

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 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 1st 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.

+invites the congregation to stand

GATHER

PRELUDE

3 Trios, from Op. 59

Josef Rheinberger

+GATHERING 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:





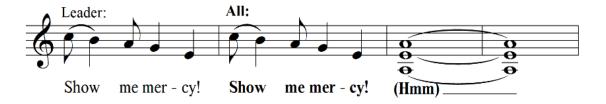
O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

+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

The Canaanite Woman's Song

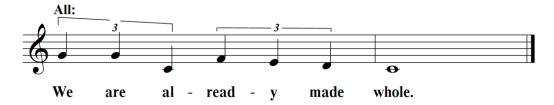


Let us kneel before God, praying: Show me mercy! Show me mercy!

We shout for justice! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! We beg for healing! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! We cry for your help! Show me mercy! Show me mercy! We demand your presence! Show me mercy! Show me mercy!

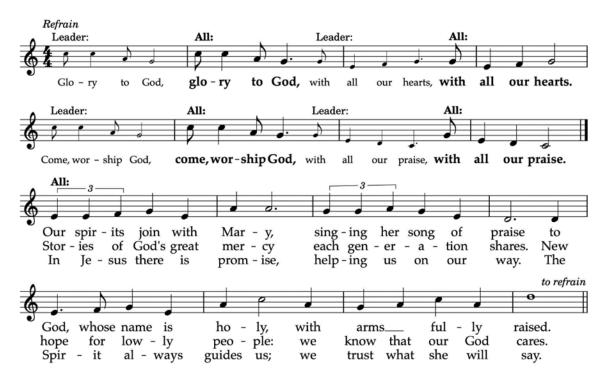
Let us rise together.

Jesus says: Great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire. You are already made whole. You are already made whole. (Matthew 15:21-28)



+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Mary's Song



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal lover of our wayward race, we praise you for your ever-open door. You open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, that we may live in Jesus Christ, the model and the pioneer of your new creation.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

Word

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

PSALM 32 Hal H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



God is kind and gra - cious. God heals the bro - ken spir - it.

Blest is the one whose sin is forgiven, And whose wrongs are put far away. Happy is the one free of guilt, Whose spirit is pure whose words are the truth. **Refrain**

When I refused to confess all my sin, My body wasted away.

Day and night my sins were before me; My strength dried up like the summer's heat. Refrain

Then I declared my sin to the Lord, And my heavy guilt I confessed; God forgave all my transgressions; My sin and guilt were taken away. **Refrain**

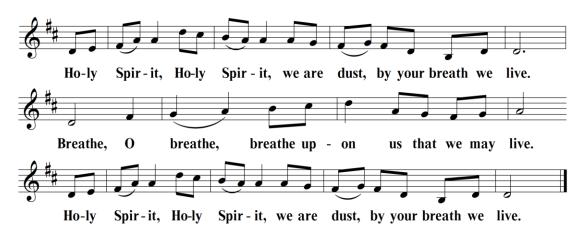
When the faithful have floods rushing down, Those same floods are beyond their reach. The Lord will be their hiding place, Salvation's joy shall be their song. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

2 *Corinthians* 5:16-21

Here ends the reading. Blessed are they who seek wisdom; who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Word of life!

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
- 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
- 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty. there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood. and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind. great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer-cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n. there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up-per home of bliss. and we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own. and our lives will be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us profess our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

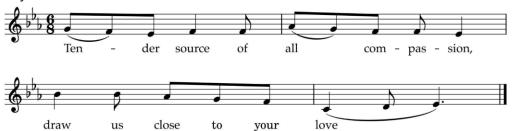
We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

+INTERCESSIONS Sundays and Seasons

Prayer Refrain



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)

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. **Refrain** (*sung*).

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. **Refrain** (*sung*).

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. **Refrain** (*sung*).

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion, especially Margaret Peterson, recovering from hip surgery; Bruce Axelrod (Uncle Bruce), dealing with sciatica; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother, Allison; Pastor David's mom, Margarita Martinez, receiving ongoing treatment; Rev. Sekou; Betty Anderson; Carol Kelly; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Mike Kelly; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; James Nysse's cousin, Eric Steckling; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Jan Mehlhoff's friend, Margie Guelker; 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). Refrain (sung).

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

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+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

Reconcile Adult Choir

Kyle Pederson

Forgive me for all the times I stood by, turned aside, and when I cast a blind eye down; I pretended not to see you grieving, not to see you reeling, but I see you now.

I'll turn around, my pride laid down, hear my apology. Can we talk together? I want to do better ... May I walk with you, and stay awhile ... Can we reconcile?

Forgive me for all the times I laughed, or went on the attack, all at your expense;
Behind your back I undermined what you're about,
I sold you out, never came to your defense.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is what it takes to sit down and listen.

This is the work we're called to do.

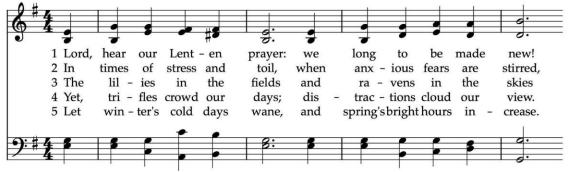
This is the work we all can do.

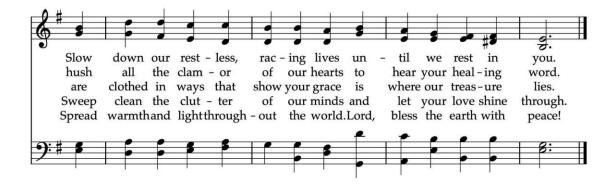
Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, Hear Our Lenten Prayer

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



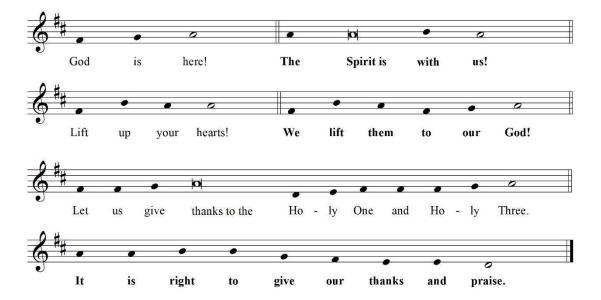


+OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

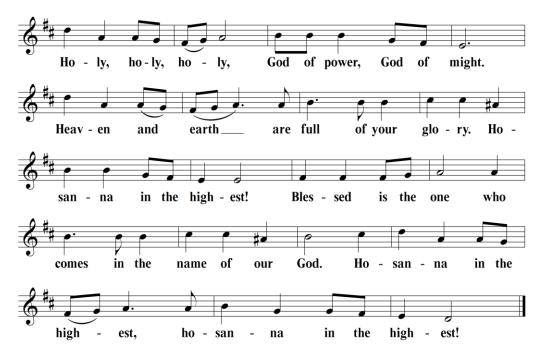
Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



And now we give you thanks for all we have received through the life, death, and resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. In Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life. Therefore with all heaven and earth, we shout with joy:

+SANCTUS



+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which Jesus was betrayed.... Do this for the remembrance of me. Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to your church.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

Amen!

+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.

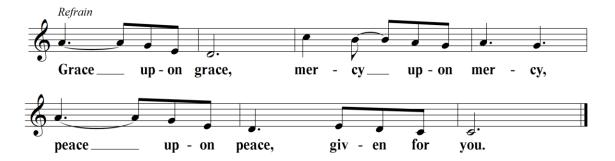
Give us today our daily bread.

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.

+GRACE UPON GRACE



The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain*. Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain*.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION Donald Reeves

We break this bread for those who love God, For those who follow the path of the Buddha And worship the God of the Hindus; For our sisters and brothers in Islam, And for the Jewish people from whom we come. We break this bread for the great green earth; We call to mind the forests, fields and flowers Which we are destroying, That one day, with the original blessing, God's creation will be restored. We break this bread for those who have no bread, The starving, the homeless and the refugees, That one day this planet may be a home for everyone. We break this bread for the broken parts of ourselves, The wounded child in all of us. For our broken relationships, That one day we may glimpse the wholeness that is of Christ.

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

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.

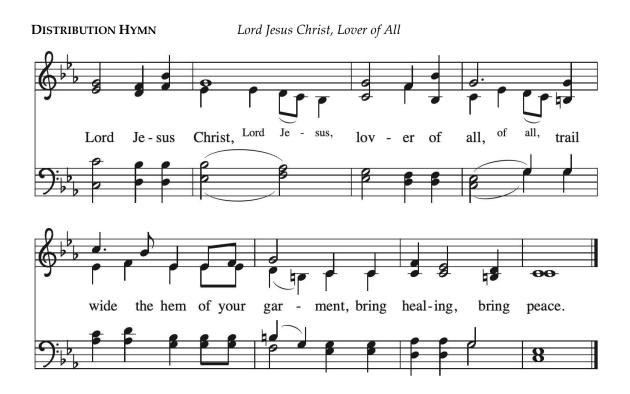
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

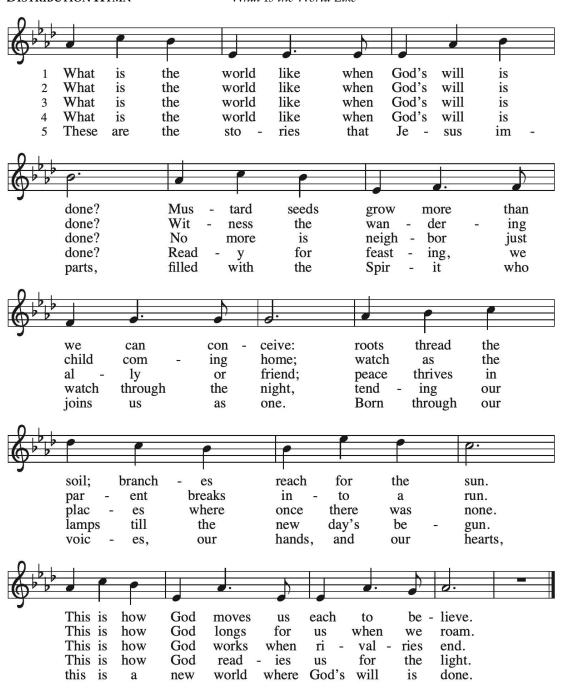
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Is the World Like



+BLESSING

May the deep breath of God revive you with joy, infuse you with peace, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

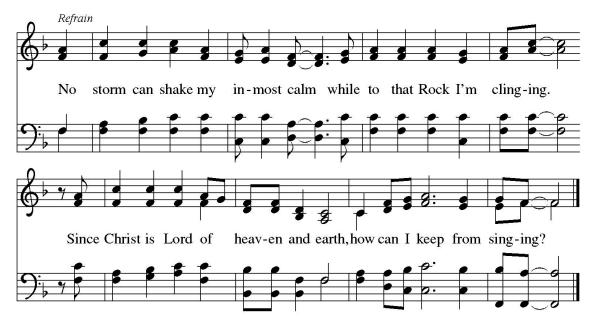
Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.



- 1 My life flows on in end less song; a bove earth's lam-en ta tion,
- 2 Through all the tu mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



+BENEDICTION

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

→ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fughetta on Southwell

P. Radtke

You are invited to the Community Room (located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: SIGHS TOO DEEP

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Cantor	Drew Lindorfer (she/her)	
Assisting Minister	Tre Tellor (he/them)	
Ushers	Chuck Jordan (he/him), Chris Engen (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him), Alan Libra (he/him)	
Communion	Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)	
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)	
Coffee Servers	Amber Lewis (she/her), Adam Lewis (he/him)	
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)	
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Closer	John Sulzbach (he/him)	

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 2 AND 9

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- Lenten suppers from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room
- Service of Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. At each of our Evening Prayer service, we will hear a someone share a story from their own life on the theme of "Deepest Belonging."

April 2—Readings on the theme of Attuning to God: "The Practice of Paying Attention" by Barbara Brown Taylor and Psalm 130

Reflection by Madeline Burbank/Special music by Jan Mehlhoff, flute

April 9—Readings on the theme of Hoping: Even If: Jan Richardson's "Blessing When the World is Ending" and Romans 8:31-39

Reflection by Fiona Carson/Special music by Laura Hicks, violin and viola

- April 2, no Children's Choir rehearsal or Jubilation Ringers rehearsal. Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m.
- April 9, Children's Choir will rehearse from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Jubilation Ringers will rehearse from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., and Gloria Ringers will rehearse from 6:00 to 6:55 p.m.

SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED DURING LENT WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 2 AND 9

For each Wednesday during Lent, four households are needed to prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 4 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, one person is needed to pick up bread by 2:00 p.m. at Laune Bread on Lake Street (preordered and prepaid), and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday in Lent. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office (office@htlcmpls.org / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website (htlcmpls.org) to donate electronically.

APRIL BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DAVID (DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

Join Pastor David in a discussion of *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement* by Angela Y. Davis. Facing a world of outrageous injustice, Davis challenges us to imagine and build the movement for human liberation, and, in doing so, she reminds us that "Freedom is a constant struggle." Sign up and grab a copy of the book in the Community Room.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 13

A letter was emailed and mailed to the congregation this week sharing important news about a decision before our congregation and to invite you to participate in an upcoming meeting where we will discern our next steps together. At our Church Council meeting on Tuesday, March 18, we voted to call a congregational meeting to consider the sale of the former MIGIZI parcel at 3017 27th Avenue South and the donation of the proceeds to Pangea World Theater. You can find more details about the background of this and the proposed plan in the letter that was sent via email March 26th and physical mail yesterday.

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting for Palm Sunday, April 13, immediately following worship. We encourage you to attend this important meeting, participate in the discussion, and help shape the future of our shared commitment to justice and community development. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and engagement in this vital work.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP, MONDAY, JUNE 16-FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Holy Trinity will join other South Minneapolis congregations in an ecumenical, joint Vacation Bible School/day camp. Building Beloved Community Day Camp will be June 16-20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. Camp is for entering K-middle school, with high schoolers able to serve as leaders (and they will earn a stipend). Registration is open and filling up! As a sponsoring congregation, HTLC encourages all families to participate. If the cost is a barrier, please contact Pr. David. Find more information and registration portals for kids, adult volunteers, and youth leaders, at this website: https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, March 31	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 1	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	1:30 PM	Knitting Group
Wednesday, April 2	5:00 PM	Soup Supper
	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Lent Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, April 3	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Sunday, April 6	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "An Introduction to the Southwest Indigenous Site Visit Trip"

Doug Mork, Randy Nelson

April 6 "Now That I Am Old, What Do I Wish I Knew When I Was Young?" Roberta Shaw

In the second session of this series, Roberta Shaw will briefly reflect on the winding path of her faith journey. Then, with the help of some prompts, we will share our experiences, questions, doubts, certainties. Because we seldom hold fast to the teachings/beliefs of our early childhood, and may begin asking questions at an early age, people of ALL ages are invited to attend and participate in whatever way is most comfortable. We all perceive the presence of a holy one differently—as individuals, through various ages and stages. Holy Trinity is a safe place to voice whatever is our spiritual reality.

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