



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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HOLY TRINITY WILL BE MOVING TO ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. BEGINNING JANUARY 26, 2025, EDUCATION HOUR AT 9:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY

“They were all together in one place.” -Acts 2:1b

Sometimes we think of epiphany as something we experience alone—in a moment of solitude, we have a striking realization. For instance, Isaac Newton is walking along, an apple falls from a tree, and, bingo, he suddenly understands that the apple and the moon are both pulled by the same gravitational force. I have had a few of these moments in life that offered clarity or direction or comfort or challenge.

These days—in the midst of all of the world’s joy and heartache—I am even more drawn to the epiphanies that we realize in the context of community. Scripture is littered with these stories—the magi moving together to find the Christ child, the risen Christ appearing to the disciples, the rush of the Holy Spirit when they were all together on the day of Pentecost. The divine is often revealed when we are together.

These epiphany moments open us to powerful truths. Truths like: There is a king lying in a manger that cares nothing of domination but is hellbent on justice. Truths like: Death doesn’t have the final word and even at the grave we sing our alleluias. Truths like: The Spirit’s fire finds its way to each of us even when (or especially when) we think ourselves unprepared or undeserving or unworthy of its presence in our lives. It’s difficult to hold these truths by ourselves; we need each other to carry the weight of them.

We will soon move to a single service each Sunday morning. This decision was driven by congregants’ strong desires to strengthen community bonds, to foster opportunities to connect across generations, and to amplify our sense of unity and energy. There is a richness that emerges when we are all together in one place. Dear ones, I look forward to the epiphanies that will unfold among us this season!

With compassion,
Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

Letter from the Winter and Spring, 2025 Seasonal Calendar. Watch your mailbox, they will be arriving next week!



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

READINGS

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.

JANUARY 12 “REALM TRAINING”

Join us at 10:00 a.m. in the Library or on Zoom. 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 phone and follow along on your own device.

JANUARY 19 “ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW”

There is a lot of business to cover during next week’s 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 Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, Pastor Doug, and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

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.

~ 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 **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**.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12—GODLY PLAY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CONFIRMATION

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the 2nd-floor education suite from 10:00- 10:50 a.m.

Confirmation (grades 6-9) meets in the 4th-floor Sky Room from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14—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).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15—KNITTING LESSONS FOR LONGFELLOW MOMS

Once a week you're invited to teach knitting to Longfellow High School students who are pregnant or parenting. Help students learn the basics of knitting and help with beginning knitting projects while getting to know students and the volunteer knitting teachers. Meets every Wednesday at 1:20 p.m. at Longfellow High School during the school year. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com). All volunteers need to complete a brief background check.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15—WEDNESDAY MEAL, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND OPEN GYM

Children's Choir meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and sings in worship every 4-6 weeks.

The Children, Youth, and Family Committee will offer a community meal from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday that choirs are in session. After the meal, there will be an open gym time with adult supervision until 8:00 p.m. You need not be in choir to participate.

If you would like to help provide a Wednesday evening meal, please contact the office for more information or sign up in the Community Room.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16—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.

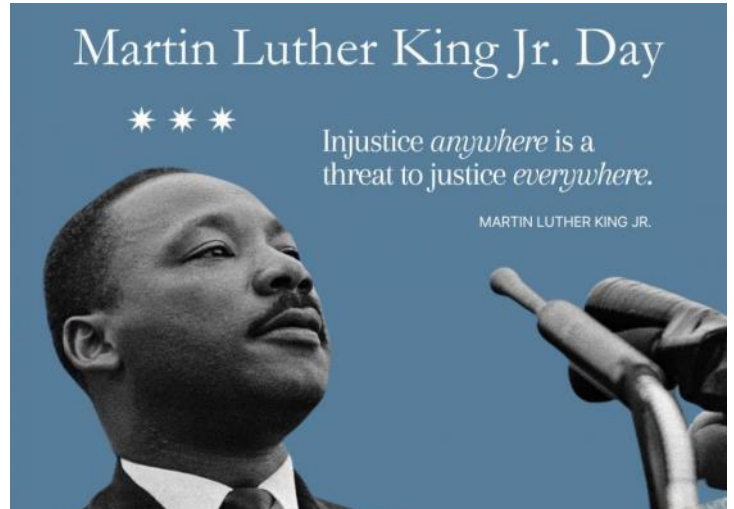
RING OUT PRESENTS "RING OUT!" CONCERT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00 P.M.

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 [here](#) or at the door. Pay-what-you-can tickets will be available at the door.

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 20—OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK HOLIDAY

The church office is closed in honor of American prophet Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A pastor of churches in Montgomery, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, his witness was taken to the streets in such other places as Birmingham, Alabama, where he was arrested and jailed while protesting against segregation. He preached nonviolence and demanded that love be returned for hate. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, he was killed by an assassin on April 4, 1968. We honor his memory and witness.



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, JANUARY 26—ANNUAL MEETING

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 121st 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.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 27-31—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, January 27-31. 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 or sign up for part or all of the week.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2—ADULT FORUM: LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Join our faithful librarians at 9:00 a.m. in the library for an open house and presentation of our evolving library and children's library. Due to the physical nature of the presentation, we will not broadcast this forum on zoom.

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4—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. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood (liz.bill.blood@gmail.com).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8—GAME NIGHT

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, February 2.

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 and 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, sign up in the Community Room. This will serve as our adult forum for the day.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20—INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our building is used a lot! Come and help us with some tidying, sorting, purging, dusting, and other indoor work. Let's make it shine! We'll work from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon! There will also be pastries and coffee in the morning and snacks in the afternoon. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule. Sign up in the Community Room. Please also note, this will be a kickoff to our new monthly work day. We plan to host a monthly workday on the third Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23—YOUTH RECITAL

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or on Zoom as we celebrate the gifts of several of Holy Trinity's young people during our annual recital. Musicians and dancers are welcome to sign up as art and talent comes in many forms! This will serve as our adult forum for the day. Sign up in the Community Room by February 16. For more information or questions contact Phil Radtke.



SATURDAY, MARCH 15—OVERCOMING WHITE SUPREMACY AND PRIVILEGE

Join us from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for a morning with David Scherer and Joe Davis from the organization JustMove. This workshop is designed for both those who identify as white and those who identify as persons of color. In the workshop we will:

1. Develop a deeper understanding of white body privilege and its effects on us.
2. Deepen awareness of white supremacy cultural patterns and how to transform them into more liberating patterns.
3. Increase our awareness of our bodies and discover how to move from shared racialized trauma into healing and justice.

We will combine theoretical frameworks and practical tools along with creative pedagogical tools such as music, poetry, storytelling, and conversation. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Community Room. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Committee.

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 have been chosen to coincide with Minneapolis Public Schools spring break should families wish to participate. We will be staying 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 (where there is also a rough itinerary) or call or email the church office.

Some of the sites we'll likely visit include:

- Jeffers Petroglyphs, Makoce Ikikcupi, and Howwuju Otunwe (Mountain Lake)
- Pipestone National Monument, Blue Mounds State Park
- Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Ft. Ridgely
- Reconciliation Park (Mankato), Traverse des Sioux, Treaty Site History Center

THIRD ACT MONTHLY PROTEST—MONDAY, JANUARY 13

THIRD ACT invites Holy Trinity seniors to join their monthly protest. In January they are protesting at the Wells Fargo branch, 2600 E. Franklin Ave., Monday, January 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m. The purpose of the protest is to demand Wells Fargo stop funding fossil fuel projects. Signs are provided, just who up with your voice and enthusiasm! Contact Holy Trinity member, Dennis O'Brien (309-251-1683) for more information or questions.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 12-18, 2025

Sunday, January 12	8:45 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 AM	Children and Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Adult Education
	11:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, January 13	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 14	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Wednesday, January 15	5:00-6:00 PM	Choir Family Meal
	5:45-6:25 PM	Jubilation Ringers
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00-8:00 PM	Supervised Playtime in the Gym
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Youth Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 16	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread

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](#).

Please note, beginning January 26, 2025 the live-stream will be at 10:00 a.m.

