### HOLY TRINITY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter

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.

### SABBATICAL LIVING

While I am deeply grateful to be back in this community, my time away was an extraordinary opportunity for an extended shift in the rhythms of life, for rest and reset. Thank you for all the ways you have prioritized not just the important work and mission of Holy Trinity but also the health and wholeness of its staff and leaders.

Many of you know I have a deep interest in craft, especially wood and metal. I was blessed to spend almost half of my time away leaning into this passion, first in a class at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais and then on and off for the rest of the summer working on a large timber frame addition to our cabin deep in the woods of NW Wisconsin. What a gift to spend long days in the woods, shaping timbers and imagining the building they will become! Perhaps more than anything else but music, I find craft work requires just enough mental and physical focus to clear my overactive brain. And since so much of my work has few clear endings and is not always easy to measure success, it's a delight to see skills improve and move projects through to completion. And of course it doesn't hurt to be outside all day enjoying God's gifts of creation!

My time away was also marked by lots of extra family time, some fun travel, and a lovely weeklong bike ride in Michigan with Mary Beth. Even daily routine felt different with everything able to slow down a bit.

Sabbatical reminded me that I am not what I produce. Sabbatical allowed me to see much beauty in the midst of a time of great brokenness. Sabbatical provided deep rest, refreshing spirit and healing body. As I continue to live into my return to work, my challenge is to carry these learnings forward and strengthen my ongoing practice of sabbatical living.

~Pastor Doug Mork

A sabbatical (from the Hebrew: אַבָּע Šabat (i.e., Sabbath); in Latin Sabbaticus; Greek: σαββατικός Sabbatikos) is a rest or break from work; "an extended period of time intentionally spent on something that's not your routine job."

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

#### **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 21 "Longfellow Alternative High School"

Join us for a conversation with the Principal and Dean of Students from Longfellow Alternative High School, a school dedicated to supporting teenage mothers as they pursue their high school diplomas. They'll share updates about our congregation's partnership, the new challenges their students face, and concrete ways we can offer support. In a time when the political climate has made resources even more scarce, our accompaniment is more critical than ever. Come learn how we can show up with compassion and solidarity.

### September 28 "Synod Resolution" Palestine Israel Committee

We will explore a recent resolution passed by the Minneapolis Area Synod: *Response to the Destruction of Palestinians* (copies are available in the Community Room). 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.

### $\sim$ Concerning People $\sim$

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 Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Lyle Steinfeldt; Mary Heltsley; 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. We pray for the Kjeseth family, upon the memorial service of Solveig Kjeseth and the baptism of Bjorn this weekend.

### PARISH INFORMATION

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### TWIN CITIES SUN DAY FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 21, from 1;00 to 4:00 p.m. at the River Hub at Graco Park (810 Sibley St. NE, Minneapolis). Celebrate solar, wind, and the movement to leave fossil fuels behind. Enjoy family-friendly live music, theater, hands-on art activities, exhibits, and food trucks. Come to have fun, learn, and take action for a cleaner future. Please register here for the Festival. For more information, contact Dennis O'Brien (revdmo@gmail.com).

#### RISING TOGETHER

The "Rising Together" video project tells the story of how community relationships, formed in the wake of the 2020 social uprising, continue to foster healing, equitable development, and artistic expression in the Longfellow neighborhood. Through the lens of a short film and social media campaign, the project highlights the transfer of the MIGIZI parcel into BIPOC ownership, the visionary redevelopment plans of Colombian-born developer Wilmar Delgado, and the future home of Pangea World Theater—a cultural cornerstone committed to justice and community. We are grateful to Lake Street Council and Lake Street Lift for their generous financial support, which has made the production and promotion of this story possible.

### 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).

#### 13TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL DE LAS CALAVERAS NOV. 1

The 13th Annual Festival de las Calaveras: Twin Cities Día de los Muertos Celebration will take place on Saturday, November 1, from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Hook & Ladder Theater, Minnehaha Ave. S. The event will bring together an amazing line-up of artists, lucha libre, low riders, puppet bikes, vendors, food trucks, and community to celebrate ancestors and culture.

### LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC RELOCATES TO ST. OLAF COLLEGE IN 2026

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM), the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students, is excited to announce that the 2026 summer program will return to St. Olaf college in Northfield, Minnesota, for the first time since 1994. This move marks a significant new chapter for LSM, returning the program to the site of its inaugural season in 1982.

### THIS WEEK

### SUMMER YOUTH TRIP PLANNING MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9:00 A.M.

Adults of current 6th– to 8th-grade students are invited to join a conversation about summer youth trip planning on Sunday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Bring a coffee and your ideas/questions and we'll get the early brainstorm started. If you can't make it but have thoughts to want to make sure are in the mix email Meghan (meghanvolsen@gmail.com)

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—WORSHIP READINGS STUDY

Join Pastor Doug and congregants on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the youth library or on <u>Zoom</u> 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 <u>Zoom</u>: Meeting ID: 872 7504 3389, Passcode: 336030).

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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."

### **SAVE THE DATE**

### 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!

#### REMINDER FROM CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE

The Caring for Creation Committee wants to remind everyone to clean out their storm drain this week. For more information, or to adopt a storm drain, go to https://mn.adopt-adrain.org.

### INSTALLATION OF ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2:00 P.M.

The Evenagelical Lutheran Church in America's new Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will be installed in a festive worship service at 2:00 p.m. on October 4 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. All are welcome to attend!

#### **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 ( $50^{th}$  St. and  $35^{th}$  Ave. S). Meal delivery takes about one hour. Contact Mary Engen to sign up for part or all of the week.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)	
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)	
Altar Guild	Anne Beschnett (she/her), Josh Becker (he/him)	
Crucifer		
Assisting Minister	Tom Skold (he/him)	
Communion	Allison Johnson Heist (she/her), Melanie Townsend (she/her), Pam Blomgren (she/her)	
Ushers	Alan Libra (he/him), DeWayne Townsend IV (he/him)	
Coffee Servers	Jane Aldrich (she/her)	
Counters	Deb Helmel (she/her), Pam Blomgren (she/her)	
Closer	John Sulzbach (he/him)	
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)	

### PARISH EVENTS AUGUST SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025

Sunday, September 21	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Family Coffee Hour Youth Education Adult Forum Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, September 22	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir
Tuesday, September 23	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, September 24	5:45-6:30 PM 5:45-6:45 PM	
Thursday, September 25	7:00 PM	Christ Be Our Light: Chanting the Psalms in Hope

#### LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A <u>live-stream</u> of the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 9:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services <u>here</u>.

