



# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and in the basement.  
**Single-use, all gender restrooms** are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

*Today's bulletin cover art was created by Leticia Western. Thank you, Leticia!*

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# GATHER

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## PRELUDE

### +GATHERING HYMN

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

ELW 724

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



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and  
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,  
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.  
Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.  
glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

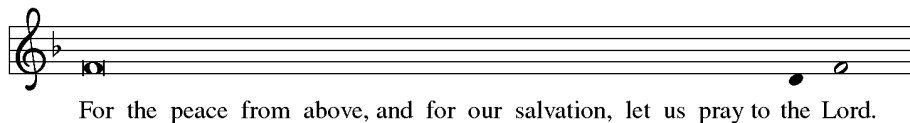
### +GREETING

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

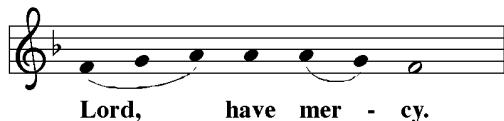
+KYRIE



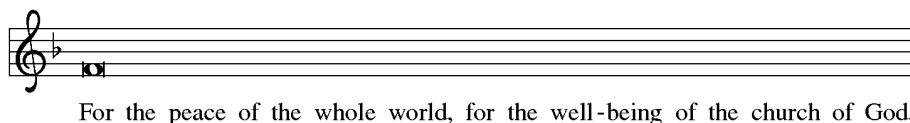
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



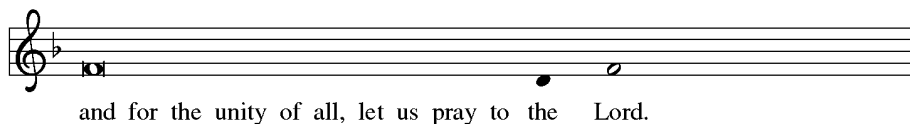
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



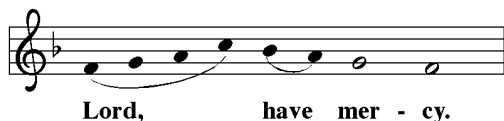
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



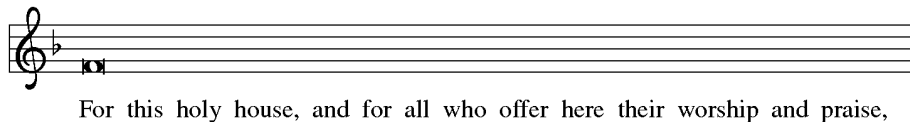
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



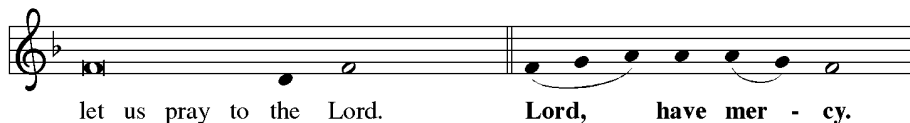
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



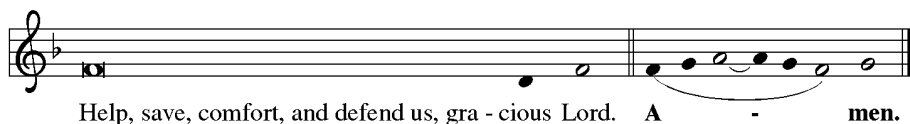
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## +PRAYER OF THE DAY

Could it be, Holy One,  
that something is waiting to be born—  
like the moment when the seed,  
planted in fertile ground,  
is summoned forth by sun and water and grit  
to become something new?

Could it be that this is the moment  
when compassion and courage  
empathy and wisdom  
understanding and love  
are finally given hospitable conditions  
to change, to grow, to live?

Could it be that this is the moment  
when that tender green  
that brilliant green  
emerges from the earth  
as if to signal  
that nothing  
will stand in the way of  
abundant life  
emerging?

Renewing Spirit, we want to believe this is the moment.  
But we need you to fill in the spaces of our disbelief and doubt.  
We need you to bridge the chasms between peacekeeping and peacemaking.  
We need you to abolish the cynicism that quietly feeds brutality.  
And from gravel road to city street, we need you to bind a fragmented people together.

Transforming Spirit,  
the truth is that you can already see a new world,  
one we have not yet known.  
May this be the moment, God of All,  
when we catch a glimpse of *that world* arising. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

*David and Carol Berg*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

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

### PSALM 80:7-15

Wayne L. Wold

**Refrain** (First time: cantor, then all)

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down,  
look down from heav - en.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.  
The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.  
Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. **Refrain**

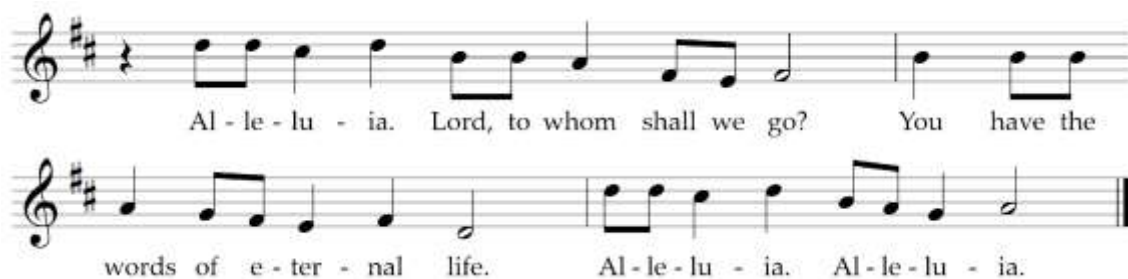
### SECOND READING

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

+GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 21:33-46*

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

SERMON





1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

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)*

Creator and loving God, As the decreasing hours of daylight creep in ever so slowly, and as the autumnal winds rustle leaves from their branches, we too yearn for the rhythm of renewal built into creation.

**Restore our energies and quench our parched spirits.**

Our bodies and souls remember the rhythm of rest, of pausing. Thank you for instilling this essential beat into the fabric of creation. Lead us into places of rest.

**Guide us to be witnesses to what you are doing within and among us.**

All of creation derives their being from you. We give thanks that you sustain and delight equally in mountains, trees, rivers, birds, fish, animals and humans. You gather us into the circle of life. Forgive our destructive human behavior. Bring about a spirit of unity and cooperation in us as guardians and keepers of your creation at a time when this world desperately needs it.

**Incline our ears to the prophetic voices warning of vast devastation to your more than human world.**

Instill in us compassion, empathy, and love for our neighbor: for all losing hope; for all struggling in times of wilderness; for all living in isolation; for all who have no place to call home; for voices of all holding office; for all without voice; for all who teach; for all fleeing fear and persecution; for all facing life-altering diagnoses; for communities rebuilding; for the last breaths of life passing; for the first breaths of new life.

**Bring comfort, peace, and the ever-present knowledge that you have made us your own, your beloved.**

We remember all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially Arnie Johanson; Katie Schroeder's mom, Diane; Cliff Brown; Mary Paavola; Dorothy Kelly; Cori Gershon; and those we name now, either silently or aloud (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*).

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."*

Creator Spirit,

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.**

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# MEAL

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## +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

## +OFFERTORY

*In the Singing*

*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.*



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - spect - 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,



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 in all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting us as one body. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## +SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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 your pew, please let an usher know.*

## HEALING

*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.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Strengthen for Service, Lord*

ELW 497



1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

ELW 751

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an-swer me.' and 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis-ten to me.'

**+BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God of new life: thank you for revealing yourself to use in the breaking of the bread. Now raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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+SENDING HYMN

*O Blessed Spring*

ELW 447

*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 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.



**+BENEDICTION**

May the God of Love who shared love strengthen us in our love for others.  
May Jesus the Christ who shared life grant us grace that we too might share our lives.  
And may the fire of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be faithful in our service.  
**Amen.**

**+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: *ELW 3*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Larson-Martínez
Tom Cahoy	<b>Crucifer</b>	Wayne Vetter
Brad Altoff	<b>Guest Organist</b>	Brad Altoff
Andrea Hansen	<b>Cantor</b>	Andrea Hansen
Karen Batdorf	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Scott Cole
Roberta Shaw, Sally Kohlstedt, Amy Froiland-Parada,	<b>Communion</b>	Everett Martinez, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski
Chuck and Ginny Jordan, David Kohlstedt	<b>Ushers</b>	David Broberg, Rod Johnson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Roberta Shaw	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Doris Gbala, Vicki Bergman
Nicki Hines, Amy Froiland-Parada	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Ann White
Annie Hines, Jennifer Frenzel	<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helm, Wayne Vetter
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen

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### STAFF

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David Larson-Martínez, *Associate Pastor*  
Doug Mork, *Part-time Associate Pastor*  
Kathy Ekwall, *Communications & Congregational  
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Nolan Gusdal, *Building Maintenance*  
Phil Radtke, *Cantor*  
Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

### STAFF, CONTINUED

Sue Roberts, *Publications Coordinator*  
Erik Gerhardt, *Accompanist*  
Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian*  
Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

### LEADERSHIP

Allison Johnson Heist, *Council President*  
Gretchen Lund, *Council Vice President*  
Erin Henry, *Council Secretary*  
Katie Schroeder, *Council Treasurer*

## **P A R I S H   I N F O R M A T I O N**

### **OUCH! THAT HURTS! MOVING FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS**

Join facilitators David Scherer and Joe Davis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, as we gather to work against anti-Blackness and white supremacy and build more skills in caring communications about race. Sign up in the Community Room.

### **SINGLES OUTING AT ARBEITER BREWERY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**

Let's meet up at Arbeiter for drinks, board games, and chatting. If it's nice, we'll be on the patio. If it's cold, we'll be inside. We'll plan to be there from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a food truck there, too!

### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 12:00-1:30 P.M.**

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

### **NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2024**

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until December 1, 2023. The congregation will be informed of the 2024 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid.

## P A R I S H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, October 9		Building Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday, October 10	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, October 11	5:00-6:00 PM 5:30-6:30 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:00-7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Sunday, October 15	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Worship Service

### ADULT FORUM

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

### **TODAY      "Report from NYC"** **Deacon David and our Confirmands**

Join us for a "Report from NYC" by our confirmation students following their August trip.

### **October 15      "Public Theology Project"** **Dr. Amy Levad**

Amy Levad will be introducing her ethnographic study of Holy Trinity. She has already met with some members, but this will be a chance to spread the information to more of the congregation.

### **October 22      "Stewardship Breakfast"**

Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room and then join us at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2024. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today.