



# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MINNEAPOLIS

## WELCOME TO ALL

*We honor that we gather and worship on the **Dakota Homeland**.*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

*Today's cover art is provided by Francis Kelly. Thank you, Francis!*

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# GATHER

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*+invites the congregation to stand*

PRELUDE

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

+GATHERING HYMN

*Baptized and Set Free*

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



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

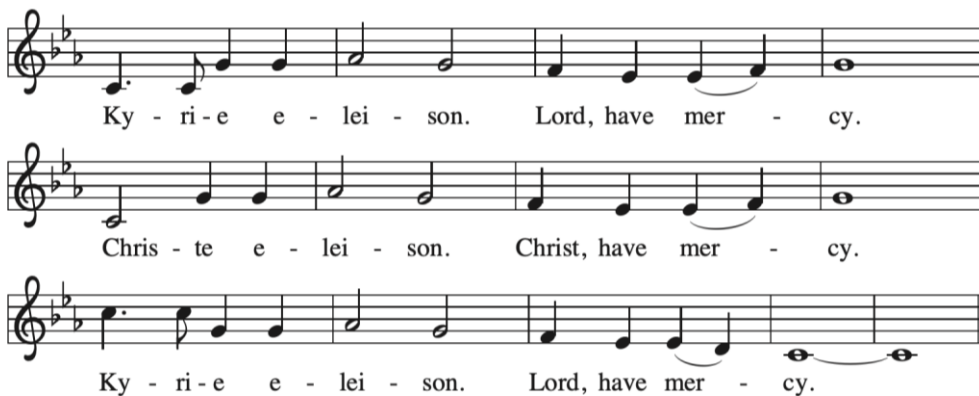


to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

**+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**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is written in a simple, clear style with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

+GLORIA



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your images, and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME

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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

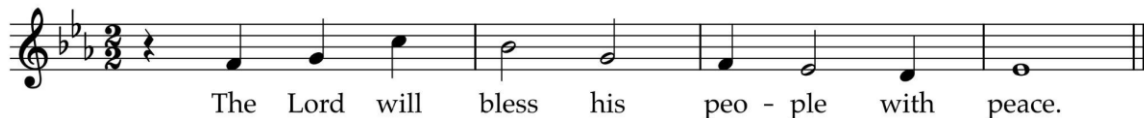
*Isaiah 43:1-7*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

Michel Guimont

*Refrain* (first time: Cantor, then **All**):



O Give the LORD, you children of God, give the LORD glory and power;  
give the LORD the glory of his name. Adore the LORD, resplendent and holy. **Refrain**

The LORD'S voice resounding on the waters, the LORD on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the LORD, full of power, the voice of the LORD, full of splendor. **Refrain**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"

The LORD sat enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits as king forever. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

*Acts 8:14-17*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,  
With whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17). **Alleluia***

## +GOSPEL READING

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Blessed Spring*



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

+INTERCESSIONS

*Sundays and Seasons*

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 call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. In places of drought, bring relief. We pray especially for those in California suffering in the wake of fires. God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, especially Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad who is going through chemotherapy for both bladder and prostate cancer; Mary Petersen; Gerry Berglin; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Pam Kildahl's sister, Wendy; Mark Horning, friend of Tony Wald; Merlin Wells; George Madich; Mike Kelly; Rev. Amy Schifrin; Michael Scanlan; 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; Meghan Hendrickson; 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*). Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



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## MEAL

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### **+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**

*Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Let My Spirit Always Sing

*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.*

1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be  
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -  
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and  
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it

win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair  
gaze my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern  
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,  
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain

give no sign that you are there, God to whom my  
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -  
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be  
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er

days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.  
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.  
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.  
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

## +OFFERING PRAYER

You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus. **Amen.**

## +GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## +SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**+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.**

**+LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Wade in the Water

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



1 See that host all dressed in white,  
 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the  
 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*O Living Breath of God*



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;  
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;  
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

*Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

**+BLESSING**

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

**+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Jesus, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

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# SENDING

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## +SENDING HYMN

### *Shall We Gather at the River*

*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.*

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score includes four verses of lyrics, a main body of text, and a refrain. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and consists of several systems of staves.



**+BENEDICTION**

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. Lee Evans

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*"Baptized and Set Free" Text: Cathay Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956. Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathay Skogen-Soldner  
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*"O Blessed Spring" Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021. Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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*"Wade in the Water" Text: African American spiritual. Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American Spiritual*

*"Let My Spirit Always Sing" Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020. Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924-2019*

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*"O Living Breath of God" Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Carlford, 1923-2016*

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*"Shall We Gather at the River" Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899. Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry*

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LITURGY: ACS SETTING TWELVE

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Larson-Martínez	<b>Preacher</b>	David Larson-Martínez
Ingrid Rasmussen	<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen
Rachel Trelstad Porter	<b>Guest Musician</b>	Rachel Trelstad Porter
	<b>Crucifer</b>	
Ann Schrooten	<b>Cantor</b>	Ann Schrooten
Andrea Hansen	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tre Tellor
David Broberg, Karen Kunze	<b>Communion</b>	Stephanie Sulzbach, Katy Benson, Sean Gosiewski
Sally and David Kohlstedt	<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson
Ginny Jordan, Mary Engen	<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vicki Bergman
Sally and David Kohlstedt	<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Deb Anderson
	<b>Counters</b>	John Sulzbach
	<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen

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Ingrid Rasmussen, *Lead Pastor*  
David Larson-Martínez, *Associate Pastor*  
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Kathy Ekwall, *Communications & Congregational  
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Nolan Gusdal, *Building Maintenance*  
Phil Radtke, *Cantor*  
Kaia Ellis, *Financial Administrator*

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Dennis Nordholm, *Custodian*  
Dana Simms, *Custodian*  
Logan Olson, *Gloria Ringers Director*

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

# C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

## **RING OUT PRESENTS “RING OUT!” CONCERT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00 P.M.**

Join Ring Out Handbell Ensemble, directed by Logan Olson, at Westminster Hall in Downtown Minneapolis for a celebration of music and community. Tickets (\$10) are available online (<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ring-outs-debut-concert>) or at the door. Pay-what-you-can tickets will be available at the door.

## **ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 121<sup>st</sup> year of God’s ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2025 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

## **NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JANUARY 26, 2025**

Beginning Sunday, January 26, 2025, Holy Trinity will move to a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. Your voices shaped this decision, and your hopes for deeper connection, shared worship experiences, and creative ministry inspired us to embrace this new chapter.

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9—PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Join us for the pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our 6-12th grade youth (confirmation and high school students) and their families will host the event. This will be a fundraiser for youth service/learning/fun trips. Suggested donation for tickets is \$10 which will be on sale at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, and Sunday, February 2, as well as at the door on the day of the event. Please consider volunteering!

## **SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS SITES TRIP**

### **Monday, March 31, to Thursday, April 3**

Holy Trinity is partnering with Edina Community Lutheran Church (ECLC) for a trip to Southwestern Minnesota sites important in Indigenous history in Minnesota. We are excited to partner with ECLC to both learn and move towards further advocacy with Native People. These dates coincide with Minneapolis Public Schools spring break should families wish to participate. We will stay in the hotel at Jackpot Junction for three nights and traveling to sites each day with some time in the evenings for debriefing. We should have a cost estimate shortly. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up in the Community Room or contact the church office.

Some of the sites we’ll likely visit include: Jeffers Petroglyphs, Makoce Ikkicupi, and Howwaju Otunwe (Mountain Lake); Pipestone National Monument, Blue Mounds State Park; Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Ft. Ridgely; and Reconciliation Park (Mankato), Traverse des Sioux, Treaty Site History Center

# C H U R C H   S C H E D U L E

Monday, January 13	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 14	11:00 AM 6:45 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, January 15	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:25 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Jubilation Ringers Children's Choir Rehearsal Supervised Playtime in the Gym Gloria Ringers Rehearsal Cantate! Youth Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 16	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Sunday, January 19	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

## ADULT FORUM

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

### **TODAY      "Realm Training"**

Kathy Ekwall will be leading a training on the member portal of our new church management software, Realm. If you would like, bring your laptop, tablet, or smart phone and follow along on your own device (but you do not need to bring your own device to participate!).

### **January 19      "Annual Meeting Preview"                     Council Leadership**

There is a lot of business to cover during the annual meeting, which will be held after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 26. Come and preview the meeting agenda with Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

## D O N A T E

*We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!*



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