



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

*We honor that we gather and worship on the **Dakota Homeland**.*

*The people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church wish to extend a **special welcome** to all visitors!
Please leave your name and phone number on the visitor card found in the pew.*

*We are committed to the inclusion of all people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice **open communion**, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

***Children are full participants** in this congregation's worship, educational, and community life! The Mary Martha Room is a quiet space for infants needing to nurse or to nap. For active toddlers, the Community Room has a Children's Corner with books and a table at which to play. Our ushers are ready to assist you in finding the place that best fits your family's needs.*

***Accessible and all-gender restrooms** are located in the basement.
Single-use, all-gender restrooms are located on the 1st floor.*

*For over forty years, this congregation has 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 the community. We invite all people into lives of authenticity, integrity, and wholeness.*

***Hearing assist devices and large-print bulletins** are available. Ask an usher if you are interested.*

*Our **services are livestreamed** on Vimeo and Facebook every week. The live shot includes the main floor of the sanctuary. Our members who watch from home love to see their friends at church! If for privacy reasons you prefer not to be on camera, the balcony is outside of the camera's range.*

*If you are seeking **pastoral care**, please speak to a pastor today.*

GATHER

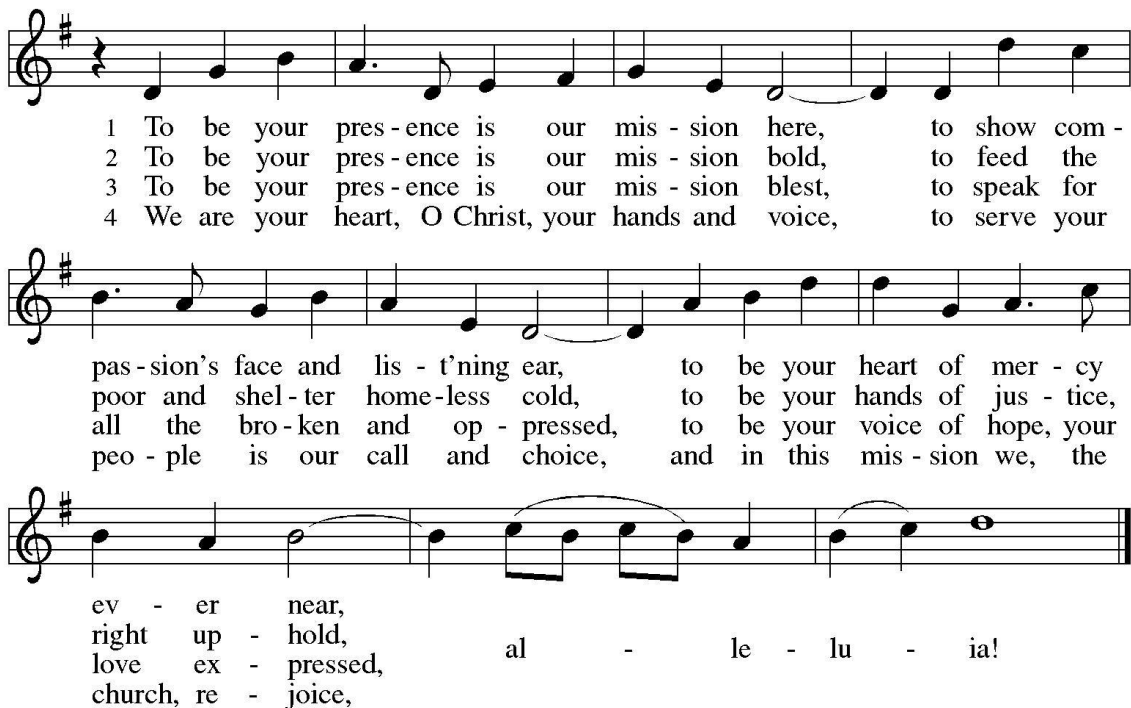
+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

+GATHERING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

Please stand and face the cross at the rear of the sanctuary.



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

+GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+KYRIE

Cantor
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord, have mer-cy.

Cantor
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mer-cy. *Cantor* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-

being of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mer-cy. *Cantor* For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *All* Lord have mer - cy.

Cantor Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. *All* A - men.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Follow the lead of the cantor; choose any group at the end.

Leader




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All




Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader All




To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us so that we may live as faithful servants of you alone. Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power so that we may, in turn, release others from the prisons of poverty, hunger, and oppression.

Amen.

WELCOME

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)

The LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed, and
food to those who hun-ger. The LORD sets the cap - tive
free, the LORD sets the cap - tive free.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. **Refrain**

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Refrain

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God; who made heaven and earth,
the seas and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free. The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked. The LORD shall reign forever, your God,
O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

SECOND READING

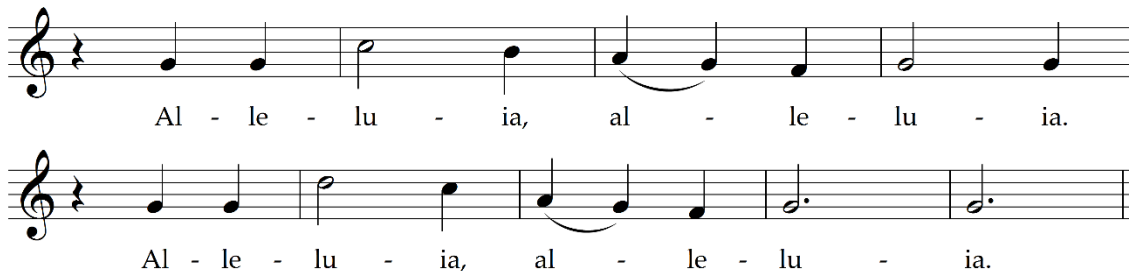
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

All:



Cantor: You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich. (*2 Corinthians 8:9*)

All: Repeat “Alleluia”

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

Word of God; word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,
 feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.
 Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - comethose who roam.
 Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations, especially for an end to violence and suffering in Gaza and for a renewed path towards human rights, justice, and love. Bring healing to the people of Palestine and Israel, rekindle hope, give courage and persistence to all working for peace. God of Grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for people in any need, especially Lyle Steinfeldt; Mary Heltsley; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Tracey Baubie's mom ShaRon; Jeff Olsen Biebighauser's mom Jo; Rick Lathrop; Mary Petersen; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Katie Murray's mom Pat; Josie Tober; and those we hold in our hearts or speak with our voices now (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "God of grace," to which the congregation will respond, "Receive our prayer."

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

Christ Calls to Me
Adult Choir

Anthony Giamanco

Christ calls to me, but not because I seek, and not because of any words I pray,
or times that I confess that I am weak; Christ calls to me because I often stray.

Christ welcomes me, but not because I trust, and not because of merit, work or deed,
Or any claims that I am good and just; Christ welcomes me because he knows my need.

Christ blesses me, but not because I serve, and not because I share all I possess,
and seek no more than what I might deserve; Christ blesses me because he wants to bless.

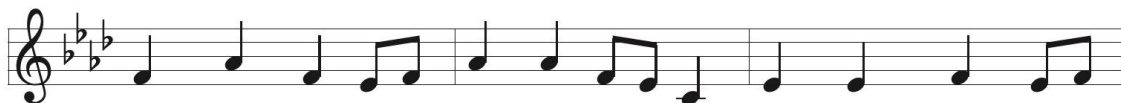
I seek, I trust, I serve, because of grace, a grace that tunes my heart to holy ways,
to live and love within Christ's broad embrace, and to become an instrument of praise.

*Baskets will be passed in the sanctuary. If you prefer to donate to the mission and ministry
using Venmo or card, the QR codes can be found on the back page of the bulletin.*

+OFFERTORY HYMN

Wisdom Parts the Way before Us

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



1 Wis - dom parts the way be - fore us with her fierce, de -
2 E - gypt, still a cling - ing mem - 'ry— heav - y, drenched in
3 Wis - dom calls us to i - mag - ine E - den's thriv - ing,
4 Here the tree of life be - fore us, of - f'ring shel - ter



ter - mined stride. She re - bukes the rag - ing wa - ters—
loss and fear— threat - ens to ex - haust our cour - age,
lush and green, lifts the rem - nants of our an - guish,
and sha - lom to the wea - ry, loved, and wel - comed.



our de - fend - er, hope, and guide.
weights our steps though hope stays near.
leads us through the gate un - seen.
Here we find our one true home.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together,

**Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

+LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger. For those worshipping at home, hear these words spoken for you: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

*An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup.
You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving
toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat
by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.*

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

+BLESSING

The body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*Children and youth are invited to join the worship leaders as they recess
and gather at the rear of the sanctuary to share the dismissal.*

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

+BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.*

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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING NINE*

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Crucifer	
Cantor	Abs Trewin (they/he)
Guest Choir Director	Abs Trewin (they/he)
Guest Organist	Brad Althoff (he/him)
Assisting Minister	Karen Batdorf (she/her)
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Zoe Martinez (she/her)
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SEQUEERITY AT HOLY TRINITY

Beginning this Sunday, you may notice a new presence on Sunday mornings: a staff member from Sequeerity, a Minneapolis-based de-escalation team. They'll be here from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., walking through the building and grounds. Their staff wear T-shirts that say Sequeerity, so you'll be able to recognize them easily.

Sequeerity is a team owned and operated by queer and POC women whose mission is to create and maintain safe spaces for all, especially for LGBTQIA+ and immigrant communities. They are not armed, and their focus is on relationship-building and de-escalation. They already partner with congregations such as Shir Tikvah and First Universalist, which share similar values and commitments.

We are not making this change out of fear, but as a way to extend care to our volunteers, staff, and everyone who comes through our doors. Having Sequeerity present provides another layer of welcome and support for our community, and we anticipate the same staff person will be with us week after week so they can get to know the congregation.

HOME, HEALTH, HOPE: NONPARTISAN MINNEAPOLIS MAYORAL CANDIDATE AND VOTER EDUCATION FORUM

Tuesday, September 30, 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Build community and hear from Minneapolis mayoral candidates about their commitments to representing and protecting a diverse, affirming, and accessible city to call home. A community meal will be available. Register to attend: bit.ly/2025homehealthhope. Contact Bob Hulteen if you can volunteer to help (bhulteen@htlcmpls.org/612-729-8358).

HOLY TRINITY OCTOBERFEST AT ARBEITER, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:30 P.M.

Join us for HTLC Octoberfest—a casual evening of connection and good cheer at Arbeiter Brewery! Whether you're new to Holy Trinity or have been around for years, this is a chance to relax, laugh, and build community over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. Led by members Alyson Sorensen, Jess Yarger, Dave Herrera Santacruz, and Grace Basler, the night promises low-key fun with great people. We'll gather on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. — come as you are and bring a friend!

HOLY TRINITY DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS OCTOBER 6-10

Holy Trinity volunteers will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels on Monday-Friday, October 6-10. Volunteers pick up meals at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square (50th St. and 35th Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for part or all of the week.

THE PATH TO KINDNESS BOOK DISCUSSION WITH RYANA HOLT MONDAY, OCT. 27

In a world that often feels fragmented and fast-paced, how can we nurture gentleness, compassion, and connection? *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, offers poems and essays that celebrate the quiet power of kindness in our daily lives. With contributions from beloved writers and new voices alike, the collection invites us to slow down, notice beauty, and choose love again and again.

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion led by Ryana Holt. Together, we'll reflect on how these tender, accessible pieces can ground our spirits and shape our communities. Copies of the book are available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to participate on Monday, October 27, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Let's walk the path to kindness—together. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 19.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 9:00 A.M.

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new-member orientation will be held on Sunday, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. Over breakfast and coffee, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

WHAT THE COUNCIL IS UP TO: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Holy Trinity is preparing for a renovation project—an effort that we believe will strengthen our ministry and our presence in the Longfellow neighborhood for years to come. The project was recently priced out by Miller Dunwiddie and Watson Forsberg and is projected to cost between \$4–5 million. Renovation plans include reconfiguring the sanctuary level gathering spaces to create more flexible gathering areas and adding accessible, gender-inclusive restrooms on all five levels.

This renovation reflects our calling to be both a church home and a community hub. Every week, our building is alive with activity: two congregations—English- and Swahili-speaking—gather for worship and fellowship; children come to learn at the cooperative preschool; neighbors share meals at the daily soup kitchen; adults with disabilities and seniors take part in programs that nurture health and connection; and organizers meet to advocate for workers' rights. Our partners rely on us, and we rely on them. This project will ensure that our building remains a safe, welcoming, and functional space for everyone who walks through our doors.

At our August 2025 council meeting, we voted to move forward with a feasibility phase for a capital campaign. This is the important first step toward determining what is possible. We know from experience that our congregation is generous—our 2016 capital appeal raised about \$1 million, almost entirely from within our own membership. We already have \$750,000 earmarked for improvements, and we believe we can raise significant funds from within our own community. If we cannot raise the full amount, we will scale the project accordingly—but our goal is to carry out the renovation in its entirety.

To guide us in this feasibility phase, we are partnering with Staiger | Vitelli and Associates (SVA), consultants who specialize in values-based fundraising—an approach rooted in integrity, racial equity, and authentic community relationships. The study will run approximately through the end of the year and will include:

- Crafting a compelling case for support. SVA will facilitate discovery conversations with staff, leaders, and partners to articulate why these renovations matter. Together we will shape a written case statement to share during the study.
- Interviews and listening sessions. About 15–20 one-on-one interviews will be conducted with current contributors (including households with potential to serve as lead donors), along with two to three listening sessions with building and community partners.
- Community input. Volunteers will carry out short “person-on-the-street” interviews with building users and visitors to test the broader community’s interest in supporting the project.
- Data and funding analysis. The study will include a review of Holy Trinity’s giving history, analysis of donor capacity, and research into corporate and foundation grant opportunities.

All of this information will be compiled into a comprehensive feasibility report and presentation with projected campaign contributions, recommendations for leadership prospects, and campaign strategy guidance. We hope this information will be ready to present at our annual meeting in January 2026.

With the right preparation, we believe this project can become a gift not only to our congregation but also to the wider community. These renovations will allow us to continue welcoming, feeding, organizing, and worshipping together in a space that is safe, accessible, and alive with possibility. We are grateful to be entering this phase together and look forward to discerning our path as a congregation.

With gratitude,
Anne Beschnett, Council President
Pastor Ingrid, Pastor David, and Pastor Doug

C H U R C H S C H E D U L E

Monday, September 29	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir
Tuesday, September 30	11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Voter Education Forum (Mpls. Mayoral Race)
Wednesday, October 1	5:00-6:00 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 6:30-7:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Choir Family Meal Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble Children’s Choir Gloria Ringers Open Gym Cantate! Holy Trinity Octoberfest at Arbeiter
Thursday, October 2	6:45 PM 7:00 PM	Big Meeting Night Chanting the Psalms with Ann Schrooten
Sunday, October 5	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Family Coffee Time Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY

“Synod Resolution”

Palestine Israel Committee

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library for an important Adult Forum led by the Palestine Israel Committee as we explore a recent resolution passed by the Minneapolis Area Synod: *Response to the Destruction of Palestinians*. The resolution urges Christians to reject silent complicity and calls for advocacy rooted in justice, human rights, and a refusal to fund violence. Together, we’ll examine how the resolution addresses antisemitism, Islamophobia, and the misuse of U.S. military aid. Come learn, reflect, and consider faithful responses in a time of urgent need

October 5

“Exodus Lending”

Come to the library at 9:00 a.m. to hear the story of Exodus Lending, a powerful nonprofit born right here at Holy Trinity in response to the predatory lending crisis on Lake Street. Now celebrating ten years, Exodus Lending continues to fight for fair lending and equitable access to credit for all Minnesotans. In this forum, we’ll reflect on the recent anniversary celebration and lift up the community members and values that have shaped this work from the beginning. Join us as we honor a decade of giving credit where credit is due—and dream together about what’s next.

D O N A T E

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