



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.

## Southwest MN Indigenous Sites Trip

In the first week of April a group of 28 people (half from Holy Trinity and half from Edina Community Lutheran Church) had the privilege of visiting a number of sites in southwest MN with important cultural and spiritual significance to Indigenous communities. The trip helped us become more aware of the Indigenous/settler interface, both in Minnesota's history and today. The sites included:

[Makoce Ikikcupi's Hohwoju Otunwe \(Village of Vibrant Growth\)](#), the second village of Makoce Ikikcupi (Land Recovery), in Mountain Lake: Visited with Luke Black Elk, governing council member and site manager, and John Stoesz, MN Repair Communities (<https://riseandrepair.org/>), about the work to restore production of native foods and build a Dakota earth lodge.



[Jeffers Petroglyphs](#): About 5,000 rock carvings (7,000 years old) are preserved in this place (has been referred to as an encyclopedia of Native culture and spirituality).

[Pipestone National Monument](#): For over 3,000 years, Indigenous people have quarried the red stone at this sacred site to make pipes used in prayer and ceremonies.

[Blue Mounds State Park](#): Viewed prairie remnants, walked by Sioux quartzite cliffs, and saw a bison herd in the distance.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Bulletin with READINGS](#)

*Readings this week are poems printed in the bulletin.*

### 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.

#### May 18 "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.

*Please note: May 18 will be the last Adult Forum for the program year.*

### ~ 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 Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; Kris Christians' dad **Milan**; **Rick Lathrop**; **Joyce Besser**; **Bruce Axelrod** recovering from surgery; **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**.

### 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.

[Lower Sioux Agency](#), near Morton: Had several hours of conversation with John Robertson, site-based manager and member of Lower Sioux Community, who gave a guided tour of the history exhibit.

[Birch Coulee Battlefield](#): The site of one of the deadliest battles of the US-Dakota War in 1862.



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls: Following soup supper and Lenten service, had conversation with Pastor Bryant Kaden and Shannon Wachter, Early Education teacher (and wife of Pastor Kaden). They are faithful models of cultural humility, building/nurturing relationships with Native neighbors, and striving to live as allies with Indigenous friends.

[Reconciliation Park, Mankato](#): Dedicated in 1997 to promote healing between Dakota and non-Dakota peoples. The park sits near the infamous site of the 1862 hanging of 38 Dakota men.

[Traverse des Sioux](#) and [Treaty Site History Center](#), St. Peter: Watched a movie and had a guided tour of the Center, which tells the stories of the Dakota people, explorers, traders, and settlers who played a pivotal role in shaping this area. Also walked a trail telling the history of the signing of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux between the US government and the Dakota.

To learn more, please join us at the Adult Forum this Sunday, May 18. 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.



## WEEKEND REMINDERS

### SATURDAY, MAY 17—CONFIRMATION AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

End of year celebration! All 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited for a day of nature and delicious food! We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. and head from the church to the beautiful Minnehaha Falls, where we'll enjoy lunch together at Sea Salt Eatery. Bring your appetite and your sense of adventure—it's going to be a blast! Parent pick-up will be back at the church at 3:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18—GODLY PLAY AND TRINITY VILLAGE: OUR LAST SUNDAY UNTIL FALL

"SMILE! You're a Child of God" will be the theme of our last Sunday School class. Children in all classes should come to the gym at our usual time of 9:00. We will be reading and discussing a book called, [One Smile](#) and decorating cards for HTLC members who are unable to attend worship in person. The message in the cards will tell each one of them to "Smile, you are a Child of God." There will also be a snack and other activities for the children during the class time. Parents please pick up your children at the gym to attend worship at 9:50.

**Please note:** There will be a rehearsal for the Children's Choir in the sanctuary at 9:20, but if singers arrive at the gym at 9:00 there will be time for them to make a card before the rehearsal.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18—BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP

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. With our new worship schedule, we now have an opportunity to experiment with new offerings, including quarterly in-person gatherings. Each quarter, we will hold a Big Meeting after worship, starting at 11:30, with a simple lunch provided. Committees can decide whether to opt in based on their own needs and preferences. We look forward to the joy and connection of being together in person on Sunday, May 18, August 10, and November 9, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## EXTRA NOTES

### SPECIAL APPEAL FOR ORGAN MAINTENANCE

Our organ was acquired in the mid-1970s, which means it is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with us this year. The pipe organ needs some tender loving care to keep it singing. Upon consultation with the Obermeyer Organ Company, we estimate all this work can



be done for approximately \$25,000. We hope that congregants and friends might consider an extra gift this holy season to share in the cost. To donate, click the "donate" button at [www.htlcmpls.org](http://www.htlcmpls.org). Please select "other" for the designated fund and specify which appeal you are giving to (e.g., Organ Care Special Appeal). You may also give a general gift to support the ongoing ministry of Holy Trinity.



## THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY, MAY 20—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, MAY 21—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, MAY 21—GLORIA RINGERS & YOUTH ENSEMBLES END OF YEAR CONCERT

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. All are welcome to attend the free concert.

### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 24-25—RISE AND REMEMBER FESTIVAL: ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER

The [George Floyd Rise and Remember Festival](#), organized by Rise and Remember, is a three-day event held annually at George Square (38th St and Chicago Ave. So) in Minneapolis, MN to honor the memory of George Floyd and advocate for racial justice and equity. The festival features a Night of Honor, Street Festival, Candlelight Vigil, and other community events.

The festival's goal is to remember George Floyd, those lost unjustly to systemic racism, and to promote healing, celebration, and collective action toward racial justice. The event includes various activities such as [healing gatherings](#), [cultural performances](#), [community discussions](#), and [memorials](#). The 2025 theme, "The People Have Spoken," emphasizes the power of collective action and remembrance.

Volunteers are needed for set up, take down, collect trash, offer support in the mutual aid tent, provide hospitality as chaplains, display arts, assist with the information booth and manage water stations. To sign up as a volunteer go to the Rise and Remember website [riseandremember.org](http://riseandremember.org) or sign up in the Community Room. The Holy Trinity Racial Justice Committee.

### SATURDAY, MAY 24—PASTURES A PLENTY

The next Pastures A Plenty delivery will be Saturday, May 24. Please have your order in by Thursday, May 22. Email your order to [shop@pasturesaplenty.com](mailto:shop@pasturesaplenty.com), or go to the website ([pasturesaplenty.com](http://pasturesaplenty.com)) and order from there. Delivery at Holy Trinity is scheduled from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.



## SAVE THE DATE

### 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.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29—LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation will be held at Longfellow Alternative High School, May 29, 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in the celebration as graduating students receive their diplomas. Contact Zoe Martinez for more information.



### THURSDAY, MAY 29 BOOK DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR DOUG

Pastor Doug's book group will meet Thursday, May 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sky Room, to discuss *The False White Gospel*. If you signed up and did not get your book yet, you can pick it up in the Community Room this Sunday, May 11.

### 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!

## SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

### JUNE–JULY 2025: COTTAGE MEETINGS FOR ALL MEMBERS

This summer, during June and July, we will host 12 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. In the invites mailed with the Summer Seasonal Calendar, 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)).

### JUNE 2025–HAPPY PRIDE! AND QUEER FAITH

The Christian tradition is full of queerness, and we get to celebrate it! We invite you to notice the rainbows flying all around the building during this month as well as the ways our preaching and singing will lift up the diversity God has created.

We encourage you to find ways by which to celebrate queerness in our world. There are many opportunities for all ages, sexualities, and life-experiences that can be found at: [tcpride.org/pride-festival/](http://tcpride.org/pride-festival/). We also invite you to remember that Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation that has been advocating 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 community life. Check out <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/> in preparation for the celebration on June 25. Happy Pride!

### 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.*

### 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.smpplsdaycamp.org/>.

### 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.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 3—SOUP FOR YOU! CELEBRATING ONE YEAR AT HOLY TRINITY

Soup For You! is a gathering space for the Community of Minneapolis and beyond. Guests enjoy a homemade soup lunch complete with sides of bread, salad, and desserts. But more than just a hot meal, guests enjoy a sense of community and a place for social connection. All are welcome whether you are experiencing homelessness and poverty, a local neighbor or businessperson, a student, or someone looking for a luscious meal and a warm welcome space. Soup is served 12:00-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. We are grateful to share space, ministry, and community with Soup For You! Being able to offer this resource to our neighborhood and beyond is a beautiful lesson in humanity.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 3—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 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in for needlework and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)).

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join members Sheryl Udem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm and ride for 10 to 15 miles, including a stop for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room. (If it rains, we'll meet on Friday, June 13.)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12—INDOOR PROPERTY WORK DAY

Volunteer for the monthly indoor 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.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). The music for this Sunday will feature acoustic music by Vinnie Rose, a local singer-songwriter known for his live looping performances. You can learn more about him here: [www.vinnierose.com](http://www.vinnierose.com). It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome!



<b>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025, 10:00 AM</b>	
<b>Preacher</b>	Adult and Youth Choirs and Ensembles
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork (he/him)
<b>Cantor</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Madeline Burbank (she/her)
<b>Communion</b>	Allison Johnson Heist (she/her), Nicki Hines (she/her), Roberta Shaw (she/her)
<b>Ushers</b>	Michael Sorum (he/him), Chuck Jordan (he/him), Chris Engen (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Hendrickson Family
<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helmelt (she/her)
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

<b>PARISH EVENTS MAY 18-24, 2025</b>		
Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 AM	Swahili Service
Tuesday, May 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, May 21	6:00 PM	Handbell and Youth Choir Performance at Johanna Shores

#### **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](#).

