



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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CHOIRS BACK IN FULL SING!

It's the first rehearsal of the season. The music is ready to go all in tidy piles numbered and stamped, and pencils are sharpened. Some anthems were picked months ago and some in the past days. All of them carefully selected to fulfil different goals. New pictures don the walls in the choir room as a celebration of ensembles last season, and I wonder as I walk past if this season will meet those same expectations. Do they bring certain expectations? Chairs are set up in neat rows ready for musicians to take their places and meet a new neighbor and sing with them. It's at this moment every year that I nervously await the start of rehearsal. Will anyone show up? What if they don't like the music? Will I have enough time to get through everything I planned? What am I forgetting?

I'm not sure why all of this goes through my mind on these first rehearsals – maybe it's the amount of planning that has gone into it, or the built-up anticipation. But once the warm-ups start and when we make music together, I suddenly feel at ease. I feel that I am in community with the choir and am nourished in the same music making they are part of. I get to laugh with them at the silly words I sing from time to time and listen to the stories of their week – at school, work, in retirement, the whole spectrum! Time seems to slip away in the most joyful manner all while doing something I love with people I love!

At the first Children's Choir rehearsal this past week I asked the question, "What is our job as a choir? What are we here to do?" The kids responded with these answers: "to have fun together" "to learn about music" "to be better singers" "to sing in church". All of these were expected answers, and I was touched to hear that "having fun together" was one of the first things that came to mind. It's what the rehearsal process is all about. Sure, we are here to better our vowels and learn about how raising our soft palate can help tone. But if that can be in a joyful and fun environment, somewhere where we enjoy getting to know who sits next to and around us – maybe even make a longtime friend, that's the real hope.

What is the job of an ensemble in worship though? In worship, choirs not only share anthems which, if I am doing my job, will connect to the day's themes and messages. They are often like hymns which share a text of hope, consolation, joy, etc.... Anthems come from various choral traditions and cultural backgrounds. We are lucky to be in a state with a rich choral tradition and many anthems are written by local friends and composers. This wide variety ensures there is no
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a, 6-9; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

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 eyewitness 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 **Mary Petersen**, recovering from a fall; 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**; **Chuck and Ginny Jordan** on the death of Chuck's brother, Brian; **Arlene Mirelez**, who has entered hospice.

PARISH INFORMATION

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one style of music, and keeps interest renewed for singers young and old as well as the congregation. The choir is also there to help lead worship. Sometimes new hymns or liturgy can be challenging or even scary to sing for the first time in public! The choir will be there to strengthen congregational singing and support in these times.



This season I look forward to some new offerings that will continue the music opportunities at Holy Trinity. On September 22 and November 17, a pop-up choir will assist in music making at the 8:45 worship. These are excellent opportunities to come together and make music just a few times throughout the year without the regular commitment of weekly rehearsals. I am looking forward to both anthems those days because they are both unique and joyful in their own ways! Music opportunities for children, youth and ringers have kicked off this last week, but there is always space you too. If you are interested in any of the ensemble activities or have comments or questions, please reach out to me, pradtke@htlcmpls.org. Are you ready for a new season of music making? I am!

~Cantor Phil

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—TH!RD ACT MONTHLY PICKETING

Please join us Monday, September 9, for our monthly anti fossil fuel protest at a local branch of one of the 4 "dirty banks" who invest billions of dollars each year in fossil fuel companies. Monday's protest will be right in the neighborhood, at the Wells Fargo branch on 26th and Franklin. We gather for one hour at 10 am.

Signs and protest materials are provided. Participants are urged to wear orange (TH!RD ACT 's color) if possible. In this critical time of accelerating global warming and climate crisis, we need banks and other financial institutions to put their support and dollars into renewable energy development not into the very fossil fuel producers who are destroying earth's future. Call Dennis O'Brien, (309-251-1683) or consult the TH!RD ACT website or social media platforms if you have questions. Hoping to see Holy Trinity folks with us Monday!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—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).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATION YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE, AND GLORIA RINGERS REHEARSALS

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

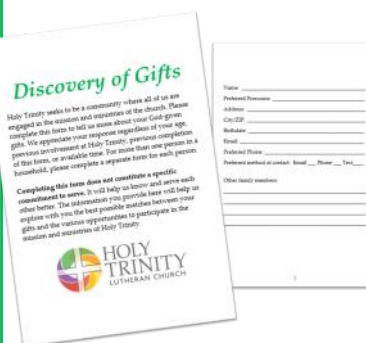
Contact Cantor Phil Radtke (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) or Handbell Director Logan Olson (lolson@htlcmpls.org) if you have any questions.

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) or visit their website, 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) or phone (612-729-8358).

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION KICK OFF

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.

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. 34th 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!

LASTCALL! 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 3 rooms left. This year we will stay two nights! (You will have the option of staying for only 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 ISALAH. 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.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-27—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, September 23-27. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen (engenmary@yahoo.com) to sign up.

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.

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.

As Nolan and I were walking the property this week, I couldn't help but notice the beautiful "wild" blooms along the MIGIZI lot.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
David Larson-Martínez	Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez
Stephanie Sulzbach	Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Rick Liedholm	Assisting Minister	Abs Trewin
	Crucifer	
	Communion	Dennis O'Brien, Roberta Shaw
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Kathy Ekwall, Jamie Bistram	Coffee Servers	Kathy Ekwall, Jamie Bistram
	Counters	
	Closer	Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	Jeff Weiss

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.

PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2024

Sunday, September 8	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Renewal Sunday Celebration Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, September 9	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, September 10	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, September 11	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	Family Meal Jubilation Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Open Gym Gloria Ringers Rehearsal

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](#).

