



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

2730 E. 31st Street Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org  
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, David Larson-Martínez, and Doug Mork, Pastors

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

Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God. And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

Happy Easter, dear church.

*Elizabeth A. Eaton*

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

### READINGS

*Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12*

### 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.

April 20 No Adult Forum

April 27 "Reducing Food Waste"

Jenny Kedward, Hennepin County Food Waste Prevention Specialist

An average family of four spends more than \$2,500 a year on food they don't eat. This is not only a waste of money, but also a waste of all the resources that went into creating our food. Hennepin County throws away 95,200 tons of edible food every year. Reducing food waste is one of the easiest ways that we can directly affect climate care. Jenny Kedward is a Hennepin County Food Waste Prevention Specialist with nearly 20 years of experience in recycling and waste reduction education. Today she will discuss the extent of the food waste problem in Hennepin County and some ways we can help cut our own food waste in half.

### ~ 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 **Rick Lathrop; Joyce Besser; Bruce Axelrod;** 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**.

WEEKEND REMINDERS

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 Brelje: *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!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19—FIGHT FOR A PEOPLE'S EARTH DAY

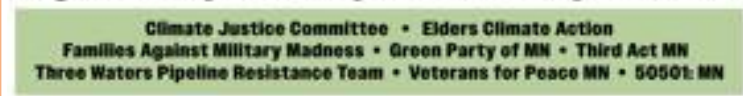
Join members of the Caring for Creation committee at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19 for the "Fight for a People's Earth Day" march. Contact Dennis O'Brien with questions or for more information.



**The climate crisis is already here.  
It's time to build a fighting movement!**



**Organized by the People's Earth Day Coalition**



THIS WEEK

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!

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23—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](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)). All volunteers need to complete a brief background check.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23—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 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!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY 2025: BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG: *THE FALSE WHITE GOSPEL* BY JIM WALLIS**

I have always had strong ecumenical instincts. I appreciate all the work that has been done over the last century to bring Christian communities into new relationships and deeper respect for one another. At its best, ecumenism has never been about glossing over differences. However, the rise of White Christian Nationalism as one of the most powerful forces in contemporary American Christianity demands that we speak more clearly than ever about what we believe. Join me in reading Jim Wallis' new book and thinking together about what we believe and say about this God who loves us and calls us.

**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.

**SUNDAY, MAY 4—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER AND GRADUATE BLESSING**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others. The Adult Choir will help lead music. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.! In this spirit, we will bless our high school graduates during a time of exciting transition in their lives—as well as their families—we would be honored by your presence and grateful for your prayers.

**THURSDAY, MAY 8—MONTHLY WORK DAY—MOVED TO SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Volunteer for the monthly workday on the second Thursday of each month to help with tasks like dusting, ironing, washing windows, painting, and more. Come for whatever amount of time you'd like and at any time that fits your schedule between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

**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: <https://www.smplsdaycamp.org/>.

**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 [form](#).

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

**GRATITUDE FOR SOUP (AND MAC AND CHEESE)**

Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve soup and Mac and Cheese during Lent and for Maundy Thursday. Thank you also to those who helped set up, clean up, pick up bread and all other tasks . These meals are a meaningful way to create community and your help makes them possible. We are grateful for your work.

**Join CTUL on April 26th 10am-1pm  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.**

Tickets are sliding scale with all funds going directly to our work, tickets are available at the door or get them in advance [here](#).



**CTUL**  
COME ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND COMPANY

**You're invited to the  
CTUL Pancake Brunch**

Fundraiser Saturday April 26th  
10:00am-1pm at Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025, 10:00 AM

<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork (he/him) David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
<b>Cantor</b>	Andrea Hansen (she/her)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
<b>Crucifer</b>	Aedan Herman (he/him)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rick Liedholm (he/him)
<b>Communion</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him), Pam Blomgren (she/her), Dennis O'Brien (he/him)
<b>Ushers</b>	David Rediger (he/him), Michael Sorum (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Carol Berg (she/her), David Berg (he/him)
<b>Counters</b>	
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)

## PARISH EVENTS APRIL 20-26, 2025

PARISH EVENTS APRIL 20-26, 2025		
Sunday, April 20 <i>Easter</i>	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, April 21		Office Closed
Tuesday, April 22	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, April 23	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:25 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Choir Family Meal Children's Choir Rehearsal Jubilation Ringers Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday, April 24	2:30 PM 4:00 PM-7:00 PM	Sisters Camelot Food Distribution Outdoor Property Work Day
Saturday, April 26	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	CTUL Pancake Brunch

### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

