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SHINING LIKE THE SUN

By Bishop Jen Nagel

I write this blog in the in-between hours, the anxious times, between All Saints Day and the close of Election Day. Regardless of party or persuasion, our nation is holding its collective breath, waiting, watching, wondering, fearful, hopeful, exhausted.

I recognize that taking a deep breath while at-once holding one's breath seems counter-intuitive. In a spirit of embodied resistance, I invite you to do just that: take a breath, a deep breath, and slowly let it out. And another. No matter what: You, and all the saints, indeed, all of creation, are beloved of God, wondrously made, fiercely loved, and gently held. No matter what: Morning shall come. No matter what: In Christ, life wins over death, love is stronger than hate, courage conquers fear.

Years ago, I fell in love with the words of Trappist monk and mystic Thomas Merton. As we live into these days his words seem all the more poignant. Merton writes, "In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all these people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers. . . . And if only everybody could realize this! But it cannot be explained. There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is one of my favorites. I prefer to think of it as a season (All Saints Season), so to have ample time to savor the witness of the saints, the stories of God at work in mere mortals, the truth of God's forgiving power and gracious mercy. And don't we need this witness now more than ever? At a time when the lines of division are so sharp, when it's too easy to avoid even eye contact, I need Merton's and the Spirit's capacity to see those around me "shining like the sun."

I suspect some of my love for All Saints has to do with that veil that separates the already and the not-yet, the holy and thin places in which we notice our vulnerability and how resilient and fragile this precious life can be.

Two weeks ago, I met with many of the chaplains who serve in or via our synod. All Saints Sunday (er, Season) was on my mind as they shared of their ministry. Chaplains tread regularly in those fragile thin places. In a sometimes unique way, they represent something much more than themselves with people who are at some of the most challenging moments of our lives.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST READINGS

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146;
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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](#) (meeting ID:858 5687 1594; passcode:31787) for those unable to attend in person.

November 10 "There Was an Election" Bob Hulteen, facilitator

...now what do we do? Those gathered will discuss the details around the election(s), how they are feeling in response, and what we are called to do as people of faith. Bring what you know and feel to the discussion.

November 17 "Special Appeal: BIPOC Education Grants"

This special appeal encourages individuals to contribute to the education grants fund for BIPOC students. Allies in both the Twin Cities Native American and African American communities strongly support such efforts as a concrete step in closing the wealth gap. Education, they contend, enables BIPOC students to prepare for a future with realistic hopes. Many scholarship programs do not provide for cost-of-living expenses, which can lead to the student leaving academic programs prematurely. Two of our ministry partners—the Tiwahe Foundation and the Mother St. James Scholarship Fund—are prepared to distribute the funds raised through the special appeal. Learn more at today's adult forum.

~ 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 **Mark Horning**, friend of Tony Wald; **Merlin Wells**, hospitalized; **Nancy Arnison**, recovering from surgery; Kathy Ekwall's aunt, **Mickie**, and friend, **Jim Farnes**; Nancy Madich's dad **George**; **Mike Kelly**; **Christine** and **Michael Scanlan** (Theresa Duty's brother); **Amy Johnson**; **Aric Sorenson** and **Ty Inglis**; James Nysse's cousin, **Eric Steckling**; Katie Murray's mom **Pat**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; **Juliet Williamson**; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, **Margie Guelker**; the family of Tony Wald's friend, **Greg Halewa**, upon his death; and the Eid and Exxo families, upon the death of **Allan Exxo**.

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These chaplains are pastors and deacons called to serve in hospitals, in care centers, for hospice agencies, in psychiatric hospitals, on campuses, at correctional facilities, for the military and law enforcement, and in education as CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) supervisors. What a blessing that they serve on our behalf!

They are deployed to meet the saints — all the saints — with the grace and love of God when and where the need is great, embodying compassion from the deep well of our Savior, traversing ethical conversations, navigating moral injury. I marvel at the many and varied stories they hold in their hearts this season and the names of saints they utter between bell tolls. Join me in praying regularly with and for these chaplains and the faithful, honest, tender ways they follow Jesus.

How will we move through these next days? Of course, we can hunker down. But in this All Saints Season at Fourth and Walnut, and all the intersections in the day, I'm drawing in the Spirit's breath, and keeping an eye out for the saints — expected and unexpected — shining like the sun.

Bishop Jen Nagel was elected to a six-year term as Bishop by the voting members at the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly on May 4, 2024. At the time of her election, she was serving as Lead Pastor at University Lutheran Church of Hope (ULCH) in the Dinkytown area of Minneapolis near the University of Minnesota, a role she held since 2015.



AMMPARO NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER

To view the current newsletter from Ammparo, click [here](#). Note that in the section "Migration Advocacy," it covers the latest Biden Administration actions on immigration status, including DACA.



COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2025

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2025. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in between services in the Bartsch Room. Over coffee and snacks, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

LAST CALL—NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2025

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

Nominations will be accepted until November 11, 2024. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will be informed of the 2025 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

JUBILATION YOUTH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE TO RING IN WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 11:00 A.M.

The inaugural ring of the Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble is Sunday, November 10, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Under the direction of Logan Olson, the group has been rehearsing weekly and will be ringing during the worship service and for the postlude.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12—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, NOVEMBER 12—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 1:30 p.m. In November it was moved to the second Tuesday due to the elections. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15—SUBMIT COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2025

Active committees, it's time to submit your 2025 budget requests! You can email your requests to Pastor Ingrid. We'd love to receive them by Friday, November 15!

SAVE THE DATE

BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG NOVEMBER 2024

Join Pastor Doug in reading Cole Arthur Riley's book *This Here Flesh*. In her stunning debut, Riley weaves stories from three generations of her family alongside contemplative reflections to discover the "necessary rituals" that connect us with our belonging, dignity, and liberation. You can sign up in the Community Room, copies of the book are also available there for those interested in joining the discussion. Pastor Doug will send out a short reflection by email each week. The group is invited to gather for one in-person gathering on Thursday, November 21, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Further details will be sent to participants.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21—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 Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Racial Justice is co-hosting a game night with Mother St. James AME on Saturday, November 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Pizza and some games will be provided. We encourage you to bring a friend, a game or two you'd like to play, and willingness to try a new game with others! Sign up in the Community Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 4, 11, and 18). For each meal, 4 households would prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people. One household would prepare 4 boxes of Kraft Mac & Cheese. We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

ADVENT BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Time to begin planning and honing our culinary and crafting abilities for the youth Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 8, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Community Room. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other youth activities. Favorite baked goods and treats, jelly and other canned goods, or your special handmade crafts will be graciously accepted. Sign up to contribute in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 6 or Saturday morning, December 7. It's okay to just plan on shopping too! For questions, please contact Pat Libra (612-729-5172) or Amy Froiland-Parada (302-419-8124).

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

HOLIDAY SHARING WITH LONGFELLOW SCHOOL 2024

Each year members of Holy Trinity support Longfellow School by sponsoring moms and their children for Christmas. Zoe Martinez will be in the Community Room after each service during November to sign up sponsors. The holiday sharing celebration will be December 20 at 2:15 p.m. in the Longfellow gym. Be sure to visit with Zoe to learn more and sign up.

THIRD ACT—MOVE YOUR MONEY WEBINAR SERIES! MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Did you know your money could be fueling climate change without you knowing it? Join us for the Move Your Money Webinar Series on Zoom in November and learn how to transition your finances away from fossil-fuel-backed institutions toward sustainable, impactful investments.

This series will show you how to:

- *Redirect your finances* to align with your values and vision for the future.
- *Stop funding fossil fuels* and begin supporting clean energy, local businesses, and resilient communities.
- *Invest in a sustainable tomorrow* by supporting renewable energy and responsible, community-centered initiatives.

Each Session Offers:

Part 1 (November 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.) [REGISTER NOW!](#)

- Learn about responsible banking, credit cards, and insurance choices.
- Spot the banks funding fossil fuels and those supporting local ventures.
- Discover practical strategies to make the biggest impact by moving your money.

Part 2 (November 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.) [REGISTER NOW!](#)

- Uncover insights into sustainable funds and alternative investments.
- Connect with environmentally conscious financial advisors who understand your goals.

After you register for each Zoom webinar, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link plus a link to add the webinar to your own calendar.

On **November 18**, plan to join us for a monthly protest at Wells Fargo Bank regional corporate office, at 7:30 a.m. We are working with the Sunrise Movement, a youth and young adult climate initiative. All are welcome to join us. Watch for more details in next week's newsletter.

MINNESOTA PREMIERE OF A PASSION FOR THE PLANET

The Oratorio Society of Minnesota Chorus and Chamber Orchestra present Geoffrey Hudson's oratorio about climate change on Saturday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. at Roseville Lutheran Church (1215 Roselawn Avenue W., Roseville) and Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m. at Westwood Lutheran Church (9001 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park). Tickets are \$25-35. A portion of ticket sales will benefit partner environmental organizations.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Andrea Stern, harp	Guest Musician	Andrea Stern, harp
Caren Hiatt	Cantor	Caren Hiatt
Carol and David Berg	Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman
Karen Batdorf	Assisting Minister	Deb Anderson
	Crucifer	
Karen Kunze, Amy Froiland-Parada	Communion	Zoe Martinez, John Buzza
Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers	Amber and Adam Lewis, Helen Norheim
Mary and Chris Engen	Coffee Servers	Nicki Hines
	Counters	John Sulzbach
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024

Sunday, November 10	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Education Youth Education New Member Orientation Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 11	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 12	11:00 AM 1:30 PM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, November 13	5:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Play Time Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate 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](#).

