



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.

ACTIONS THAT CALL FOR ACTION

I returned to work on Tuesday after a week of vacation (which was lovely). By 11:30 a.m., my colleague Pastor David Larson-Martínez messaged me: armored vehicles and federal agents were stationed at Lake and Bloomington—one of our community's most gorgeous, immigrant-rich intersections.

I decided to head straight there, even though it meant missing an important anniversary celebration for one of our beloved building partners. When I arrived, I was stunned by the overwhelming militarization: ICE, FBI, DHS, HSI, ATF—all present. Masked agents offered no information to those gathered on the street.

Soon, Hennepin County Sheriffs and Minneapolis Police joined the scene. They said they were there "to keep people safe." But that's when I was violently thrown down by a sheriff when my back was turned. It was my first time being physically assaulted in clerics.

This scene wasn't the Lake Street I know and love. It was a full-blown military operation—armored trucks, machine guns, chemical irritants, and chaos unleashed in a neighborhood that deserves dignity, not domination.

We can tell ourselves that men in masks, tactical gear, and AK-40-whatevers storming local businesses in unmarked vehicles is normal. Or we can refuse that narrative. We can insist that our community deserves better. That our collective dream of safety and liberation is not only possible, but essential. And it demands more than what we witnessed on our streets yesterday.

I am a farm kid who now serves in the beautiful heart of a city. I'm not opposed to community safety; I'm simply opposed to the idea that with alarming regularity, my neighbors and I are forced to come face to face with weapons of war on our city streets. There is a better way, and I would expect that our city, county, and federal leaders would agree.

My clergy friend, Pastor Hierald Orsoto says that "even in the face of fear, there is power in community that flows from the very heart of God." I hear that heartbeat everyday on Lake Street, and trust that, even in the midst of suffering, God is leading us toward justice—not through domination or fear, but through the deep, courageous love we embody when we show up for one another.

~Rev. Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen

DAY OF PENTECOST

READINGS

*Acts 2:1-21 ; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17, 20-21; John 14:8-17 [25-27]*

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) 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.

Courage among chaos. Grateful for church leaders demonstrating what it truly is to be Christian. Acting with bravery and dignity, standing up for what is right and confronting those in positions of power that have broken promises, broken trust, and contributed to the trauma so many of our neighbors have experienced. This is a lesson in Christianity, but more importantly a lesson in humanity. We deserve better, we can do better, we can be better. The power of the people, when united, can be greater than the power of the oppressor.

~ Anonomous community member

~ 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**; thanksgiving for a successful valve replacement for **Joyce Besser**; 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**.



Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA

Beloveds,

On Tuesday afternoon, heavily armed officers from a number of federal law enforcement agencies including Homeland Security, the FBI, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement [assembled for an operation](#) at Lake Street and Bloomington Avenue. This experience ignited fear and anger in a community already heightened in a political climate awash in xenophobia and bigotry. It is emblematic of federal policy and practice that increasingly employs fear as a tactic for achieving its aims. This action was irresponsible and traumatic for neighbors in South Minneapolis and across the metro.

We are grateful for the witness and presence of a number of clergy from nearby ELCA congregations who showed up powerfully during this action and response. We stand with these leaders in the demand that our local law enforcement abide by Minneapolis' separation ordinance (limiting Minneapolis Police Department's cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, prioritizing public safety and the well-being of all residents, including undocumented immigrants), and for an end to fear mongering and terror on the part of federal agencies. I am asking you to consider how you and your own congregation can prayerfully prepare to stand alongside your neighbors should actions like the one on Tuesday take place in your community, and how you can support the congregations in our Synod who acutely feel the weight of these tactics.

As followers of Jesus, himself the victim of state violence and terror, we know that we have a responsibility to stand alongside our neighbors, to reject fear and violence, and to seek God's justice in the places where we have been called. We know that the South Minneapolis community is resilient and that this action will not diminish or impede the love and solidarity among neighbors.

Please pray for those congregations in our Synod who were impacted by this action, and for those that serve immigrant communities. Consider ways that you and your congregation can show up meaningfully in solidarity with your presence and your financial gifts.

On Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, the inbreaking of the Holy Spirit among a community experiencing fear and confusion. This encounter with the Holy sparked a movement of love, justice, and mercy that still animates our action today. In the face of the fear and confusion of our age, may we too trust in the rush of the Holy Spirit and the saving love of Jesus. May we remember that we are Church Together and each discern our own part in resisting fear and amplifying love for the sake of our neighbor.

Together in the Holy Spirit,
Bishop Jen Nagel

On behalf of the Minneapolis Area Synod, ELCA

THIS WEEK

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: tccpride.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!

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 Thursday, June 12.)

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.

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15—MUSIC IN THE GARDEN, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up in the Community Room or contact the office.

SAVE THE DATE

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. 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/>.



THURSDAY, JUNE 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary.

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.

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 NYSSÉ'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 4:00–6:00 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.

JUNE 20-23—BREAKING THE CYCLE: JUSTICE AND HEALING FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN AND CAREGIVERS

Holy Trinity's Palestine/Israel Committee is co-sponsoring the Twin Cities dates for this event and invite you to join. It's a public event to share the story of **Anar**, a nonprofit operating in the West Bank that provides arts-based healing for **Palestinian children and caregivers** with **Rami Khader**, Founder & Executive Director of Anar for Empowerment & Psychosocial Support.

- Friday, June 20, 4–5 p.m. : [WAMM](#) Free Palestine Rally
- Friday, June 20, 7:00–8:30 p.m. : presentation and Q&A at [New City Center](#)
- Saturday, June 21, gallery space open 2–5 p.m. (CT), program at 3 p.m.

Find the full schedule and details [here](#).

LGBTQIA+ CELEBRATION AT ARBEITER WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a joyful evening of community and celebration at Arbeiter Brewing (3038 Minnehaha Ave.) as we honor Pride Month together! For over forty years, our congregation has boldly 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 community life.

We believe in inviting all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness—and we know the journey is ongoing. We're always learning. How can the church continue to widen its welcome to more expressions of gender and sexuality? How do we celebrate the diversity among us more fully? Come share in conversation, laughter, and pride. Allies warmly welcome. We'll meet at 7:00 p.m. RSVP in the Community Room, so we know how many to expect!

SUMMER POP-UP CHOIR SUNDAY, JUNE 29

There will be three opportunities to sing as a choir in worship this summer. Everyone is welcome, from those who can't commit to weekly rehearsals during the school year but have always wanted to sing to those who have sung in the choirs for years. (Family and friends who are visiting are also welcome!) Rehearse at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No preparation needed! This will be an intergenerational pop-up choir offering music accessible to all ages.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Cantor	Caren Hiatt (she/her)
Altar Guild	Vicki Bergman (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Rick Liedholm (he/him)
Communion	Andrea Martin (she/her), Lor Lathrop (she/her)
Ushers	Sally Kohlstedt (she/her), David Kohlstedt (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him), Chris Amundson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him)
Counters	John Sulzbach (he/him)
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Bob Hulteen (he/him)



WELCOME REVEREND ANNA KITT HELGEN AS ONE OF OUR SUMMER SPARK POSITIONS

We are beyond excited to have the Reverend Anna Kitt Helgen as one of our Summer 2025 Spark Positions! Pastor Anna has served as co-pastor at Edina Community Lutheran Church (Edina) and as associate pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Minneapolis). She has a background in children, youth, and family ministry, serving in that capacity at both Saint Timothy Lutheran Church (Saint Paul) and Christ the King Lutheran Church (White Bear Lake) in addition to summer camp experience at Wilderness Canoe Base in the BWCA and Camp Christikon in Montana. Pastor Anna is currently taking a hiatus from full-time ministry to spend more time with her two young children and her husband Kurt. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary. She lives in Bloomington and enjoys exploring the trails in Hyland Park Reserve or wrangling her kids at Chutes and Ladders.

Pastor Anna is going to be working alongside Pastor David in re-energizing, re-invigorating, and re-imagining the ways that the Holy Spirit is working through our Sunday School programming. Over the summer months, Pastor Anna is going to be meeting with Sunday School teachers, parents/guardians/caring adults of Sunday School aged children, and dreaming up possibilities to continue the good work that is already being done in our midst. To that end, we need your voice! To kick off these important conversations we are inviting you to join us on Sunday, June 15 from 9-9:50 a.m. in the library to share your thoughts about Sunday School and children's ministry at Holy Trinity. What do you love? What would you change? Who is one person who is a part of your faith story? Pastor Anna will lead us through several interactive stations as we give thanks for the meaningful connections our kids are making today and dream together about the future of Sunday School. Treats will be provided. Parents and caring adults are encouraged to attend with their child(ren).

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 8-15, 2025

Sunday, June 8	10:00 AM 12:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Tuesday, June 10	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, June 11	5:30 PM	Group Bike Ride (meet at Holy Trinity)
Thursday, June 12	9:00 AM-4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Indoor Property Work Day Alyson Sorensen and Grace Basler's Cottage Meeting

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](#).

