gretchen Lund, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Zoe Martinez, Pat Kelly, Deb Anderson, Andrea Martin, and those who will join as the year goes on. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books, and new ideas. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. May these backpacks be a sign to all that we have everything we need to learn and grow this year. May we be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult, taught your great love for us by story and example. **Amen.**

Claiming Jesus' promise "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them," we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and our neighbors.

(silence)

God of the church, our Gospel reading calls Christian congregations into beloved community, into an intimate life together that demands accountability, repentance, and forgiveness. Through Christ's indwelling presence, empower Holy Trinity and Christian churches everywhere, to grow into such deep sharing of life. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of sabbath, we welcome Pastor Ingrid and our building manager Nolan back from summer sabbaticals. We pray that sustained time away allowed them deep rest, refreshment of spirit, and rekindling of faith and energy. We thank you that our congregation recognizes how vital such times apart are for our staff and all your human children. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, you cherish the planet you have made. Forgive us for the continued and relentless destruction we are bringing to it through global warming. Move us to incite leaders in government and commerce into the urgent and sustained action needed to eliminate the emissions and activities that cause the crisis and to implement positive changes which bring environmental healing. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Source of all insight and knowledge, we ask that you bless all students and the teachers and other staff who support them as they return to the classroom. We remember especially BIPOC students and families who struggle with continued damage from the pandemic, academically and emotionally; help the schools we attend help us. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we remember all who are suffering this summer: those who have lost homes; loved ones injured in the excessive heat, wildfires, droughts, rainstorms, and hurricanes; and those who are ill, despairing, troubled, frightened or grieving, especially the Buzza and Murray families at the death of family member David's wife Bonnie, Cliff Brown, Margaret Peterson, Mary Paavola, Dorothy Kelly, Cori Gershon, Mark Symchych, and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Bring them healing and hope through the love and care of others, including us. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, through the Savior whose life taught us to love our neighbor above all else. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

Intermezzo
Melissa Morey, horn

Reinhold Gliere

+OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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.

+LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the sin of the

mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que
world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb . . of God, you . .

qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, ten pie -
take a - way the sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us, have . .

dad de no - so - tros. Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
mer - cy up - on us. Grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshipping 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.**

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 a pastor in your pew, please let an usher know.

HEALING STATION

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The melody and accompaniment continue across these staves, ending with a double bar line.

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands

Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

+BENEDICTION

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rondo in B Flat
Melissa Morey, horn

Arnold Cooke

(8:45) Join at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the recommendation from the Call Committee and Council to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

(11:00) Join us for music and lunch in the garden.

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING ELEVEN

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Roberta Shaw, Vicki Bergman
	Crucifer	Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
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Andrea Martin	Communion	Roberta Shaw, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski
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	Closer	Rod Johnson

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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AT 10:00 A.M.

The Church Council has voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the recommendation from the Call Committee and Council to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

MUSIC AND FOOD IN THE GARDEN TODAY AT NOON

Join us for music and food in the garden at 12:00 p.m. (immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service). The Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation Band (our building partner) will be providing the music. It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!

DAVID ROJAS MARTÍNEZ IS NOW DAVID LARSON- MARTÍNEZ

You may already have noticed that, but in case you have not, my name has changed! My full name is now David Larson-Martínez. In 2012, when coming out to my parents after accepting that I could be gay *and* Christian, my father disowned me. Since then, I have not wanted to carry his surname.

In Spanish naming customs, people carry multiple last names which tell a person's familial history. The first last name is traditionally the male parent's and the second last name is traditionally the female parent's. Never is there a hyphen; on and on they go spanning generations, back and forth in gender, attempting to prove a pedigree of sorts. This is why, for example, famous activist Dolores Huerta's full name is Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta and famous author Gabriel García's full name is Gabriel José de la Concordia García Márquez. Quite the mouthfuls, huh?

I chose to drop all of my paternal last names. I also chose to only keep my first maternal last name (Martínez) honoring my mother: Margarita Martínez Flores. When I was disowned in 2012, a mentor and friend (Phyllis Larson Schroeder) supported me through my time in undergrad, heartbreak, and discernment of call to ministry; she has continued to be a part of my life's story. Last year she asked me if I would preach her funeral sermon when the time comes, and I asked if I could carry her last name. We were both honored. In living into my identity as an immigrant in the U.S. as well as originally a Latin American, I chose to keep the accented Martínez but add a hyphen after Larson. Both my mother and Phyllis attended the Hennepin County court hearing wherein I petitioned to have my name legally changed and the judge ordered it so. I am now proudly David Larson-Martínez!

ADULT CHOIR BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Adult Choir will kick off starting Monday, September 11. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke. Adult Choir meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and sings most weeks during the 11:00 a.m. worship. All abilities are welcome!

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM 4TH ANNUAL GALA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

You are invited to join others in the Twin Cities for the Bright Stars of Bethlehem 4th annual Gala! Enjoy the evening on Saturday, September 16, with new friends who strive to raise awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, the first and only university of arts and culture in Palestine. Ashraf Ashkar who spoke at Holy Trinity earlier this year on water rights and issues in Palestine will be present and will speak about his recent trip to Palestine near Jenin to visit family and friends. He will be able to provide an update on the situation of the Palestinian people there. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Mary Engen at engenmary@yahoo.com by Monday, September 11.

SACRED SITES TOUR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M.

Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on a Sacred Sites Tour, part of the Healing Minnesota Stories initiative of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Tours are led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). Please call, email (office@htlcmpls.org) or sign up in the Community Room. We will gather at Holy Trinity and drive together to the Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, where the tour begins at 10:00 a.m.

LAY COMMUNION VISITORS COFFEE SEPTEMBER 24, 12:15 P.M.

The mission of Holy Trinity's Lay Communion Visitation Program, sponsored by the Nurturing Committee, is to provide monthly communion visits to all of Holy Trinity's homebound persons. For these homebound persons, this provides regular person-to-person contact with Holy Trinity and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on a monthly basis. For the visitors, it provides an opportunity to participate in an important face-to-face ministry of the congregation. Current lay communion visitors and those interested in learning more about this important ministry are invited to be our guests for coffee after the second service at 12:15 p.m. in the library. Sign up in the Community Room by September 17.

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, September 11	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 12	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, September 13	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Supervised Gym Time Gloria Ringers
Saturday, September 16	7:00 PM	Bright Stars of Bethlehem Gala
Sunday, September 17	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY No Adult Forum

The Church Council has voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the recommendation from the Call Committee and Council to call Deacon David to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (pastor) at Holy Trinity. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

September 17 A Panel of Chaplains

Join us for a presentation and discussion with a panel of chaplains.