



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## HANDBELL HAPPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY

Handbells are an incredibly unique instrument for a number of reasons. One of my favorites is that handbells are the only instrument that takes over 20 hands to play. As a result, ringing teaches many lessons about interdependence and relying on one another as much as others rely on you. It is an absolute joy to see the bonds of community that this form of music making creates.

As the HTLC handbell director, I'm delighted to be carrying on the legacy of handbell ringing in this congregation which began over 60 years ago. I can't begin to imagine how many people have played these bells over the decades. While some have been added over the years, the original bells purchased from London in the early 1960's ring on at Holy Trinity today.

It's an exciting time to be a handbell ringer here at Holy Trinity! In addition to the Gloria Ringers ensemble which features adult ringers with varying levels of handbell experience, a new ensemble, the Jubilation Ringers, will be offered this year for youth in 6th to 12th grade. The Jubilation Ringers ensemble is seeking more members! If you know a young person who might be interested, please contact Logan Olson, [Lolson@htlcmpls.org](mailto:Lolson@htlcmpls.org).

Holy Trinity will also host a new community handbell ensemble for LGBTQIA+ people and allies beginning this fall. Ring Out was founded with the mission of creating a more inclusive handbell community in the Twin Cities and beyond. The group is one of only three active handbell ensembles in the nation focused on LGBTQIA+ inclusivity. Ring Out will be directed by Holy Trinity's own Logan Olson. Over 20 ringers will be auditioning for the ensemble this week!

I see a strong potential for handbells to unite people in an increasingly divided and individualistic world. Throughout their history, handbell ensembles have largely been housed in churches due to their association with worship traditions and their prohibitive costs for schools or other organizations. While handbells have proven to be a beloved addition to worship services, this history has kept them out of reach for those who may not feel welcome in church settings. My hope is that Ring Out and other community ensembles will open the doors for more people to experience and fall in love with the art of handbell ringing.

Whether you ring in one of these ensembles or simply enjoy hearing the bells, there's a lot to look forward to this year!

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

### 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.*

#### September 8 "Renewal Celebration"

Join us for music, breakfast food, and games in the garden at 10:00 a.m. (immediately following the 8:45 a.m. service). This is a renewal celebration for all ages. It promises to be fabulous. Interested adults and students will also have the chance to chat with Sunday School and Confirmation teachers as we prepare to start regular classes. All are welcome!

#### September 15 "Report back from Rabbis for Ceasefire delegation to Palestine"

Sharon Jaffe, is a local Kohenet - Jewish ritual leader in the earth-based and feminist traditions. She joined a multi-faith delegation to Palestine-Israel organized by Rabbis for Ceasefire and Christians for Ceasefire. Buddhists, Muslims, Hindi, and Sheik people were also participants. The delegation planned to learn about and visit Palestinian practitioners of popular resistance based in Gandhi's satyagraha. Sabeel, a Christian Palestinian organization, organized meetings and peaceful presence inside the 1948 boundaries and also in the West Bank. This report back will share what Sharon witnessed, current information on the settlers' violent incursions on Palestinian villages and responses to that, and thoughts about solidarity from an American Jewish perspective. The delegation is traveling from August 25th to September 7th. Don't miss this eye witness report on the ongoing situation in Palestine.

### ~ 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 James Nysee's cousin, **Eric Steckling**; **Wayne Vetter**; **Shawn Barry**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat Wilson**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Cori Gershon**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**; **Arlene Mirelez**, who has entered hospice.

# PARISH INFORMATION

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Thanks to a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, the Gloria Ringers have commissioned local composer Connor Arland to write a new handbell piece highlighting aspects of LGBTQIA+ identity. The piece is part of a broader goal of expanding whose stories are told in the current catalog of published handbell music. The piece will be premiered at Holy Trinity in the spring.

The Gloria Ringers will be involved in a number of community events again this year. We're looking forward to participating in BellFest!, a day of massed ringing with 10-20 other bell ensembles in March. Ringers will bring their music into the community for our annual Christmas Carols concert at a local senior living community this December. We will end our season by collaborating with the HTLC Children's Choir to present a spring concert at Johanna Shores senior living in May.



Ring Out will present its debut concert on Friday, January 17th. If you'd like to learn more about the ensemble or how to support this new non-profit, you can find us at [www.RingOutMN.org](http://www.RingOutMN.org).

I am deeply grateful to work at a church whose congregation and staff are so appreciative and supportive of handbells. I look forward to sharing beautiful music and the joy of ringing with you all this year.

Ring on!

Logan Olson, HTLC Handbell Director

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—LAST SUNDAY OF ONE SERVICE ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

This is the last weekend for our summer worship schedule. Next week, we are back to two services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with education for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (*John 6:63*). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR DAY

The church office is closed.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2-6 SOUP FOR YOU! CLOSED

Soup For You! Has decided to close the entire week of Labor Day to give their chefs and volunteers a break. They will be back to serve soup Monday, September 9, Noon-1:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—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](https://zoom.us/j/87275043389): Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

### KNITTING GROUP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1:30 P.M.

Knitters (and crocheters!) are invited to bring their knitting or crochet projects to Holy Trinity on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)).

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATION YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE, GLORIA RINGERS, AND CANTATE YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Welcome to a new season of singing and ringing! Beginning September 4, Wednesday nights will be filled with music again.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Choir family meal

5:45-6:45 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal

5:45-6:30 p.m. Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble rehearsal

6:30-8:00 p.m. Gloria Ringers rehearsal

6:45-7:30 p.m. Cantate rehearsal

Contact Cantor Phil Radtke ([pradtke@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org)) or Handbell Director Logan Olson ([lolson@htlcmpls.org](mailto:lolson@htlcmpls.org)) if you have any questions.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM EVENT

The Palestine/Israel Committee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to hear Palestinian educator and peace advocate the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb. He will be speaking at the Bright Stars of Bethlehem Solidarity gathering and annual fundraiser, Saturday, Sept. 7 at Westminster Presbyterian church, 1200 S. Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis. Palestinian dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a special in-person briefing from Mitri at 5:30 p.m. The fundraiser program starts at 7:00 p.m. Register at: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/westminstereventgala2024> by Friday, August 30.



You can also join the 7:00 p.m. Fundraiser program virtually to hear captivating stories from the talented students of Dar al-Kalima University and firsthand accounts from the ground in Palestine. The live event will take place on our website at [www.brightstarsbethlehem.com/page/virtual-gala](http://www.brightstarsbethlehem.com/page/virtual-gala).

## SAVE THE DATE

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—THIRD ACT MONTHLY PICKETING

THIRD ACT, Seniors for climate action, is holding its next monthly picketing of “dirty” banks, Monday, September 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Wells Fargo branch at 2600 Franklin Ave, Minneapolis. More details in next week’s newsletter. Please join us!

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34<sup>th</sup> St). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Deacon David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22—ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN’S ABBEY

Save the date and plan to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for a retreat for adults of all ages. We’ll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John’s. We’ll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John’s Bible. We have individual rooms for 20 participants, there are 8 rooms left. This year we will stay two nights! (You will have the option of staying for only one night).

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12—OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

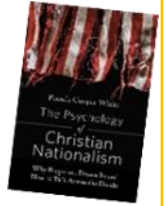
The Racial Justice committee will sponsor a workshop on October 12 on “Overcoming White Supremacy and Privilege”, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has often struggled to reckon with what it means to be a 98% white church in a country full of white body supremacy. In the wake of Dylan Roof (a white supremacist ELCA church member who killed 9 people at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC), the stakes are high for us to figure out how to develop new cultural patterns of Gospel Inclusion. Through this engaging workshop, JUST move will provide interactive learning experiences designed to unpack how we respond to unearned white body privilege. Participants will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
- Deepen their awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberative patterns.
- Increase our own awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.
- Sharpen tools of breach-repairing in a white body. We will combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music,
- Poetry, storytelling, and conversation.

Please sign up in the Community Room.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20—ADULT FORUM BOOK DISCUSSION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM.

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom for a discussion of Pamela Cooper-White’s book *The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide*. You can sign up and pick up a copy of the book in the Community Room.



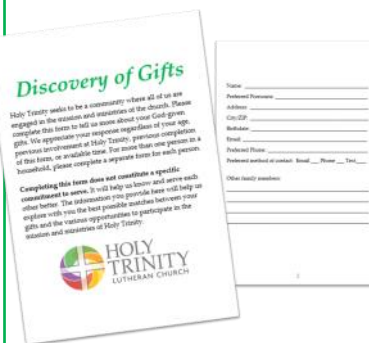
### REQUEST FROM LONGFELLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks to all who have helped with backpacks so far, we are halfway there. Longfellow is still looking for about 15 backpacks filled with school supplies for young moms. You can bring them to the church office or to Zoe Martinez’s front porch or the church office by Friday, September 6. Each back should have 3 spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener, highlighters, hair ties, comb, hairbrush, hand sanitizer, lip balm, and wipes. Please help these young moms to start the new school year. Talk to Zoe Martinez ([zoenan52@yahoo.com](mailto:zoenan52@yahoo.com)) if you have questions or need more information.

### SOUP FOR YOU! IS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

The addition of our newest building partner, Soup For You! has been successful, so much so, that they are in need of more volunteers. There was expectation that they would grow being in our space, but that growth has happened quicker than expected. They have been serving an average of 100 bowls of soup a day! This affirms the need for this service in our community. But with growth comes the need for more help. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the team ([soupforyou@ymail.com](mailto:soupforyou@ymail.com)) or visit their website, [soupforyou.info](http://soupforyou.info). There are a variety of opportunities available from hosting and welcoming folks into the building, to meal prepping and serving, dishes, and more.

### DISCOVERY OF GIFTS



As we prepare to ramp up with fall activities, move back to our two service worship schedule, and get closer to using our new information system, we’d like to remind you to fill out the Discover of Gift survey. This is not only to help with matching volunteer opportunities with your gifts and interests, but it will help us set up the new system (REALM) with up-to-date and accurate information. You can complete the survey two ways:

1. Easy online format: <https://htlcmpls.org/discovery-of-gifts/>
2. In person: Fill it out during Sunday’s service and drop it in the offering plate or basket in the Community Room. If needed, we can mail you a hard copy, contact the office by email ([kekwall@htlcmpls.org](mailto:kekwall@htlcmpls.org)) or phone (612-729-8358).

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

<b>Preacher</b>	David Larson-Martínez
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Doris Gbala
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carol Masters
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Berglin, Sean Gosiewski
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Connie Adams, Roberta Shaw
<b>Counters</b>	
<b>Closer</b>	
<b>Video Operator</b>	Jan Mehlhoff
<b>Cantor</b>	Drew Lindorfer

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ART PIECE

When you are at church this Sunday, be sure to check out the lovely art piece created by the Vacation Bible School participants last week. It's hanging in the Community Room on the South wall



### PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2024

Sunday, September 1	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, September 2	Labor Day	Church Building Closed
Tuesday, September 3	11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group
Wednesday, September 4	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Family Meal Jubilation Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Open Gym Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate Rehearsal
Thursday, September 5	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night

### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

