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HOLY WEEK 2024



Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

This week, the center of the church’s year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark’s gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ’s suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God’s salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God’s astonishing work. Worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our 11:00 a.m. procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden.



Sunday, March 24—Adult Forum “Bridging Healing and Hope”

Anar is a non-profit based in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their work is centered on advancing the psychosocial wellbeing and resilience of children in Palestine. Through community-based services that include creative expression, their aim is to break the cycle of oppression and intergenerational trauma and build community capacity for resilience and hope. Sarah Myers, formerly of Augsburg University, will share her connections with this hopeful organization.

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PALM SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

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.

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March 31 EASTER SUNDAY—NO ADULT FORUM

Join us in the Community Room (the room to the rear of the sanctuary) in between services for breakfast tacos from Habanero, sweet treats from congregants, and friendship.

EASTER LILIES

If you’d like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](#) / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website ([htlcmpls.org](#)) to donate electronically.



~ 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 pray especially for **Matt Floding**; Katie Murray’s mom, **Pat Wilson**; Mary Ann Sheets’s sister, **Lorrie Blain**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser’s mom **Jo**; **Joyce Hanson**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Cori Gershon**; **Juliet Williamson**; **Joanne Chadwick**; Jan Mehlhoff’s friend **Margie Guelker**; the family of **Arnie Johanson**, upon his death.

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Tuesday, March 26—Weekly Scripture Readings Study

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on Zoom to study the assigned worship readings for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary (to join on [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for Dinner Church at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, as we begin our observance of the Three Days. The meal and worship will be interwoven. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Children's Choir will help lead music for the service.

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. Music will include the Adult Choir; Andrew Winfield, cello; Joanna Phillips, violin; Abs Trewin, soloist.

Saturday, March 30—Vigil of Easter

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. Soloists will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin in the Bartsch Room this year at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate!

Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia! We gather for festival worship services of Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The adult choirs, along with brass ensemble, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

Sunday, March 31—No Adult Forum on Easter Sunday

Join us for breakfast tacos in the Community Room between services!



WEEKEND REMINDERS

GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE MARCH 23

You're invited to join the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage. Christians across the globe are coming together during Lent to express solidarity with Palestinian Christians and the people of Gaza through pilgrimages of prayer, lament, and protest, calling for an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid, the release of all hostages, and a permanent just peace for all.

The Twin Cities pilgrimage will be all day on Saturday, March 23. Our route along the Mississippi River covers approximately 22 miles, the distance Palestinians traveled while fleeing from Gaza City to Rafah. There are many ways to participate: walk all or part of the route, join activities along the way, donate, sponsor, volunteer. There's something for all abilities and ages! Learn more and register at <https://www.peacecatalyst.org/gcpilgrimage>.

CEASEFIRE CHOIR REHEARSAL—SUNDAY, MARCH 24 3-5PM IN THE BARTSCH ROOM

We are a group of practicing and nonpracticing Christian-heritage people, getting ourselves educated and organized because the horrific violence in Israel and Palestine is rooted in the actions of Christian people and institutions, particularly white Christians, historically and presently. We thank you for opening your space to us and invite you to join us for this rehearsal! We will engage in political and theological education and practice protest songs together for our upcoming actions. We welcome all, regardless of race, religion, etc., who resonate with this project and with our values! We especially encourage those of us who are white Christian-heritage people to participate, because of the ways that the combination of white supremacy and Christianity has contributed directly to oppression in the US, Palestine, and around the world.

IMPORTANT: We'd love to sing with you even if you're still gathering information and are unsure about calls for ceasefire. Please join us in the Bartsch Room on Sunday, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Donna Goodlaxson (40acreslcs@gmail.com) with questions.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES REMEMBERING RAMADAN AND OUR MUSLIM SIBLINGS

There are two opportunities to participate in local Ramadan dinners in the near future. Ramadan is the blessed month of the Islamic lunar calendar when Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the "five pillars" of Islam and is performed to learn piety, self-restraint, compassion and generosity. Ramadan is March 10 to April 9.

One Ramadan event is with CAIR MN, March 24, 5:30 p.m. with location to be announced. CAIR MN works to promote civil rights, combat Islamophobia and empower the Muslim community in Minnesota. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. Register at the Ramadan RSVP link: <https://events.humanitix.com/ramadan-fundraising-dinner-2024-cair-mn>.

Ramadan dinners are also sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota at multiple locations throughout the Twin Cities. Register for free on the MCC website at mcc@mnnchurches.org.

PARISH INFORMATION

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 26—WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS STUDY
Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on Zoom to study the assigned worship readings for the upcoming Sunday. Participants need not attend every session, and no prior bible experience is necessary (to join on [Zoom](#): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 —KNITTING LESSONS FOR LONGFELLOW MOMS

Once a week teach knitting to Longfellow High School students who are pregnant or parenting. Help students learn the basics of knitting and help with beginning knitting projects while getting to know students and the volunteer knitting teachers. Meets every Wednesday at 2:00 pm at Longfellow High School during the school year. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

POST-EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 3 & 10: LECTURES ON BEING CHRISTIAN IN AN ELECTION YEAR LIKE THIS ONE

Join us on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, and again on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. for a hybrid event with William H. Lamar IV, Pastor of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, D.C. Both presenters will be zooming in to present and talk with us, followed by treats in the Community Room.



Click [here](#) to read or download and expert William Willimon's book, *Resident Aliens*.

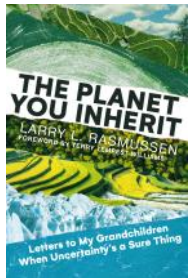
Click [here](#) to read an article by William H. Lamar IV, *Sentiment isn't enough to combat oppression*.

These lectures are open to all, invite a friend.

DIALOGUE BREAKFAST MONDAY, APRIL 8

You are invited to a Dialogue Breakfast on Monday, April 8, featuring Larry Rasmussen, a Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

Here at Holy Trinity, Larry Rasmussen will speak about the themes in *The Planet You Inherit: Letters to my Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing*, his newest book.



WHAT: Dialogue Breakfast with Larry Rasmussen

WHEN: Monday April 8, 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 East 31st St, Minneapolis, MN

WHERE TO REGISTER (for food planning):

<https://forms.gle/WSVqzsz652jCUCpG9>

This breakfast is open to all, invite a friend.

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 8-12—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, April 8-12. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up for part or all of the week.

SING JOYFULLY - TWIN CITIES CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL 2024, SATURDAY, APRIL 27

An ecumenical children's choir festival on April 27, featuring rehearsals, education for musicians, and a hymn festival.

This Twin Cities Children's Choir Festival is open to children in second through sixth grades from any congregation or community choir, or any child who simply loves to sing. They will learn with world-renowned choir director Phillip Shultz—the associate artistic director of VocalEssence and cantor for worship, music, and the arts at Westwood Lutheran Church. While the choir is rehearsing, church musicians are invited to participate in two continuing education sessions and attend an open rehearsal with the choir. Katie Houts, sacred music choral editor for Choristers Guild, and Mari Espel and, children's choir director at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, will be the clinicians for the continuing education sessions.

The registration fee includes lunch for everyone and music, folders, and t-shirts for the child participants. Directors will receive a complimentary one-year membership in Choristers Guild. If the registration fee is beyond your budget, scholarships are available upon request. Please email Sally Messner, Hennepin's director of worship & music, at sally.messner@haumc.org for information about scholarships.

This event is sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Choristers Guild, and Thrivent Financial.

Sign up by contacting Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org). We hope to have a good showing from Holy Trinity!

Click [here](#) for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK

We are looking for worship leaders to help with Holy Week services. We need a couple of volunteers to assist with Maundy Thursday Dinner Church and ushers for Good Friday and Easter Vigil Saturday. Please sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for the remainder of March and April. Please sign up in the Community Room.

We could use more folks on the volunteer list. Please contact the office (kekwall@htlcmpls.org) if you'd like more information on the roles available and how to get started. There are many opportunities; Altar Guild, Cantor, Usher, Crucifer, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Coffee Server, Video Operator, Prayer Writer, Communion Bread Baker.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Doug Mork	Preacher	Doug Mork
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Caren Hiatt	Cantor	Caren Hiatt
	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Carol Berg	Assisting Minister	Carol Masters
	Crucifer	Noah Hines
Kevin Proescholdt, David Berg	Communion	Nicki Hines, Katy Benson, Andrea Martin
Tom and Julie Cahoy	Ushers	Amber Barry, Adam Lewis, Alan Libra
Ginny and Chuck Jordan	Coffee Servers	Katy Benson
	Counters	Deb Helmelt
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS MARCH 24-30, 2024

Sunday, March 24	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, March 25	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 26	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, March 27	5:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers
	6:00 PM	Playtime in the Gym
Thursday, March 28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6:00 PM	Dinner Church in the Community Room
Friday, March 29 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service in the Bartsch Room
Saturday, March 30 <i>Easter Vigil</i>	5:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service in the Community Room

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](#).

