



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.

A CHALLENGING DAY

The news is full of stories about Monday’s inauguration and all the plans of the incoming president. The timing creates a jarring juxtaposition for all who know and honor the work and witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, whose federal holiday is also on Monday. Even with the decades that have passed, Dr. King’s work on civil rights, workers’ rights, poverty, peace and the role of the church in working to build the beloved community remains deeply relevant to our times. For the most part, the incoming president’s stated goals and intentions are very different. As a Christian, it is quite clear to me that it is King’s prophetic witness that is far more consonant with the Gospel of Jesus.

As the crowds asked after Peter’s powerful sermon in the book of Acts, *what then shall we do about these things?* How should we prepare ourselves for Monday and the days that follow? I offer just three suggestions for these challenging times. First, pray. Pray for President Trump and his team, that all they do will yet be in service of neighbor and build the common good. Prayer is an acknowledgement of our own finitude and a leaning into God’s wisdom. It is a reminder to hope, even as we witness gathering clouds.

Second, reach out, this is not a time to stand alone. Reach out to those you love and those who love you, it is how you were made and your resiliency depends on it. Reach out to those who are at risk. Think of those communities especially vulnerable to some of the stated goals and intentions of the new administration. Don’t be alarmist, everything spoken will not come to pass. Don’t feel like you have to have solutions either—just build relationships wherever you can, be present and model love.

Third, remember one of Jesus’ more challenging words, that call to love our enemies. What does love mean? It doesn’t mean inaction. Can we help each other imagine loving\ resistance without demonization? Can we fight like hell for our values without imagining those with different agendas as evil only? Can we speak boldly of our desire to build the world God intends while remembering that God intends that everyone experience grace and love, even those that seem intent on the opposite?

Only in community, and only with God’s help.

Peace,
Pastor Doug

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS

*Isaiah 1:16-17; Psalm 27:1-4, 13-14
Romans 8:22-25; John 11:17-26*

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 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 Doug and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions!

JANUARY 26 “REALM HELP”

In place of the Adult Forum time (9:00 a.m.) January 26, Kathy Ekwall and others will be available in the library to help members get logged into the new volunteer and church management software, Realm. We will also be available for 30 minutes after the Annual Meeting, in the gym. This is a follow up to the overview given on January 12. All members will receive and email inviting them to Realm by no later than Friday, January 24. This is in-person only due to the Annual Meeting. A reminder this is the first Sunday of our new schedule. Education hour at 9:00 a.m. and worship service at 10:00 a.m.

~ 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 especially **Jenni Vaillancourt’s stepdad; 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; Juliet Williamson;** Jan Mehlhoff’s friend, **Margie Guelker; Meghan Hendrickson.**

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19—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.

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.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21—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 22—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.

SAVE THE DATE

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30—SISTERS' CAMELOT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION

Sisters' Camelot is a collectively run nonprofit founded in 1997 that is focused on food justice, waste reduction, sustainable living, community building, and youth education. They share free organic groceries and free organic meals with the community. January's distribution is the 30th, 2:30-3:30p.m. outside by our pizza oven.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31—SOUP FOR YOU! CELEBRATES 10 YEARS FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

Soup For You! will celebrate 10 years of nourishing bodies and souls—feeding the community on Friday, January 31. Consider helping them celebrate by volunteering, coming to eat soup, or making a donation.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

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.



AARP TAX AIDE—FEBRUARY 3-APRIL 9

AARP Tax Aide will again be available at Holy Trinity to provide assistance with 2024 tax preparation for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Tax assistance is available at Holy Trinity on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday February 3, 2025, and running until Wednesday, April 9. The procedures necessary to receive tax assistance will be the same as those used in 2024. The steps to take are described below. You will need an appointment to have your tax documents prepared at Holy Trinity.

FOR APPOINTMENTS: Call **612-567-2368** between the hours of 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. When you call, please have your 2023 tax return available. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. They are unable to make appointments.

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

ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



The Advocates for Human Rights (AHR) is working on a project called WATCH. This is a court monitoring project focused on gender based violence. They are holding a new comprehensive training for volunteers in a few weeks and would love to expand their volunteer base beyond law school students (and students generally). Below is a link to the training information, registration, and an information sheet on the program.

https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/WATCH_Volunteer_Training

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
Larry Farris	Guest Preacher	Larry Farris
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Cathy Alpizar	Cantor	Cathy Alpizar
Amy Hanson, Jean Swanson	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala
Caren Hiatt	Assisting Minister	Tom Skold
Amy Froiland-Parada, Aaron Hanson	Communion	Dennis O'Brien
Chris Engen, Chuck Jordan	Ushers	Alan Libra, David Rediger, Chris Amundson
Jane and Bob Aldrich	Coffee Servers	
	Counters	
	Closer	Bob Hulteen
	Video Operator	Bob Hulteen

PARISH EVENTS JANUARY 19-25, 2025

Sunday, January 19	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Children and Youth Education Adult Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, January 20		Building Closed for MLK Day
Tuesday, January 20	11:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Council Church Council
Wednesday, January 22	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

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.

