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JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

## Survey About the New Sunday Schedule

Earlier this year Holy Trinity made the move from two Sunday morning services to a single service at 10am. The shift was prompted by lower in-person attendance—as many people worship online post-COVID—as well as hope that a single weekly service would provide more opportunity for fellowship and community building. Total weekly attendance, both in-person and online, has increased since the change, and church leadership recently surveyed the congregation to gain a deeper understanding of people's views about the new schedule.

Ninety-six Holy Trinity members responded to the survey. About three quarters previously attended the late service most Sundays, either in person or online, and one quarter attended the early service. The vast majority were regular churchgoers, attending either weekly (34%) or several times a month (45%).

The shift to a single Sunday service is widely viewed as a positive change, with 75% of respondents believing that it builds a stronger sense of community and nearly all others reporting no change in community feeling. Several people stated that the larger attendance at a combined service makes the church more vibrant, and congregants appreciate increased opportunities to connect with others. Following a very well-attended Easter service, survey respondents mentioned that full pews and the availability of convenient parking for special services may present challenges.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents reported that they like having the service begin at 10am, although some would prefer a later (7%) or earlier (4%) service. Most commenters report that the new start time works well with their Sunday schedules, and few expect the time change to have an impact on their attendance. Several people noted a need for further conversation about the timing and structure of Holy Trinity's education hour—a conversation that is ongoing for all age groups.

The pastors and church council appreciate the congregation's responses and thoughtful comments about the new schedule. Based on the survey results, increased attendance, and informal conversations with members of the congregation, the new Sunday schedule will continue. We will also seek opportunities to address some of the questions identified by the survey. Community is always evolving!

~Liz Conway, Church Council Member

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### READINGS

*A Litany for the Fourth of July; Psalm 16;  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62*

### MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, 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.

Soul of the Southside asked Holy Trinity to be a safe house, if needed as they planned and pulled off a wonderful day of celebration at the corner of Minnehaha and Lake for the commemoration of Juneteenth. I watched as food trucks lined the sidewalks, community organizations set up tables filled with creative activities and colorful infographics, a blank piece of plywood stood upright awaiting its message-filled mural alongside quilts hanging on fences. And then there was the drumming. A community of dancers and musicians started, led by the clear matriarch, and it continued—shifting rhythms and inspiring ecstatic bodily movement. The crowd swelled, clapping to the beat and laughing with the dancers. A sense of freedom and joy – too rarely felt these days – swept the gathering. I experienced a sense of collective joy that I don't believe I have felt since moving from D.C.,... right here in the streets of downtown Longfellow. Thanks be to God.

~ Bob Hulteen  
Holy Trinity 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 **Tracey Baubie's mom; Rick Pillen**, undergoing cancer treatment; **Randy Nelson**; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo; Rick Lathrop**; 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; Josie Tober**; the family of **Kris Christians**, upon the death of her father **Milan**; the family of **Marty Davies** who died this week.

## WEEKEND REMINDERS

### 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 NYSSSE'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 – TO BE RESCHEDULED

Deb and Tracey regret they needed to make the decision to reschedule their gathering due to unforeseen circumstances. They are working on determining a new date. We will share that information once it's available.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29—SUMMER ADULT FORUM

"Mental Health Connect" Hannah Campbell Gustafson, Director, will be presenting. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

Mental Health Connect (MHC) is a collaborative of faith communities, working together to help destigmatize mental illness and make sure all are able to find the help they need. We eliminate barriers to accessing care. We believe mental health care is integral to overall health and everyone deserves treatment, no exceptions.

### 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.

### WE NEED YOUR VOICE AS WE IMAGINE A NEW MODEL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HTLC!

Stop by the Community Room over the next few weeks to share your thoughts. What do you love about Sunday School? What would you change? Your responses will help us give thanks for the connections children are making today and dream together about the future of Sunday School. Interested in a one-on-one to share your ideas and experience? Reach out to Pastor Anna ([anna.helgen@gmail.com](mailto:anna.helgen@gmail.com)) to schedule one.

## EXTRA NOTES

### LIBRARY NOTES

At an adult forum several years ago, a woman who worked hard on a political campaign observed that the people who ran out of steam and dropped out of the work were the ones who had no spiritual grounding to keep them going. They were depleted.

Whether one is a super-activist or a more of a working-behind-the-scenes kind of person, we are all weary and often discouraged these days. Sometimes a good book can feed our souls and refresh us.

Our church library has plenty of books that offer encouragement, rest, and spiritual nourishment. Here are a few.

Richard Rohr: *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage.*

Joan Chittister: *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage*

John Lewis: *Carry On: Reflections for a New Generation*

Sybil MacBeth: *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* (crayons required!)

Joan Murray, Ed.: *Poems to Live By in Uncertain Times*

J. Philip Newell: *Celtic Prayers from Iona*

Henri Nouwen: *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World*

Joyce Rupp: *The Star in My Heart: Experiencing Sophia, Inner Wisdom*

Jan Karon: *Mitford* novel series — a pleasant, upbeat diversion

For a few weeks, the library cart in the Community Room will feature such nourishing works. And, of course, you can visit the library to find more.

To explore the library catalogue for more options, here is the link: <https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>

Peace to all, your Holy Trinity Librarians

### COTTAGE MEETINGS

We have a few spots left for July cottage meetings, be sure to sign up in the Community Room.

Please enjoy a photo from last week's gathering hosted June 23, by Margaret Kolden.



Find more photos from the gathering hosted by Zoe and Miguel Martinez June 21 on page 4.

## 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: [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.

### HYGIENE KITS FOR NEW HOMELESS SHELTER

The Valiance, a new homeless shelter from the Agate Housing Facility, is collecting hygiene kits for its residents. Holy Trinity has offered to donate 50 kits. We need your help. We need the following (travel size only): bar soap, shampoo and conditioner especially for textured and curly hair, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, razor and shaving cream, body wash, shower shoes, lotion, non-alcohol-based mouth wash, no-rinse body wash, no-rinse shampoo, washcloths, combs and brushes. There will be a box in the Community Room where you can put your donations. The donations are needed by August 1. Thank you!

### MONDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 3 HOLY TRINITY BUILDING CLOSED

The church office along with all building partners will be closed June 30-July 3 ahead of the holiday weekend to allow for work to be done in other areas of the building. Regular programming during this week will be cancelled as well, including Tuesday text study and Thursday Big Meeting Night. If something is needed during this time, please call the church office to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY

The church office is closed on Friday so that pastors and staff can spend time with their friends and families. We'll be back in the office on Monday.

## SAVE THE DATE

### THURSDAYS, JULY 10, 17, 24—LONGFELLOW SUMMER SING

This third annual Summer Sing will take place on Thursdays 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the evening and will provide a space for all singers to join together. We will sing sacred and secular pieces in varying styles by composers local and abroad that promote community and music making. This year's theme will surround finding and sharing radical joy. Questions and sign up can be directed to Phil Radtke ([pradtke@htlcmpls.org](mailto:pradtke@htlcmpls.org)).

### TUESDAY, JULY 8—INTERFAITH COALITION ON IMMIGRATION

Holy Trinity is sponsoring the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration vigil at Fort Snelling Whipple Building, 1 Federal Drive at 7:30 a.m. Pastor David will speak, there will be a presentation by community partner CTUL, and music will be led by Holy Trinity member Cathy Alpizar. Other members will lead prayer for immigrants detained in Minnesota. Lemonade and water will be provided. There is free parking in the large lot across the road. Please join us.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join members Sheryl Udem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening group bike ride. 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. (If it rains, we'll meet on Friday, July 11.)

### THURSDAY, JULY 11—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-SATURDAY, JULY 13-19 - CONFIRMATION SUMMER TRIP

Confirmation students and adult chaperones will be traveling to Chicago! They will be partnering with various progressive, faith communities which address food insecurity and homelessness in the Chicago Loop area. This will be a trip with a mix of service, fellowship, and exploring that part of the world. We are grateful for the congregation's prayers, financial support, and encouragement of our youth.

### MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 14-18—HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, July 14-18. 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.

### SUNDAY, JULY 20—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 a singer and keyboard duo. Watch the Community Church newsletter for more details on the artists. It promises to be fabulous. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Community Room.



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025, 10:00 AM

<b>Preacher</b>	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Cantor</b>	Ann Schrooten (she/her)
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Josh Becker (he/him), Anne Beschnett (she/her)
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Stephanie Cole (she/her)
<b>Communion</b>	Lori Lathrop (she/her), Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Scott Cole (he/him)
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Amber Barry (she/her), Adam Barry (he/him)
<b>Counters</b>	Annie Hines (she/her)
<b>Closer</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Bob Hulteen (he/him)

### PHOTOS FROM ZOE AND MIGUEL MARTINEZ'S COTTAGE MEETING



### PARISH EVENTS JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2025

Sunday, June 29	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 AM	Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, June 30-Friday July 4		BUILDING CLOSED

#### 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](#).

