



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.

## On this fifth anniversary, we say his name: George Floyd.

I was looking for a photo on my phone the other day and unknowingly scrolled my way into May 2020. On May 27, I found a picture in the garden of our oldest kiddo—just two years old at the time—squinting in the sunlight, looking content. She had a black eye; I can't remember why. That was COVID time (and, for me, pregnancy time), when memory was strained.

The next picture, also from May 27, is of the Community Room being set up as a medic station. Then: the doors propped open. Then: huge fires. Then: neighbors arriving with food and basic necessities. Each image was a snapshot of community trying to find its voice and its power, in the wake of George Floyd's brutal murder by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. There was so much righteous anger filling both hearts and streets.

To be honest, it's hard to return to those images. Yes, neighbors showed up for each other. Yes, community rose from the ashes. Yes, beauty found its way to our doorstep in the midst of chaos. But beneath all of that was the brutality we witnessed with our own eyes.

Theologian Kelly Brown Douglas says that American culture—rooted in systemic oppression—assumes scarcity. That sense of scarcity feeds brutality. Experiences like the Uprising, she writes, are a kairos moments—ruptures in time with the potential to reshape what's possible. Will we choose freedom over control? Will we invest in relationship over security? Will liberation be the privilege of a few, or will it truly be for all? Will scarcity or abundance be our song?

Now, five years after George Floyd's murder and the Uprising that followed, Holy Trinity finds itself at another critical moment. The trauma of those days still lingers in the landscape, in our neighbors, in our own bodies. Trauma can stop us in our tracks or it can be a catalyst. Theologian Parker Palmer writes that "the heart can break in two ways: it can break apart into a thousand shards and be scattered across a landscape of despair, or it can break open into greater capacity to hold the complexities and pain of the world." I hope our collective life these past five years reflects a church choosing to break open—to lean into pain, to listen deeply, to move with courage—for the sake of the neighbor. To keep breaking open, we must stay nimble, agile.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### READINGS

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5; John 14:23-29

### MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, GRATITUDE

During the summer months while we take a break from Adult Forum and Sunday School, I'd love for us to stay connected by sharing moments of learning, joy, and gratitude. If you have a moment you'd like to share, please send it to Kathy ([kekwall@htlcmpls.org](mailto:kekwall@htlcmpls.org)) and we will share them in the Community Church during the summer months. It can be anything from something that brings you joy, gratitude for someone, something, or an experience, to a moment of learning or reflection. I will start by sharing a moment of learning, gratitude, and joy that I experienced this week.



On Tuesday, we had a staff retreat, something we do once or twice a year. It's a time to connect, reflect, plan, learn, and grow. During this year's retreat, I was reminded how blessed I am to work with such amazing colleagues. A group that respects each other, supports each other, does important work together, and has fun together. I am very grateful for meaningful work that I love and colleagues who make that work enjoyable, that I can learn from, and grow with.

~ Kathy Ekwall

### ~ 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 **Arlene Helvig**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo**; Kris Christians' dad **Milan**; **Rick Lathrop**; thanksgiving for a successful valve replacement for **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**.

As we follow the gospel's evolving call in this place, we live in the paradox—trauma and resilience, devastation and strength, lament and celebration. We must lean into these tensions, not try to resolve them. In keeping with our Lutheran theology, we trust that paradox is not a problem to solve but a holy tension to live within. These truths don't cancel each other out. Held together, they reveal a deeper reality. A more honest one. One where God is still showing up, still creating, still calling us into new life.

This Sunday, we'll speak a litany written by theologian Cole Arthur Riley for the five-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder. It ends with the words, *"Revive our hunger for beauty, tenderness, and steadied breathing. Keep the air in our lungs in pace with yours, knowing that, in you, justice is not far from us; no protest futile, no face forgotten."*

May it be so with us.

~Pastor Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

The cover art for this Sunday's bulletin is a photograph by a local photographer and friend of mine, Billy Briggs. He lives in the neighborhood of 38th and Chicago and has diligently been documenting and caretaking George Floyd Square since the murder on May 25, 2020. Billy graciously agreed to let us use his photo this week. I invite you to learn more about Billy and explore the heartbreaking, heartwarming, amazing, thought provoking, powerful, and beautiful images he has captured of George Floyd Square the past five years. (<https://www.facebook.com/bbgunbilly1>)

~Kathy Ekwall



## WEEKEND REMINDERS

### SATURDAY, MAY 24—REMEMBER AND REIMAGINE

Redesign Inc. is proud to welcome a powerful group of partners to 2800 East Lake Street to bring this space to life through art, performance, and imagination. Come explore design ideas for the site, share your thoughts, and enjoy hands-on, family friendly activities let by inspiring local organizations. Join the fun Saturday, May 24, 5:00-9:00 p.m., including roller skating, art cars, art projects, workshops, music, and more. See full schedule and details [here](#).



### 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. S.) in Minneapolis 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](https://riseandremember.org).

~The Holy Trinity Racial Justice Committee.

## 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](https://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

### 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!

### TUESDAY, MAY 27—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, 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! Discussions will be at Tre's home, 2640 Emerson Ave. S., 6:00-7:30 p.m.

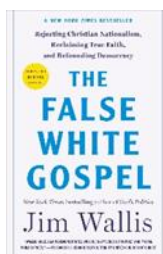
### THURSDAY, MAY 29—LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

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*. There is one copy of the book left if anyone still needs one, you can pick it up in the Community Room on Sunday.



## SAVE THE DATE

### 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. Sign up in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group (date TBD). If you need a copy of the book, please contact the church office. Let's grow together!

### 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)). See schedule for the first two gathering below:

### 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 (835 Montana Ave. W., St. Paul) 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 (3428 5th Ave. S., Minneapolis) 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 (3321 32nd Ave. S., Minneapolis) 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.

## SAVE THE DATE CONTINUED

### 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/](https://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.*

### 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 needle-work and conversation. For more information, contact Liz Blood ([liz.bill.blood@gmail.com](mailto:liz.bill.blood@gmail.com)).

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7—"THE DOCTRINE" FILM SHOWING

Film about the Doctrine of Discovery: "[The Doctrine](#)", will be shown on June 7, 6:30 p.m. at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th St., Minneapolis. This is a documentary about the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on Indigenous peoples and the planet today. The film follows the journey of indigenous youth to the Vatican to advocate for repudiation of the Doctrine. The website includes a link to the film trailer. The filmmaker, Gwendolen Cates, will be present. Holy Trinity has been a fiscal sponsor for this film production.

### 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!



### 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/>.





## THE GIFT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

### ARISE AND REJOICE

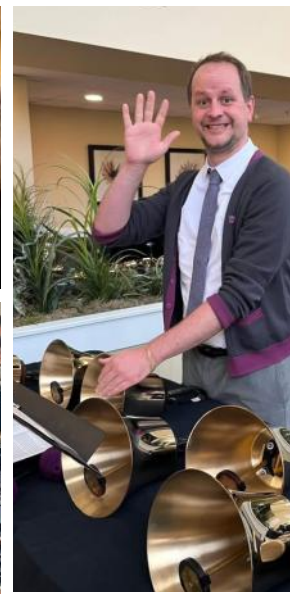
A chorus of thank yous to the many musicians and ensembles that participated in last Sunday's worship service! As the music unfolded, I saw hope bloom out of the text that was sung, notes that were rung and poetry that was read. I am truly grateful to all who made the service a special one. It was a glorious way to give closure to another season of ensemble music making and I look forward to the next time we can share a sermon in song service. Thank you!

~ Cantor Phil



PLEASE ENJOY PHOTOS FROM THE WEDNESDAY EVENING CONCERT AT JOHANNA SHORES SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

*Photos courtesy of Katie Schroeder*





## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025, 10:00 AM

<b>Preacher</b>	Doug Mork (he/him)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
<b>Cantor</b>	Cathy Alpizar (she/her)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him)
<b>Crucifer</b>	Aedan Herman (he/him)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Caren Hiatt (she/her)
<b>Communion</b>	Katy Benson (she/her), Dennis O'Brien (he/him)
<b>Ushers</b>	Amber Barry (she/her), Adam Barry (he/him), Michael Sorum (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Jane Aldrich (she/her), Bob Aldrich (he/him)
<b>Counters</b>	
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

### 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.



## PARISH EVENTS MAY 25-31, 2025

Sunday, May 25	10:00 AM 12:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, May 26		Building Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, May 29	7:00-8:30 PM	<i>The False White Gospel</i> Book Discussion with Pastor Doug

### 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](#).

