



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

*Today's bulletin cover art is provided by Pat Farris. Thank you, Pat!*

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# GATHER

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*+invites the congregation to stand*

## **+GATHERING HYMN**

*Arise, O Righteous Church, Arise*

*Arise, O Righteous Oaks, Arise (Text by Susan Briehl, Tune by Marty Haugen © 2004.*

*Commissioned by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.)*

*Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.*



1. A - rise, O Righ - teous Oaks, a - rise, our God has
2. As earth send forth its ten - der shoots, and gar - dens
3. In word and deed good news pro - claim: Now those who
4. A - rise, O God's a - noint - ed ones, your songs from



plant - ed you for good, A liv - ing sign of  
cause the seed to grow, So God will feed and  
mourn are com - for - ted; The bound are freed from  
ev - 'ry na - tion raise. A - dorned with grace and



Christ a - live and ac - tive in this neigh - bor - hood.  
tend your roots, 'til jus - tice blooms and bless - ings flow.  
fear and shame, and all are wel - comed, hon - ored, fed.  
gar - lands, come, re - joice and join cre - a - tion's praise:



To God's new day a - wak - ened, by ten - der mer - cy crowned, the



cit - y, Not For - sak - en, is ho - ly, ho - ly ground.

**+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.**

**ANTHEM**

*You Are Welcome Here*  
Cantate, Children's Choir

Mark Burrows

Am I welcome here? Am I safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear?  
Will I be loved the way I am? Will friends be near?  
Am I welcome here?

You are welcome here. You are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.  
We love you just the way you are so have no fear.  
You are welcome here.

This is a place of peace and grace, where all God's children have a home.  
God's reign will come, God's will be done when all are loved and no one stands alone.

All are welcome here. All are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.  
God loves us just the way we are so have no fear.  
All are welcome here. I am welcome here.

What are we to make of this moment?  
Could it be, Holy One,  
that something is waiting to be born —  
like the moment when the seed,  
planted in fertile ground,  
is summoned forth—by sun and water and grit —  
to become something new?  
Could it be that this is the moment  
when compassion and courage  
empathy and wisdom  
understanding and love  
are finally given hospitable conditions  
to change, to grow, to live?  
Could it be that this is the moment  
when that tender green  
that brilliant green  
emerges from the earth  
as if to signal that nothing —  
not partisanship,  
not self-interest,  
not anything,  
not even money,  
will stand in the way of  
abundant life emerging?  
Renewing Spirit, we want to believe this is the moment.  
But we need you to fill in the spaces of our disbelief and doubt.  
We need you to bridge the chasms between peacekeeping and peacemaking.  
We need you to abolish the cynicism that quietly feeds brutality.  
And from gravel road to city street, we need you to bind a fragmented people together.  
Living Spirit, the truth is that you can already see a new world,  
one we have not yet known.  
May this be the moment, God of All,  
when we catch a glimpse of that world arising.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### READING

### *Adoro Te Devote*

*Adoro te devote, latens deitas,  
Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas;  
Tibi se cor meum totum subicit,  
Quia te contemplans totum deficit.*

*Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur,  
Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.  
Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius;  
Nil hoc verbo Veritatis verius.*

*In Cruce latebat sola Deitas,  
At hic latet simul et Humanitas,  
Ambo tamen credens atque confitens,  
Peto quod petivit latro pœnitens.*

*Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor:  
Deum tamen meum te confiteor.  
Fac me tibi semper magis credere,  
In te spem habere, te diligere.*

*O memoriale mortis Domini,  
Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini,  
Præsta meæ menti de te vivere,  
Et te illi semper dulce sapere.*

*Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine,  
Me immundum munda tuo Sanguine:  
Cujus una stilla salvum facere  
Totum mundum quit ab omni scelere.*

*Jesu, quem velatum nunc aspicio,  
Oro, fiat illud quod tam sitio:  
Ut te revelata cernens facie,  
Visu sim beátus tuæ gloriæ. Amen.*

Oh, Holy One who hides; I deeply adore You.  
You exist behind these shadows and  
appearances, and my heart is entirely yours.  
For it is lost without you; incomplete.

Sight, touch, and taste all fail to grasp You.  
And yet in hearing, it is enough to believe.  
I believe all that is conveyed by the Son of God;  
there is nothing truer than the Word.

On the cross, oh Holy One, you were hidden.  
It is here that humanity is hidden:  
I do believe and confess these both,  
and I ask for what the penitent thief asked.

Wounds like Thomas, I cannot see,  
But I confess that you are my Holy One;  
Help me believe more deeply in You;  
hope in You and love in You.

Oh, our reminder of the Holy One's death;  
Living bread, that gives life to all,  
Grant this life to my soul,  
and let me always savor your sweetness.

Good Pelican, oh Holy One named Jesus;  
Cleanse me and my shortcomings with your  
blood. One drop of you can heal  
all the world and its shortcomings.

Jesus, oh Holy One who I see hidden,  
I ask you to fulfill that which is my deepest desire:  
I want to see Your face unhidden,  
and I want to happily enjoy your glory. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Adoro Te Devote*  
Gloria Ringers

Jason Krug

**READING**

*Pied Beauty*

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –  
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;  
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.

ANTHEM

*Look at the World*  
Adult Choir

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:  
Look at the world, and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,  
So many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.

Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
'Til it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;  
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

READING

*Don't Hesitate*

Mary Oliver

"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty of lives and whole towns destroyed or about to be. We are not wise, and not very often kind. And much can never be redeemed. Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this is its way of fighting back, that sometimes something happens better than all the riches or power in the world. It could be anything, be very likely you notice it in the instant when love begins. Anyway, that's often the case. Anyway, whatever it is, don't be afraid of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb."

ANTHEM

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Joel Raney



Love the quick profit, the annual raise,  
vacation with pay. Want more  
of everything ready-made. Be afraid  
to know your neighbors and to die.

And you will have a window in your head.  
Not even your future will be a mystery  
anymore. Your mind will be  
punched in a card and shut away  
in a little drawer.

When they want you to buy something  
they will call you. When they want you  
to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something  
that won't compute. Love the Lord.  
Love the world. Work for nothing.  
Take all that you have and be poor.  
Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace  
the flag. Hope to live in that free  
republic for which it stands.

Give your approval to all you cannot  
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man  
has not encountered he has not destroyed.  
Ask the questions that have no answers.

Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.  
Say that your main crop is the forest  
that you did not plant,  
that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested  
when they have rotted into the mold.  
Call that profit. Prophesy such returns.  
Put your faith in the two inches of humus  
that will build under the trees  
every thousand years.

Listen to carrion — put your ear  
close, and hear the faint chattering  
of the songs that are to come.  
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.  
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful  
though you have considered all the facts.

So long as women do not go cheap  
for power, please women more than men.  
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy  
a woman satisfied to bear a child?  
Will this disturb the sleep  
of a woman near to giving birth?

Go with your love to the fields.  
Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head  
in her lap. Swear allegiance  
to what is nighest your thoughts.  
As soon as the generals and the politicians  
can predict the motions of your mind,  
lose it. Leave it as a sign  
to mark the false trail, the way  
you didn't go. Be like the fox  
who makes more tracks than necessary,  
some in the wrong direction.  
Practice resurrection.

ANTHEM

*Queer Bloom*

Connor Arland

Ringers from Gloria Ringers and Ring Out!

+HYMN

*God of the Fertile Fields*



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

**READING**

*Revelation 22:1-5*

**ANTHEM**

*Arise and Rejoice!*

Mark Patterson

Combined Choirs, Gloria Ringers

Arise, O church, give thanks and sing!

Arise, O church, let praises ring!

Arise, O church, and sing with joy to the Lord!

With each generation declaring God's praise, come celebrate the gifts of age and youth,  
the wisdom of the years and faith renewed.

Arise, O church, with heart and voice,

With praise to the Lord our God, arise and rejoice.

Let us worship with childlike wonder; let us see God's splendor anew.

Serving together with care and kindness, teach us, Lord, how to love the world like you.

Stir in us a deeper faith, O Lord, for the years to come,  
that we may rise to serve you more and live a life by love transformed.

In faith, O church, arise!

## +INTERCESSIONS

*Sundays and Seasons*

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)*

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, especially Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Kris Christians' dad Milan; Rick Lathrop; Joyce Besser; Bruce Axelrod; Mike Miller; Breon Hutchins-Spratt's mother, Allison; Carol Kelly; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister, Marie; Mike Kelly; Aric Sorenson and Ty Inglis; Katie Murray's mom Pat; 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*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions.*

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God,"  
to which the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."*

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

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## MEAL

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### +PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.*

### OFFERING

*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.*

*Allegro con Moto*  
Gloria Ringers

Jason Krug

### +OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Gifts of God*

*Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.*

*Follow the lead of the cantor*

### +OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

### +GREAT THANKSGIVING

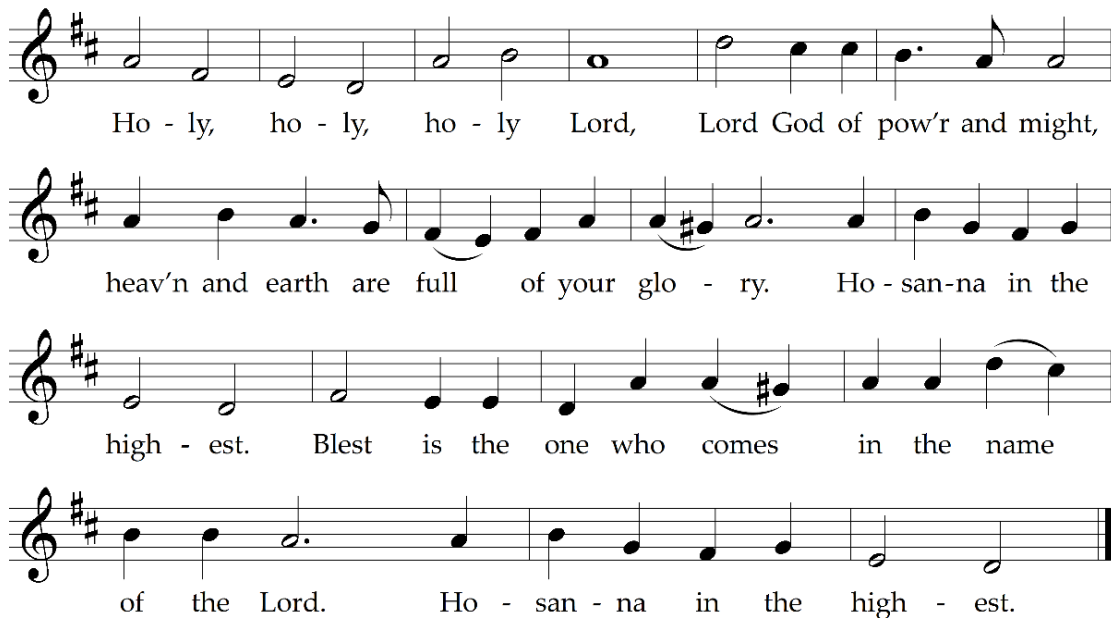
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the  
high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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.**

## +LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION INVITATION

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

For those worshipping 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.**

*All are welcome at the table, without exception.*

*Communion is served by intinction. Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains both red wine and white grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers and a dedicated chalice are available on either side of the serving station.*

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

## DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Caren Hiatt, Stephanie Sulzbach

arr. Leonard Van Camp

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum,  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum,  
Pauper, pauper servus et humilis;*

Bread of the angels now bread for everyone.  
This bread of heaven gives an end to earthly forms.  
Marvelous miracle wonderful sacrament.  
Poor ones, servants, all of them eat this gift.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## *I Come with Joy*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

### **+BLESSING**

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### **+POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



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# SENDING

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## READING

### *Hope Blooms*

A collection of statements surrounding hope from the youngest among us

## +SENDING HYMN

### *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

*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.*

Stanza 1: Treble voices, **All** at refrain

Stanza 2: Low voices, **All** at refrain

Stanza 3: **All**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having multiple verses. The first three staves correspond to Stanza 1, the next two to Stanza 2, and the final staff to Stanza 3. A 'Refrain' section is indicated by a bracket and a key signature change to one sharp (F#) for the last two staves.

Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*  
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and  
moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing! We shall go out with joy, and be led  
forth in peace, as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## **+BENEDICTION**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

## **+DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*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: *ELW SETTING FOUR*

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# C O M M U N I T Y   I N F O R M A T I O N

## **BIG MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP (IN THE BARTSCH ROOM)**

While it has been wonderful to have the ability to meet online for committee work, some committees have expressed a desire to meet in person on occasion. Each quarter, we are holding a Big Meeting on Sunday after worship, starting at 11:30, with a simple lunch provided. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sundays, May 18, August 10, and November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, MAY 18—LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR**

Godly Play (children ages 4-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Trinity Village (grades K-5) meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Confirmation (grades 6-9) has completed classes for the year.

## **GLORIA RINGERS & YOUTH ENSEMBLES END OF YEAR CONCERT WED., MAY 21**

Gloria Ringers, Jubilation, Cantate, and Children's Choir will celebrate the end of their season by presenting a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living in Arden Hills at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21. All are welcome to attend the free concert.

## **MONDAY, MAY 26—OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

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

## **THURSDAY, MAY 29—"THE BIBLE, REVOLUTION, AND LIBERATION"**

Curious about what the Bible has to say about power, resistance, and liberation? Join us for a four-week small group where 20- and 30-somethings will gather to explore scripture through the lens of Latin American Liberation Theology, Marxist and Anarchist thought. Together we'll wrestle with biblical texts, share our questions, and imagine how faith can challenge systems of domination and nurture communities of mutual care. No theological background required—just a spirit of curiosity and a desire for honest conversation.

Sign up in the Community Room or reach out to Tre Teller ([tre@ctul.net](mailto:tre@ctul.net)) with interest or questions. We hope you'll join us! Time and date to be announced.

## **JUNE 2-AUGUST 25, 2025—PASTOR DOUG ON SABBATICAL**

I am grateful to be looking forward to a sabbatical this summer. This is a benefit extended to all regular staff at Holy Trinity. For me this will be a time to rest, reflect, and reconnect to family and friends. Like weekly sabbath, it is an honoring of God's intent for creation, a recognition that we are creatures deeply loved and treasured by God completely independently from anything we accomplish. We are called by God to rest, to play, to lean into relationships. In so doing, I hope to return renewed for all the wonderful work we do together in this place! Thank you for making sabbatical a priority at Holy Trinity! *Pastor Doug*

## **MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 2-6—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS**

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, June 2-6. 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.

## **BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 5:30 PM (RAIN DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 13)**

All are invited to join Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for the first of four evening group bike rides this summer. This ride will be an easy 10- to 15-mile roll around Lake Nokomis beginning and ending at church and will include a stop at The Painted Turtle eatery for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room.

## **JUNE 2025—JOIN PASTOR INGRID IN READING *THE SERVICEBERRY***

How can we live in greater harmony with one another and the natural world? Robin Wall Kimmerer, botanist and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, invites us to reflect on this question in her book *The Serviceberry: An Economy of Abundance*. Through the lens of the humble serviceberry tree, Kimmerer weaves a profound and thought-provoking meditation on reciprocity, gratitude, and the shared abundance of creation.

Join us as we delve into this beautiful work, exploring how Kimmerer's wisdom can deepen our faith and inspire new ways of being in community. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group (date TBD). Let's grow together!

## **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.smplesdaycamp.org/>

## **EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?**

Are you a gardener? Or maybe your neighbor is always inviting you to enjoy the flowers they grow? This summer, we're bringing back the tradition of having flowers on the altar table each Sunday. They don't need to be big, fancy, or expensive—just a small offering of beauty from your garden, your windowsill, or the farmers market. Anything you bring will be beautiful. And beauty reminds us of God's marvelous gifts. Sign up in the Community Room to bring flowers for one or more Sundays this season. No need to deliver them in advance; you can place them on the altar table on Sunday morning when you come for worship.

## **JUNE-JULY 2025—COTTAGE MEETINGS FOR ALL MEMBERS**

This summer, during June and July, we will host 11 cottage meetings across our congregation—gatherings designed to bring together longtime and newer members in fellowship and conversation. These informal get-togethers will be hosted in homes and backyards and parks, with food, fun, and the opportunity to connect more deeply with each other.

The pastors and Church Council warmly invite every member and interested visitors to attend one of these gatherings. You will soon be receiving a mailing in which we have highlighted the gathering that we would love for you to attend! If that date, time, or location does not work for you, you are welcome to choose another gathering. There are three ways to RSVP, including (1) sign up in the Community Room; (2) call the church office at (612)729-8358; or (3) email the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org)).

### **Lori Lathrop and Rick Lathrop's Cottage Meeting – Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.**

Lori and her uncle Rick invite you to Lori's cozy abode for a small, relaxed evening of connection and conversation. They'll provide light refreshments and can host up to 6 adult guests.

### **Alyson Sorensen and Grace Basler's Cottage Meeting – Thursday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m.**

Alyson and pewmate Grace invite you to Alyson's backyard for a relaxed summer evening of conversation, snacks, and fun. Expect a beautiful spread of charcuterie, desserts, and drinks—including wine and Italian sodas. If there's interest, card games may make an appearance! They can host up to 8 adult guests and look forward to connecting with both familiar faces and new friends.

### **Zoe and Miguel Martinez's Cottage Meeting – Saturday, June 21, at 12:00 p.m.**

Join Zoe and Miguel at their home for a family-friendly lunch featuring tostadas and lemon bars. Kids are warmly welcomed, and the gathering will be casual and welcoming. They can accommodate up to 6 guests and are excited to host a mix of new faces and long-term friends.

### **Margaret Kolden's Cottage Meeting – Monday, June 23, from 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

Margaret invites you to her backyard for a sweet summer evening on the deck. Enjoy a variety of desserts and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. She can host up to 8 adults, and children are welcome to join.

### **Katy and Scott Benson's Cottage Meeting – Friday, June 27, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Katy and Scott welcome you to their home for a poolside happy hour! Enjoy a variety of appetizers, wines, beers, and non-alcoholic beverages in a relaxed outdoor setting. Children are welcome to swim or splash around, and up to 12 guests can join in this cheerful summer gathering.

**Phil Radtke and James Nysse's Cottage Meeting – Saturday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Phil and his friend James Nysse in Phil's backyard for a festive morning gathering. Enjoy a build-your-own brunch buffet with mimosas, yard games, and time to connect. They can host up to 12 guests, and children are warmly welcomed. Please note: there are stairs leading to the backyard.

**Deb Anderson and Tracey Baubie's Cottage Meeting – Saturday, June 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Deb and Tracey invite you to their home just north of Como Lake for a relaxed, adults-only late afternoon in their backyard gazebo "sanctuary." Expect light snacks, drinks, and lawn games (weather permitting). They can host 15 guests. Their friendly dog Ohana will be around, and if it rains, the gathering will move indoors—note that they also have two cats.

**Dennis O'Brien and Deb Sodt's Cottage Meeting - Friday July 11 at, 6:00 p.m.**

Deb and Dennis invite you to join us for a salad potluck supper and good conversation on Friday July 11, at 6:00 p.m. at Deb's house Weather permitting, we'll be out on the back patio. We can host up to 6 adults. If you are able, please bring a summer salad to share (not required). We will provide a protein dish, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert.

**Katie and Jeremy Schroeder's Cottage Meeting – Monday, July 21, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Katie and Jeremy invite you to a joyful, family-friendly backyard evening. Enjoy heavy snacks, wine, beer, non-alcoholic drinks, and ice cream treats—plus maybe a signature cocktail from Jeremy. Kids can play on the trampoline (one at a time), and there will be an all-ages kickball game in the park next door. Curious about edible landscaping? Ask Jeremy about his backyard food forest! They can host up to 24 people.

**Arlene Helvig and Ann White's Cottage Meeting – Wednesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m.**

Arlene and her friend Ann White invite you to Arlene's backyard for a relaxed summer ice cream social. They promise sweet treats, conversation, and yard games. Up to 10 adults can be accommodated, and children are very welcome to attend.

**Tom and Kari Kleven's Cottage Meeting – Friday, July 25, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Tom and Kari welcome you to their backyard for a midsummer BBQ. They'll provide grilled fare and the freshest finds from the farmers' market. It's a great chance to meet someone new or reconnect with others. Up to 8 adults and their children are welcome.

**Anne Beschnett and Josh Becker's Cottage Meeting – Saturday, July 26, at 9:30 a.m.**

Join Anne and Josh at Beard's Plaisance picnic area for a casual morning gathering by Lake Harriet. Enjoy a breakfast spread of bagels, fruit, and coffee, with space for conversation and play. Children are welcome—there's a small playground nearby—and they can host up to 20 guests.

# CHURCH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 20	11:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Committee Meets Church Council Meets
Wednesday, May 21	6:00 PM	Handbell and Youth Choir Performance at Johanna Shores
Sunday, May 25	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

## ADULT FORUM

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

### **TODAY      “Southwest Minnesota Indigenous Sites Trip”**

Trip participants will share how the experience impacted them (e.g. myths that were shattered, emotions felt being on those lands, challenges to faith from the shared experience). We will also mention a future opportunity for an Indigenous Sites trip in northwestern Minnesota.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, IS THE LAST DAY OF ADULT FORUMS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR**

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