

## HOLY TRINITY\_\_\_\_\_

LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M., YOUTH AND ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:00 A.M.

## **HOLY WEEK 2025**



### Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday and Healing Station

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work. Worship services of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. begin with shouts of Hosanna! as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden. Both the Children's Choir and Adult Choir will lead our music today.



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## PALM SUNDAY

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

### **ADULT FORUM**

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via **Zoom** (meeting ID:858 5687 1594; passcode:317879) for those unable to attend in person.

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April 20 No Adult Forum

#### **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.

## $\sim$ Concerning People $\sim$

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 Rick Lathrop, Joyce Besser; Margaret Peterson; Bruce Axelrod (Uncle Bruce); Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother, Allison; 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.

Receive our prayers of joy and thanksgiving. This Sunday we celebrate with **Herb Hanson**, who turns 99 years old.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Tuesday, April 15—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).

### Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday

All are welcome to gather for a meal at 5:00 p.m., as we begin our observance of the Three Days. Worship will follow at 6:00 p.m. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. Confirmation students will meet at 4:30 p.m. to serve the meal.

### Friday, April 18—Good Friday

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. The Adult Choir will lead our singing. The following reflections will be offered:

Carol Masters: American Isolationism

Deb Sodt: *U. S. Immigration* 

Anna Brelie: Fear Surrounding the Queer Community

Liz Conway: War on Women

Page Natzke: Homelessness and Displacement

### Saturday, April 19-Vigil of Easter

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The Children's Choir will lead the Easter Vigil, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. so that families with young children can participate! Storytellers include Welle and Schroeder families; Children's Choir; Olsen Biebighauser family; Sunday School teachers, and Confirmation students.

#### Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! We gather for festival worship at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The Adult Choir, along with brass ensemble, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!



## Sunday, April 20—No Sunday School, Confirmation, or Adult Forum

Please note that all education programs will be canceled on Easter Sunday to allow everyone to fully participate in our worship celebrations. We look forward to welcoming you to our Easter services as we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ! Regular education programming will resume next week.

### **WEEKEND REMINDERS**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

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.

## THIS WEEK

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9—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, APRIL 16—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.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17—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 goers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

### SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

We are in need of four households to prepare enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 4 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. Confirmation youth will be helping serve. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 21-OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY

The church office is closed on Monday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

## SAVE THE DATE

## MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 21-25—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, April 21-25. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50<sup>th</sup> St. and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for part or all of the week.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24—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. They deliver groceries at Holy Trinity on the fourth Thursday of each month at



2:30 p.m. Distribution takes place outside by our pizza oven.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 24-PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with digging and bagging, weeding and trimming, Thursday, April 24, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If it rains, we'll meet on Thursday, May 1, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.) Sign up in the Community Room.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25-GEOCACHING AND MOVIE NIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Calling all 6th - 12th graders! Join us for a fun-filled evening of adventure and relaxation. We'll kick things off with an exciting geocaching challenge around Longfellow, followed by a cozy movie night in the Sky Room. Arrival time is 6:00 p.m. and pick-up is at 10:00 p.m. And, YES, we can fit in at least one game of sardines!

#### SATURDAY, MAY 3—ICOM FUND RAISER DINNER

The Interfaith Coalition for Immigration is inviting a table of 10 from Holy Trinity to join their fundraising dinner, Saturday, May 3, 5:00-8:00 p.m. 5011 S. 31st Ave. There will be an Ecuadorian dinner, dance presentation, speakers from the Center for Victims of Torture, and the pastor of St Paul's Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$44 each, contact Joy Nelson (612-860-2952) to order.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 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). 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: <a href="https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/">https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/</a>.

### **EXTRA NOTES**

#### SUPPORT SOLAR AND SAVE MONEY!

Renters and Homeowners - If you pay the electric bill where you live, you can get electricity for less than normal Xcel rates. Cooperative Energy Futures still has openings for modest income subscribers in their Community Solar Gardens. If your income is below \$68,500 for one person or \$78,250 for two, (see the handout for larger families) you could join the cooperative and help support more solar energy. This is a simple act that you can take to resist the Federal rollbacks to addressing climate change.

- Step one is to read this handout.
- Step two is to join Cooperative Energy Futures for \$25.
- Step three is to fill out this <u>form</u>.

And thanks to those who have already installed roof top solar panels or have already joined a Community Solar Garden!

~Kathy Hollander on behalf of the Caring for Creation committee

**SATURDAY**, **APRIL 19—FIGHT FOR A PEOPLE'S EARTH DAY** Join members of the Caring for Creation committee at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 for the "Fight for a People's Earth Day" March. Contact Dennis O'Brien with questions or for more information.



The climate crisis is already here.

It's time to build a fighting movement!

SAT APRIL 19TH 1:00PM

START AT Q WABASHA STREET N & W7TH PLACE, ST. PAUL MN

MARCH TO → MN STATE CAPITOL

## Organized by the People's Earth Day Coalition

Climate Justice Committee • Elders Climate Action Families Against Military Madness • Green Party of MN • Third Act MN Three Waters Pipeline Resistance Team • Veterans for Peace MN • 50501: MN

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025, 10:00 AM		
Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)	
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)	
Cantor	Caren Hiatt (she/her)	
Altar Guild	Josh Becker (he/him), Anne Beschnett (she/her)	
Crucifer	Tre Tellor (he/they)	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Margaret Kelly (she/her)	
Communion	Andrea Hansen (she/her), Bob Hulteen (he/him), Margaret Kolden (she/her)	
Ushers	Michael Sorum (he/him), Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him)	
Coffee Servers	Andrea Hansen (she/her)	
Counters	Chuck Jordan (he/him)	
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)	
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)	

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 13-20, 2025			
Sunday, April 13	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Congregational Meeting (in the gym) Swahili Service	
Monday, April 14	6:30-8:00 рм	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Tuesday, April 15	6:30 рм	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Church Council	
Wednesday, April 16	5:45-6:45 рм	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Gloria Ringers Rehearsal	
Thursday, April 17 Maundy Thursday	5:00 рм	Encore! at Turtle Bread Maundy Thursday Meal Maundy Thursday Worship Service	
Friday, April 18 Good Friday	7:00 рм	Good Friday Worship Service	
Saturday, April 19 Vigil of Easter	5:00 рм	Easter Vigil Worship Service	
Sunda, April 20 Easter Sunday		Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service	

### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

