

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 bulletin cover is provided by Solveig Rasmussen, thank you Solveig.

GATHER

Sighs Too Deep for Words

Today we are using a liturgy titled *Sighs Too Deep for Words*. It is a collaboration of pastors, musicians, and artists intended to engage us as whole persons. At its best, liturgy empowers us to worship. This liturgy is mindful that when we worship, all of our senses, our bodies, and our imaginations are engaged personally and communally.

Like all ELCA worship liturgies it has four movements: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. It employs scripture-inspired words, images, and themes intentionally to include all of God's beloved and to enlarge our conception of the God we worship, the Holy One and Holy Three.

We hope that you will experience afresh the radical hospitality of Christ and find yourself worshiping with *Sighs Too Deep for Words*.

PRELUDE

Suite for Trumpet and Organ Trevor Crawford, trumpet Robert J. Powell

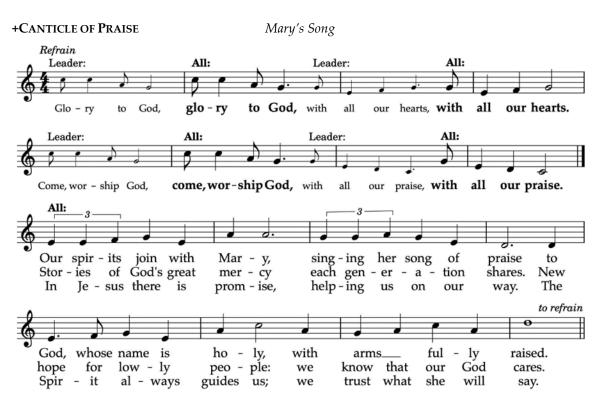
Earth and All Stars!

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.**



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Divine Liberator, we confess that we show partiality and do not notice the poor, the excluded, the oppressed. We see only gold rings and fine clothes. We trust rulers and wealth when we know that they will perish and provide no help. Because of these faults, we do not perceive you dwelling in our midst.

Holy Grace, help us not to make distinctions amongst us. Enable us to notice your presence amidst our neighbors. Guide us in trusting you, the One who does not perish and who comes to the aid of all who hunger and thirst—for justice, but also for food and drink. Sanctify us by opening our senses to your presence.

Our God, let us taste your feast in which all can eat, hear your voice in the prophetic word, see your mercy in your healing life, smell the rain of your righteousness, and feel the rushing waters of your deliverance. Let us be opened. Ephphtha!

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

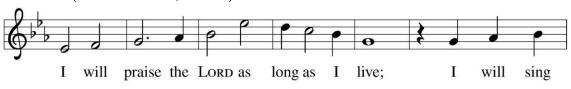
FIRST READING

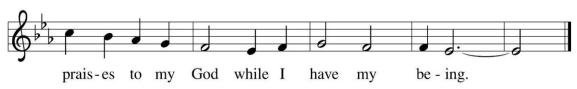
Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

PSALM 146 Marty Haugen

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)





Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. **Refrain**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **Refrain**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

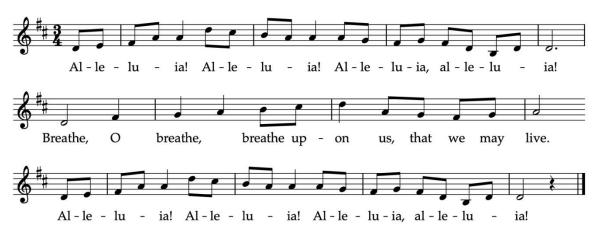
The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON



+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Randy Nelson

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)

God beyond our comprehension, what has been promised to us is beyond our understanding—water in the wilderness and streams in the desert—yet your vision for your creation continues to challenge and inspire us. We believe, help our unbelief. Eternal God,

Hear our prayer.

You remind us that your vision is for all creation, including all of us. We have been blessed with different gifts but there is no difference in how you reach out to us inviting our gratitude, our praise, and our care for each other. Give us wisdom to see your vision and courage to pursue it. Eternal God,

Hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with faith that invites us to see all people as our neighbors and to seek their well-being—to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, relief from the ravages of war, and hope for the depressed. We pray especially for those suffering from the fentanyl epidemic in this neighborhood, those living in daily fear in Gaza, and all those living with the weight of gun violence. Give us insight and compassion. Eternal God,

Hear our prayer.

Contemporaries of Jesus were "astonished beyond measure" by his acts of compassion and mercy. May we also be astonished beyond measure by the way in which you continue to care for your creation through the uncommon moments of grace that surround us each day if we only have the hearts to see them. Eternal God,

Hear our prayer.

Trusting in your compassion, we bring before you our neighbors, our friends, our family. We pray for 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; Chuck and Ginny Jordan on the death of Chuck's brother, Brian; Arlene Mirelez, who has entered hospice; 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). Eternal God,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Eternal God," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

We rest in your presence. **Amen.**

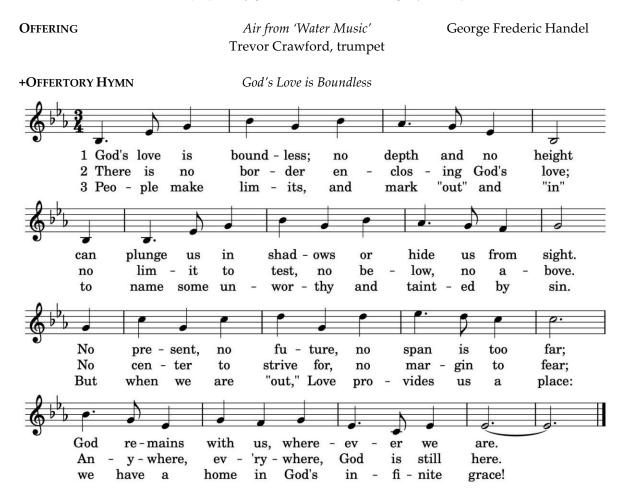
MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

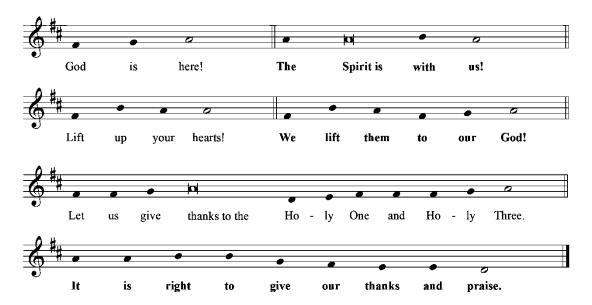
The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.



+OFFERING PRAYER

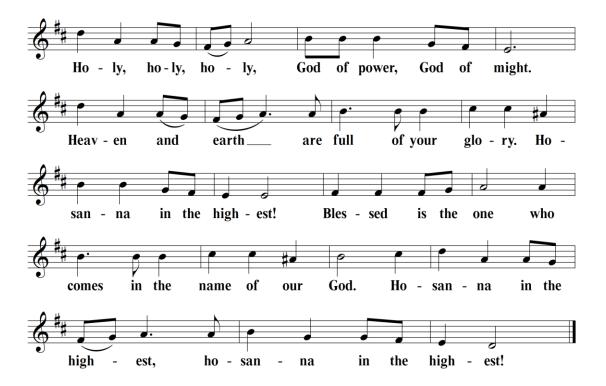
Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen**.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

+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.

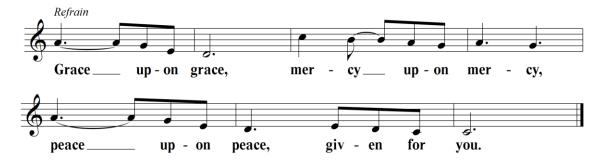
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

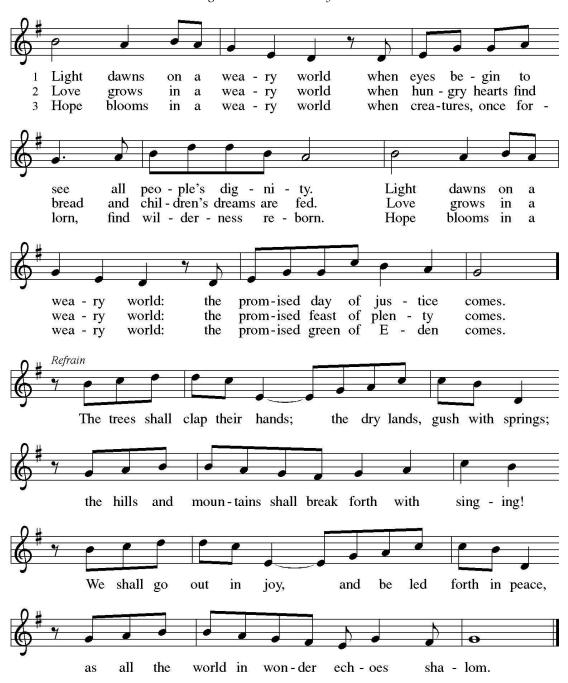
Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

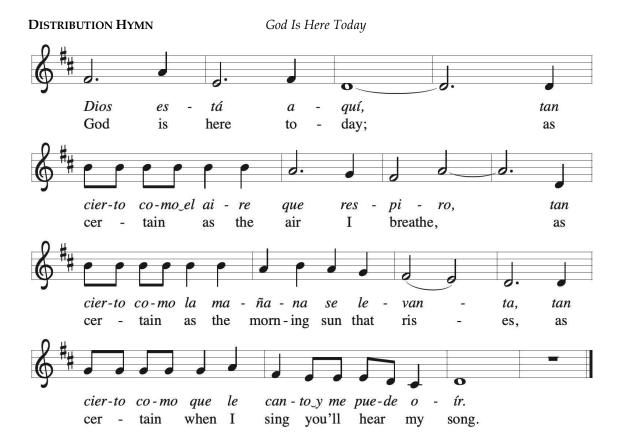
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

HEALING STATION

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.





+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.

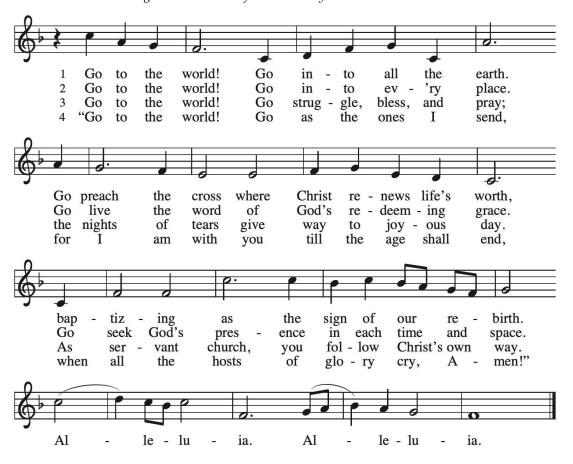
Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Go to the World

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

Trumpet Tune in C Trevor Crawford, trumpet Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni arr. S. Drummond Wolff

You are invited to the Rain Garden between services for a time of conversation, refreshments, and FUN!

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

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8:45 AM 11:00 AM

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	Crucifer	
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Abs Trewin
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	Communion	Dennis O'Brien, Roberta Shaw
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	Counters	
	Closer	Rod Johnson

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

We will have a professional photographer on site 8:45-11:45 a.m. the next two Sundays. She will be taking various photos during services, the Renewal Sunday celebration, and adult and youth education hours. She will also be taking new directory photos. This is a great opportunity to have your photo updated.

ADULT CHOIR KICK OFF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Adult Choir kickoff party, 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 9 at the home of Stephanie and John Sulzbach, contact Phil Radtke for more details.

For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil Radtke.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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!

ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-22

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 25 participants. This year we will stay two nights! (You can have the option to stay one night)

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 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.

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.

Please sign up in the Community Room.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, September 9	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 10	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, September 11	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
Sunday, September 15	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Adult Forum in the Library
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

TODAY "Intergenerational Event in the Rain Garden"

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 1 "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 eyewitness report on the ongoing situation in Palestine.