



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — phobos. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — ekstasis. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, ekstasis — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, phobos, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

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FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION READINGS

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

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.

March 31 EASTER SUNDAY—NO ADULT FORUM, NO YOUTH EDUCATION

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.

April 7 DISCUSSION ON WILLIAM WILLIMON’S TALK
The Forum will provide an occasion to review the thinking of William Willimon as he reflects on “Being Christian in an election year like this one.” The conversation will be led by Randy Nelson following Willimon’s Zoom presentation on Wednesday, April 3, and a brief excerpt from his book [Resident Alien](#) is available in the Community Room.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAYS

We are looking for worship leaders for 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.

~ 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 **Bob Norheim**, receiving treatment for lymphoma; **Stella Townsend**; **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**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times. My favorite hymn is "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song." It's ELW 808. And the last verse goes like this: "I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey."

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

HOLY WEEK

We began our journey on Palm Sunday with hosannas, palms, singing, snow, and promise. If you weren't able to join us, the livestream recording is available. It was a gorgeous, powerful service that led us into a most treasured week. Our Holy Week liturgy continues this evening. Please join us in-person or online.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28—MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Dinner Church in Community Room (Second Floor)

On Thursday evening we gather for Dinner Church at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room as we begin our observance of the Great Three Days. The meal of soup (and mac & cheese) and worship are 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 Children's Choir helps to lead our worship. The service is also livestreamed [here](#).

FRIDAY, MARCH 29—GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. Worship in Bartsch Room (First Floor)

The night's liturgy, which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room, 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: War (offered by member Donna Goodlaxson); Disintegration of Political Life (offered by member Bob Hulteen); Transgender Violence (offered by member Abs Trewin); Climate Crisis (offered by members Lydia Belusa and Dennis O'Brien); Equity of Education (offered by member Zoe Martinez); and The Forgotten (offered by Pastor David Larson-Martínez). Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We end tonight's service in silence. Tonight's music includes the Adult Choir; Andrew Winfield, cello; Joanna Phillips, violin; and Abs Trewin, soloist. The service is also livestreamed [here](#).

SATURDAY, MARCH 30—VIGIL OF EASTER

5:00 p.m. Worship begins outside the front doors of the church, moves to Community Room (Second Floor), and ends in Sanctuary (Second Floor)

Keeping vigil on Easter eve is an ancient practice for the church. For centuries Christians have come together in vigil in darkness as night falls. The liturgy, which begins at 5:00 p.m. outside the church's front doors, is multifaceted, rich, and playful. (Don't worry; we move inside the building quickly!) Twelve readings are appointed, not all of which are read each year, but as a whole they lift up some of the greatest moments of the history of God's salvific work. This year, we hear: Creation (Genesis 1) told by the Vaillancourt family; Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 14-15) sung by the congregation; A New Heart and a New Spirit (Ezekiel 36:24-28) told by the Pastoral Staff and Solveig and Lars Rasmussen (with ample crowd participation); and Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:1-29) told by a theatrical group assembled for this night. The evening will end with joy, singing, and Holy Communion as we tell the Resurrection story. The service is also livestreamed [here](#).

SUNDAY, MARCH 31—EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Jesus is alive and with us! We gather for a festival worship service with Holy Communion at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to celebrate this good news. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice! A brass quartet (Trevor Crawford, Courtney Edwards, Matt Healy, Sue Roberts) and the Adult Choir help to lead our worship. The service is also livestreamed [here](#). In between services, join us in the Community Room for breakfast tacos from Habanero Tacos, sweet treats from congregants, and coffee—always coffee!

SPECIAL GIFTS—THAT ALL MAY BE FED

The congregation's two special appeals this spring underscore the reality that food scarcity remains a pervasive problem in our neighborhoods and around the world. You can help by supporting the refurbishment of Holy Trinity's basement kitchen in preparation for Soup for You, which will host free lunches five days a week beginning in early June. Additionally, the ongoing wars in Gaza and North Africa and indeed throughout the world have created displacement and dire food shortages. The ELCA World Hunger Program continues to respond to poverty and hunger across our country and other nations through direct food aid as well as projects intended to address root causes of hunger. Click here to support either or both of these special appeals (<https://htlcmpls.org/donate/>). Thank you for your generosity.

With deep gratitude,
Pastor Ingrid



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 2—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).

TUESDAY, APRIL 2—KNITTING GROUP

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).



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 excerpt William Willimon's book, *Resident Aliens*.

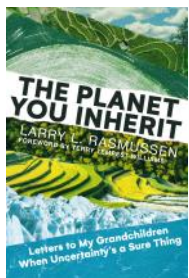
Click [here](#) to read an article by William H. Lamar IV, *Sentiment isn't enough to combat oppression*.

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 Shoultz—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.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY BOUNDARY WATERS TRIP AUGUST 9-13

Attention campers, (and aspiring campers). It's now time to start the planning for HTLC's annual BWCA canoe trip. This year, our Boundary Waters camping adventure is scheduled for August 9-13. We are planning to go in at Lake One, a large lake with many route and camping options. If you've always wanted to camp in the BWCA but didn't know where to begin, this trip is your opportunity to learn the ropes with experienced campers. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Community Room. The total cost is approximately \$175 per person. Scholarships are available. As always, this is a family-friendly trip. Please consider joining us this year. Call or email with any questions or for more details (Julie 612-618-3814 or Tom 612-616-0507 / jtcahoy@gmail.com).



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez Doug Mork
Drew Lindorfer	Cantor	Drew Lindorfer
Ginny Jordan , Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman, Doris Gbala
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Wayne Vetter	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter
Andrea Martin, David and Carol Berg	Communion	Libby and Keith Olstad, Dennis O'Brien
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Chris Amundson
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Coffee Servers	Ann White
Chris Engen, Chuck Jordan	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff

GRATITUDE FOR SOUP (AND MAC AND CHEESE)

Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve soup during Lent and for Maundy Thursday, and for the new tradition of Mac and Cheese! We are grateful for your work.

PARISH EVENTS MARCH 31-APRIL 7, 2024

Sunday, March 31	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, April 1		Office Closed
Tuesday, April 2	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	2:00 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, April 3	5:00 PM	No Choir Rehearsals
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	William Willimon Lecture
Thursday, April 4	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night

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](#).

