

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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 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

Today's cover art is a photo of a quilt described as "interconnected threads of collective liberation," made by queer, anti-Zionist Jews and friends

GATHER

Origami Doves

When we gather for worship our prayers rise up to God. Our community tenderly holds joy, sadness, worry, and everything in between. Starting September 15 and running through December 1, you are invited to write your prayers on pieces of paper that will be folded into origami doves by Juliann Breting Rohn and her friends. The prayer doves will become a part of an art piece that will be built over the coming months and which will live in the sanctuary. At any moment during the service, especially during communion, we invite you to write your prayers. The pieces of paper are on the table in front of the altar railing.

PRELUDE

Magnificat en Sol Mineur

Josse-François-Joseph Benaut

Christ Is the Life

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

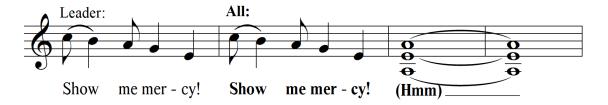


+GREETING

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

The Canaanite Woman's Song



Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

We shout for justice! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We beg for healing! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We cry for your help! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm
We demand your presence! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! Hmm

Let us rise together.

Jesus says:

Great is your faith!

Let it be to you as you desire.

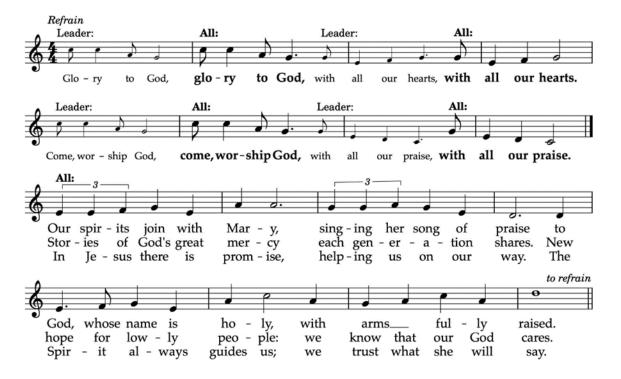
You are already made whole.

You are already made whole. (Matthew 15:21-28)



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Scandalous God, you suffer our will to power, the narrowness of our faith: lead us on the path of loss where empires tremble and terror yields to wisdom's cry and the open hands of love; through Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

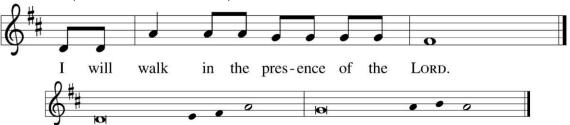
FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 116:1-9 Marilyn Comer

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,

and listened to my $\sp{\mid}$ supplication,

 2 for the LORD has given † ear to me

whenev- | er I called.

 3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$ came upon me; I came to $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$ grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." Refrain

⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;

our God is full | of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;

I was brought low, | and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹ O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

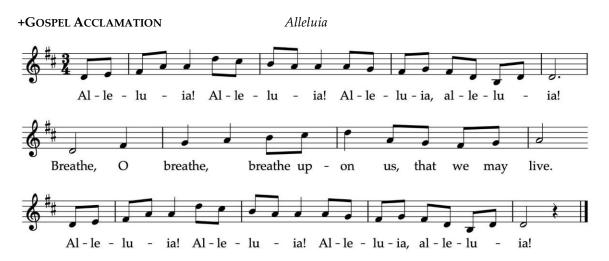
⁸For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹ of the LORD in the land ¹ of the living. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.



+GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON



+BLESSING CIRCLES

The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit. Parents and children/youth beginning classes today are invited to the front and will hold hands in a circle. Sunday School teachers and Confirmation helpers are also invited up front holding hands to create a second circle around the parents and children/youth. The rest of the congregation may choose to join the pastors to create a third circle around the Sunday School teachers and Confirmation helpers but may also choose to simply hold their hands out in blessing while remaining in their pews.

Leader: Our arms — linked, our presence together becomes the walls of sacred space, the sign of blessing created here, NOW, for the time being, until the church is ready to bless. By our blessings, we offer this relationship the support of the communities in which we are rooted.

The pastor and Sunday School teachers bless the first circle in this way:

Leader: Children, teens, and parents we bless you.

Sunday School Teachers: We bless you.

Leader: May your love and trust deepen over time.

Sunday School Teachers: May your love and trust deepen over time.

All: We bless you.

Leader: O God of wisdom, you have gifted us all sorts of families with whom we get to share life. May the fire of your love burn in us and lead us this year. May the love and trust between these children, youth, and their adults grow stronger over time. **Amen.**

The pastor and children/youth/adults bless the second circle in this way:

Leader: Sunday School teachers, confirmation helpers, we bless you.

Children/Youth/Adults: We bless you.

Leader: May you know that our community loves you.

Children/Youth/Adults: May you know that our community loves you.

All: We bless you.

Leader: O God of wisdom, you have gifted us with caring adults in this community who are willing to teach and lead. Bless them with patience and courage, as well as with joy and laughter. May we know how to appreciate them well in our midst. **Amen.**

The pastor and remaining congregation bless all in this way:

Leader: Beloved church, we begin our Sunday Education hour with blessing. We bless you.

All: We bless you.

Leader: May we grow in love and care for each other.

All: May we grow in love and care for each other.

Leader: O God of wisdom, you knit us together as a community of faith. We ask that you bless us. Be with us today and every day as we learn to be followers of Jesus, whose love for the world is Good News for everyone. **Amen.**

+INTERCESSIONS Roberta Shaw

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)

You have given us the gift of speech. Forgive us when we use our words to gossip and to be harsh with others. When we are tempted to use our tongues for ill, may we stop to ponder James' reminder that all are made in the likeness of God. Word of Life,

Hear our prayer.

While we consider how we use words, we think of the women in Afghanistan where it is now illegal for a woman's voice to be heard outside the home. How do we even begin to pray about this? — sighs too deep for words. God of Justice,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus set an example for us—to sometimes go away to a quiet place to pray and be renewed. As our pew mates go off to St. John's for a retreat next weekend, may you lead each of them into whatever they need for renewal. Breath of God,

Hear our prayer.

You and our synod have called Jen Nagel to be our new bishop. May you lead and sustain her and the synod staff as they work day to day for the good of us all. Gentle Leader,

Hear our prayer.

You know the hurts of those in our community. We pray today for Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Mary Petersen, recovering from a fall; James Nysse'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; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Healer and Comforter,

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 our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING (8:45)

Pastoral Song

Jean Langlais

(11:00)

What Joyous Song Unfolding
Adult Choir

Zebulon M. Highben

What joyous song unfolding has called us in the night; what loving voice imploring has drawn us into light: the voice of God is singing, the heartbeat of the spheres; it echoes in all being and calls us still to hear.

The mountains sing the story; the forests clap their hands; the stars sing forth God's glory; the seas, the hills, the lands. Shall we alone be silent? Shall we not sing God's praise, whose song is ever present, whose voice enchants our days?

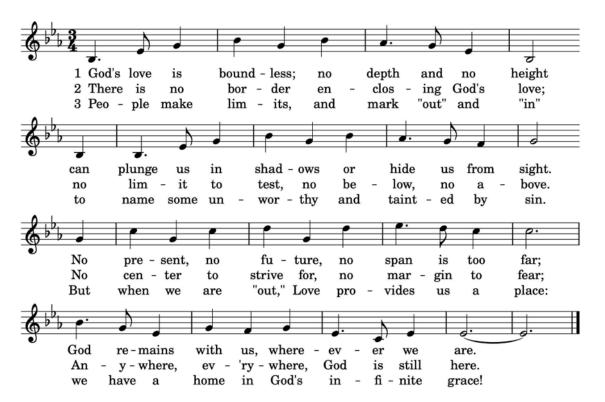
Then let us breathe together to praise the God of Life, and so conspire to sunder disharmony and strife, that sighing cede to singing, and beauty life renew; that wisdom tune our being, and love all fear subdue.

God may our hearts be grateful, and may our words be true.

May all our songs be noble and draw us deep in you,
that singing holy stories, more holy we become,
transposed into like spirits to be your loving home.



God's Love is Boundless



+OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen**.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

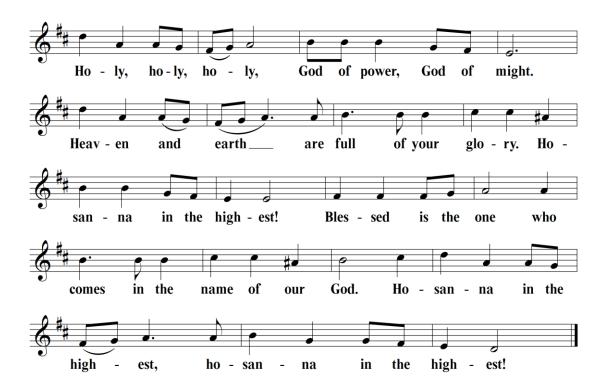
Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

And now we give you thanks for all we have received through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore with all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed.... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three. Amen!

+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.

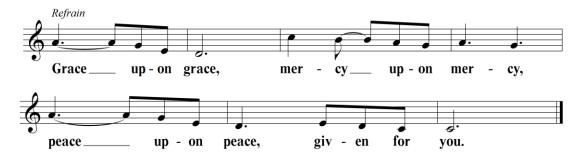
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain*. Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain*.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

(11:00) For those worshiping 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.

All are welcome at the table.

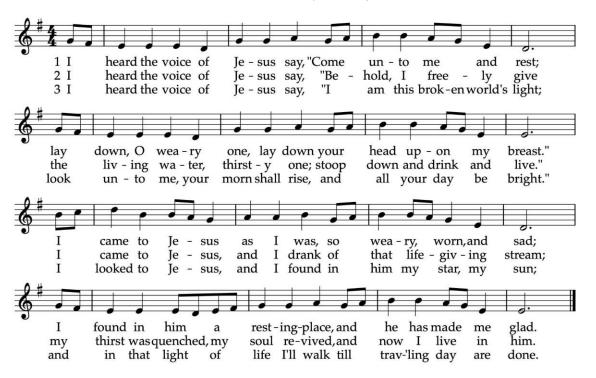
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Laudate Dominum





+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

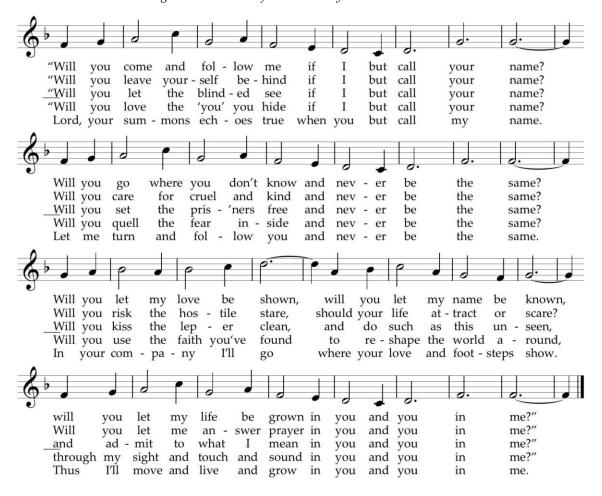
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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.



+BENEDICTION

God all mighty,
God all merciful

→ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

setting, David Cherwien

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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Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, 'Southern Harmony', 1835; arr. hymnal version

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"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

"Laudate Dominum" Text: Taizé Community, Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier

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"Will You Come and Follow Me" Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949. Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

| 8:45 AM | | 11:00 AM |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| David Larson-Martínez | Preacher | David Larson-Martínez |
| Doug Mork | Presiding Minister | Doug Mork |
| | Crucifer | |
| Ann Schrooten | Cantor | Ann Schrooten |
| Karen Batdorf | Assisting Minister | Margaret Kelly |
| Sally and David Kohlstedt | Ushers | |
| Amy Hanson | Altar Guild | Roberta Shaw |
| Aaron Hanson | Communion | Dennis O'Brien, Nicki Hines |
| Sally and David Kohlstedt | Coffee Servers | |
| Julie Cahoy | Counters | Deb Helmel |
| | Closer | Bob Hulteen |

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Sandra Hisakuni, Council Vice President
Anne Beschnett, Council Secretary
Scott Cole, Council Treasurer

PARISH INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER TODAY

We will have a professional photographer on site 8:45-11:45 a.m. today. She will be taking various photos during and between services. She will also be taking new directory photos. This is a great opportunity to have your photo updated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION BEGIN TODAY

Regular Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin today! Godly play (pre-K ages), Trinity Village 1 (grades K-1), Trinity Village 2 (grades 2-3), and Trinity Village 3 (grades 4-5) meet in the Education Suite on the second floor. Confirmation students (grades 6-9) meet in the fourth-floor Sky Room.

ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8:00 A.M.

You are invited to join a pop-up choir at 8:00 a.m. which will sing for the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP JEN NAGEL, MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 A.M.



ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will install Bishop Jen Nagel as the fourth Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod. When you arrive at Central Lutheran (333 S. 12th Street), make sure to enter the lot through the open-air entrance on the south side of the ramp, so that you don't have to pay for parking. A light reception will follow the installation service. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.!

WE MAKE OUR FUTURE: BUILDING A MULTIRACIAL DEMOCRACY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22

Join Pastor Doug Mork for a powerful conversation and training organized by ISAIAH. Sunday, September 22, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Minnesota Islamic Center, 12119 16th Ave S, Burnsville, MN 55337. In the face of rising Islamophobia and White Christian Nationalism, how will I lead to create a future that advances a multi-racial democracy? What does it look like to show public love to my neighbors? Join us as we get equipped to understand the political moment we are facing and what it will take to move our agenda for a multi-racial democracy and caring economy. We will include narrative training on concrete skills to foster hope and agency among members of your congregation / network and strategically combat fear and hate in our public messaging.

OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Racial Justice committee will sponsor a workshop on October 12 on "Overcoming White Supremacy and Privilege," 9:00-11:30 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.

David Scherer is a performer, teacher, author, trainer, and facilitator who helps people build bridges across the "differences that make a difference". David's reconciliation work has taken him across the world to Bosnia, El Salvador, Haiti, and other countries. He teaches Graduate School Intercultural Competence courses, is a Qualified Administrator in the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) and is also a trained facilitator with the Kaleidoscope Institute.

Joe Davis is a nationally-touring artist, educator, trainer, and speaker based in Minneapolis, MN. He employs poetry, music, theater, and dance to shape culture. He has keynoted, facilitated conversation, and served as teaching artist at hundreds of high schools and universities including programs in New York, Boston, and most recently as the Artist-in-Residence at Luther Seminary where he earned a Masters in Theology of the Arts.

The workshop offers a safe and supportive place to explore these important issues. Please sign up in the Community Room.

PARISH SCHEDULE

| Monday, September 16 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
|-------------------------|--------------|---|
| Tuesday, September 17 | 11:00 AM | Worship Readings Discussion |
| Wednesday, September 18 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Choir Family Meal |
| | 5:45-6:30 PM | Jubilation Youth Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 5:45-6:45 PM | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:00-8:00 PM | Open Gym |
| | 6:30-8:00 PM | Gloria Ringers Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 19 | 8:00 AM | Encore! at Turtle Bread |
| Saturday, September 21 | 10:30 AM | Installation of Bishop Jen Nagel at Central |
| | | Lutheran Church |
| Sunday, September 22 | 8:00 AM | Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:45 AM | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:00 AM | Youth Education |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 2:00 PM | Swahili Service |

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY "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 also participated. 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.

September 22 Conversation with Rev. Hierald Osorto, today's preacher"

Today's preacher is Rev. Hierald Osorto, pastor of San Pablo / St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Phillips neighborhood. San Pablo is an ELCA, Reconciling in Christ congregation founded in 1887 (18 years before Holy Trinity!) to meet the spiritual needs of the Swedish Lutherans in that neighborhood. Now, St. Paul's is a multicultural, multilingual congregation worshiping in Spanish and English. We are delighted to participate in a "pulpit swap" today. Pastor Hierald will be at Holy Trinity for both services, and Pastor Ingrid will be with the congregation at San Pablo / St. Paul's this morning!