



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.

HANDBELLS RETURN TO HOLY TRINITY

As the summer months draw to a close, it's time to return to the familiar rhythms of music ensembles at Holy Trinity. This year, we will again be offering Gloria Ringers (an ensemble for adult ringers), and Jubilation Ringers (an ensemble for middle and high school ringers).

Handbell ringing is a hands-on and collaborative musical experience. Our ensembles build strong bonds of community as we work together to learn pieces and perform them with attention to musicality. Often, this process involves problem solving, teamwork, and lots of laughter!

If you're looking to make new friendships and contribute to community life at Holy Trinity in a new way, I encourage you to give ringing a try. Some experience reading sheet music is generally beneficial, however prior handbell experience is not required. If a full year commitment isn't in the cards but you're curious about handbell ringing, keep an eye out for pop-up ringing events targeted at new ringers.

As we look forward to the second year of Jubilation Ringers, we are eager to gain more members. While ringing with any number is certainly fun, the possibilities grow with each additional set of hands. Jubilation rehearsals are collaborative and fun as we learn the fundamentals of handbell ringing and performance. The ensemble rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:25 p.m. This year, Jubilation will ring in worship services, join in the Handbell Christmas Concert at Becketwood Senior Living, and collaborate with Gloria Ringers and the HTLC Children's Choir for a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living. Talk to Logan if there are any middle- or high school-aged youth in your life who might be interested!

Gloria Ringers rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The ensemble will again be participating in off-site events including the Becketwood and Johanna Shores concerts as well as BellFest, a massed ringing event which will be conducted by prominent composer Matthew Compton. We are excited to partner with the handbell choir from Mount Calvary Lutheran in Excelsior, directed by Alexis Olson (Logan's sister). Both groups will perform together for a Sunday in Excelsior in early March and at Holy Trinity on Palm Sunday. Gloria Ringers members are also invited to participate in additional massed ringing and educational events put on by Handbell Musicians of America Area 7 including Anthornis, an advanced ringing event, and the biennial Area 7 Handbell Festival in St. Cloud for ringers across

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Proverbs 25:6-7a, Psalm 112,
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14*

MOMENTS OF LEARNING, JOY, GRATITUDE

A morning reckoning with Evil and Grace

While I was helping an unaccompanied immigrant teenage mom register for an English class, I got an e-mail requesting a few of us to okay immediate legal aid for an immigrant psychologist taken away by ICE officers at Ft. Snelling court hallways the previous day. Next, I drove the mom and baby to a nearby school to receive her scholarship grant from their foundation. When I drove her to my neighborhood bank, they carefully let me cash the check for her. The bilingual teller kindly answered her couple of questions. I cried and prayed about the evil and the grace revealed in the same morning.

~Joy Nelson

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.

September 7 "The Way It Looks from Here" Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen

As we begin a new program year, Pastor Ingrid will offer reflections on congregational and community life. She'll reflect on our shared calling to cultivate a community where everyone is known, needed, and loved. In a world marked by disconnection, the church can be a powerful place of belonging—if we choose to build it that way. Come hear what's emerging in and through our congregation, ask questions, and join the conversation. Whether you've been at Holy Trinity for decades or are just getting to know us, you are warmly invited to be part of this time of reflection and visioning.

PARISH INFORMATION

Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas.

We can't wait to return to ringing in the coming weeks and look forward to sharing our music with you throughout the year.
~Logan Olson, Director of Handbells

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, JUBILATION, GLORIA RINGERS, AND CANTATE REHEARSALS RESUME THIS WEEK

Children's Choir (5:45-6:45 p.m.) is open to kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade and rehearse most weeks during the school year and sings in worship every 4-5 weeks. Children's choir rehearsals focus on basic music and singing skills as well as the importance of being leaders during worship. Jubilation (5:45-6:30 p.m.) is open to children entering 6th through 12th grade who want to learn and play handbells. Jubilation rehearses most weeks during the school year and plays in worship 4-5 times per year. Gloria Ringers (6:30-8:00 p.m.) is the adult handbell ensemble and rehearses weekly during the school year and plays in worship every 6-7 weeks. Cantate (6:45-7:30 p.m.) is a choir open to children entering 6th through 12th grade and sing in worship every 6-7 weeks. Sign-up in the Community Room or send an email to Phil (pradtke@htlcmpls.org) for vocal choirs or Logan (lolson@htlcmpls.org) for handbell ensembles. For more information on choral and instrumental ensemble and solo opportunities, talk to Cantor Phil.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS AND GYM TIME RETURN

Each Wednesday when youth ensembles are in session, volunteers—supported by staff—will serve a community meal in the lunchroom from 5:00-6:00 p.m. After dinner, the gym will be open for all ages from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with adult supervision provided. We warmly encourage parents and guardians to consider enrolling their children in the youth ensembles—and perhaps even joining the bell choir themselves! Whether or not you're involved in music-making, the weekly meal and gym time are open to all and have become a beloved part of our shared life together. You're invited to come enjoy good food, connect with others, and simply be part of the community. Some parents also gather at Arbeiter Brewing during this time for conversation and connection over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. You're welcome to join there, too!

EXCERPT FROM A MESSAGE SENT BY MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD BISHOP JEN NAGEL

In a country where gun violence is the leading cause of death for children, we must lament, grieve, and condemn, but also work together to change this reality. [The ELCA's Social Message "Gun-related Violence"](#) reminds us that "Persisting violence erodes social capital, impairs social networks, and breeds hopelessness..." In Minneapolis, we are holding the trauma of multiple days of gun violence as a community, as yet another mass shooter killed one person and wounded six in front of Cristo Rey High School. As people of faith, we are called to "peacemaking towards a vast reduction of gun-related violence" through advocacy, community building, and healing. The pervasiveness of gun violence in the U.S. is not a reality we should accept.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—WORSHIP 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, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00 P.M.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT: CHANTING THE PSALMS IN HOPE

Join Ann Schrooten on Thursdays to lean into the ancient practice of chanting the psalms. Ann says, "In the coming days and weeks, our intention will be to sing through all 150 Psalms in order, beginning to end."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—FAITH FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION) KICK OFF

Breakfast & Play | 8:30 a.m.

Join us in the gym cafeteria for a light breakfast and hot coffee starting at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to play in the gym during this time. Please note: Adult supervision will not be provided, so parents and caregivers are expected to stay with their children until 9:00 a.m.

Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

- *Opening Time (9:00 a.m.):* All Sunday School and Confirmation students will begin together in the gym. *(This does not include Godly Play participants.)*
- *Godly Play (ages 4–Kindergarten):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:00 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Trinity Village (grades 1–5):* Meets in the second-floor education suite from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.
- *Confirmation (grades 6–9):* Meets in the fourth-floor Sky Room from 9:20 to 9:50 a.m.

RENEWAL SUNDAY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 7

After worship, join us on the front lawn for a joyful celebration to kick off the new program year! There will be something for everyone: a bounce house, face painting, breakfast and carne asada tacos, music, and plenty of fun. Whether you've been coming for years or are brand new, come be part of the joy and community. All are welcome!

EXTRA NOTES

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

If you would like to help provide a Wednesday evening meal for children and youth (and parents) attending choir, bell rehearsals, or supervised play time, please sign up in the Community Room. For more information, talk to Pastor David.

THANK YOU FROM ZOE MARTINEZ

Thank you to everyone for their contributions of backpacks and school supplies for Longfellow moms. Holy Trinity donated 50 backpacks. The joy of receiving these filled backpacks will be a great way to help these moms start school. Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE

BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All are invited to join Sheryl Undem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at a location TBD at 5:30 p.m. 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, September 12.)

ADULT FALL RETREAT OCTOBER 5-7, 2025

The Adult Retreat will be held at the Benedictine Center of St. Paul's Monastery in Maplewood from October 3 to 5. Our theme this year is "Building community starts with belonging. What are we called to do in response?" The rooms have two beds; shared rooms are preferred (two people to a room with a shared bath). \$110 total for the weekend for room and meals. Single rooms are an option (\$50 per night) after double rooms are filled. Scholarships are available. See Pastor David. Sign up in the Community Room by September 14.



BOOK STUDY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Agrarian Spirit: Cultivating Faith, Community, and the Land by Norman Wirzba

Norman Wirzba, a Wendell Berry devotee and professor at the Duke Divinity School, has crafted a deep dive into the intersection of and interaction between our relationships to land, community, and spirituality. His Manitoban realism emphasizes the "on earth" part of "as in heaven" for people tempted to think the other way around. Wirzba gives pragmatic suggestions that renew a deeper connection to dirt.

Alex grew up on a farm in Northwest Iowa and now works for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Bob was born on a farm near Bemidji and was radicalized by agrarian movements in North Dakota, where he grew up. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group on Tuesday, September 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

~ 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 **Chris Amundson; Tina and Neela;** Tracey Baubie's mom **ShaRon;** Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom **Jo; Rick Lathrop; Jenni Vaillancourt's stepdad; Mary Petersen;** Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie; Mike Kelly;** Katie Murray's mom **Pat; Josie Tober;** and the Hutchins-Spratts upon the death of Breon's mom **Allison.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RISE UP FOR A SUN-POWERED PLANET!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1:00-4:00 P.M.

[Sun Day](#) is a nationwide day of action on September 21, 2025, celebrating solar and wind power, and the movement to leave fossil fuels behind.

Here in Minnesota, the Twin Cities' Sun Day festival will feature inspiring music, theatrical performances, interactive activities, and exhibits, where the "solar-curious" (including families) can have fun while also exploring options for their own participation in the clean-energy revolution.

The event will be held at The River Hub in Graco Park, Minneapolis' newest park, located on the Mississippi River at 810 Sibley St. NE, with nearby parking, bus lines, and bike and walking paths. To make this festival a rousing success, we need volunteers now as well as the day of the event. There is lots to do.

[Volunteer Link](#)

Please [register here for the Festival](#). For more information, contact Dennis O'Brien (revdmo@gmail.com).

SMITHSONIAN'S TRAVELING EXHIBIT, *EXPLORING HUMAN ORIGINS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN?*, AT LUTHER SEMINARY NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 16

Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street, St. Paul, MN, free and open to the public.

The question of what it means to be human has never been more important. Christian leaders are increasingly called to engage communities of faith in deep, meaningful conversations around science and religious belief, care for creation, and how being human matters in today's world. Through panels, interactive kiosks, hands-on displays, and videos, "Exploring Human Origins" invites viewers of all ages and faith traditions to explore and learn about milestones in the evolutionary journey of becoming human.

For more information, including hours, visit luthersem.edu/origins.

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM VIRTUAL GALA SEPT. 13

You are invited to join others in the Twin Cities for the Bright Stars of Bethlehem 6th annual virtual Gala! Enjoy the evening on Saturday, September 13, with new friends who strive to raise awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, the first and only university of arts and culture in Palestine. All are welcome to the Watch Party at Edina Community Lutheran Church, 4113 W. 54th Street, Edina, hosted by the Bright Stars of Bethlehem-Minnesota team. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with Palestinian appetizers, a short film by a DAK student, and conversation. The virtual Gala begins at 7:00 p.m., and the evening concludes by 8:30 p.m. Free parking is available. RSVP to Kathy Showalter Fiscus (kshowalter@planscapepartners.com / 612-599-4593) by Wednesday, September 10. Individuals can also participate in the virtual Gala from home by registering with Bright Stars online at <https://www.brightstarsbethlehem.org/gala>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025, 10:00 AM

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| Preacher | David Larson-Martínez (he/him) |
| Presiding Minister | Doug Mork (he/him) |
| Cantor | Caren Hiatt (she/her) |
| Altar Guild | Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him) |
| Crucifer | |
| Assisting Minister | Madeline Burbank (she/her) |
| Communion | John Buzza (he/him), Stephanie Cole (she/her), Sue Roberts (she/her) |
| Ushers | David Rediger (he/him), Julie Cahoy (she/her), Tom Cahoy (he/him) |
| Coffee Servers | Deb Anderson (she/her) |
| Counters | Julie Cahoy (she/her) |
| Closer | |
| Video Operator | Jan Mehlhoff (she/her) |

SHARE THE BOUNTY!

Are your gardens overproducing? Can't keep up with your CSA? Or have you overbought at the Farmers Market? The Creation Care Committee would like to give you an opportunity to avoid food waste and share your abundance. We will have a table in the Community Room on Sundays. Bring your extra produce on Sunday morning to share. We will share with congregation members in both HT and Swahili congregations. What is left will be shared with Soup for You! and their guests. Share instead of wasting or composting.

PARISH EVENTS AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

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| Sunday, August 31 | 10:00 AM 12:00 PM | Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service |
| Monday, September 1 | ALL DAY | Building Closed for Labor Day |
| Tuesday, September 2 | 11:00 AM 1:30 PM | Worship Readings Discussion Knitting Group |
| Wednesday, September 3 | 5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM | Choir Family Meal Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble Children's Choir Gloria Ringers Open Gym Cantate! |
| Thursday, September 4 | 6:45 PM 7:00 PM | Big Meeting Night Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope |

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](#).

