



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.

ANSWERING THE CALL

Yehiel Curry is installed as ELCA presiding bishop

When Yehiel Curry was installed as presiding bishop of the ELCA on Saturday, Elizabeth Eaton, the former presiding bishop, led the assembly in welcoming Curry. "Yehiel, bishop in the church of God, we have looked forward to your coming with great joy," she exclaimed to a diverse, colorfully dressed and enthusiastic assembly at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

"With all my heart," Curry began before pausing emotionally. After Eaton went to his side and placed a hand on his arm, he continued. "I thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve among you in Christ's name. And in the joy of the Spirit, may the peace of God be upon this house and this assembly."

Throughout the service, a variety of hymns and songs were led by the National Lutheran Choir and musicians from the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod and St. Olaf College.

Members of the ELCA Conference of Bishops, members of the Church Council and ecumenical, interreligious and global guests participated in the processional.

CeCee Mills, [secretary-elect](#) of the ELCA, began the installation with an African tradition, the pouring of libations in honor of "the God that created us and in recognition that we are because of the ancestors who preceded us and in the hope of those who will come," she said. "This ritual recognizes and shows respect for those who have come before and who have paved the way, and those who are yet to come."

Eaton, who presided at the service, then led an acknowledgment that the assembly was gathered on the ancestral homelands of the Dakota people.

Curry was introduced to the assembly by representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he served as bishop prior to [being elected](#) to a six-year term as presiding bishop. "Grounded in mission, he gave us the charge to 'Go, therefore,' and invited us to smile, embracing the joy of God's calling and trusting that our labor in the Lord is not in vain," said one synod representative.

[Kevin Vandiver](#), pastor of Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., delivered the sermon, emphasizing that God calls everyone to serve in different and sometimes unlikely ways. "Whether we are clergy or lay, all of us have wrestled with this concept of call," he said. "The truth is that everybody gets a call. Even Jesus is not exempt."

For Curry, that call to ministry took shape as he became first mission developer and then pastor of [Shekinah Chapel](#) in Riverdale, Ill., and it continues now. "There came a call over the portals of heaven into the earth, round about the South

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THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR

[READINGS](#)

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111;

2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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.

October 12 "Youth Trip to North Carolina"

Holy Trinity Youth

Join our post-confirmation youth who traveled to North Carolina this past summer. They will share their experiences of helping those affected by Hurricane Helene. Our youth partnered with the [Towel Ministry](#) of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina for a week of service, learning, and connection. They are excited to share a taste of what they experienced with you all in gratitude for our congregational support of these trips.

October 19 "Christian Economics"

Doug Mork

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the library or on Zoom as we explore "Christian Economics." Together, we'll consider how faith shapes our understanding of wealth, labor, justice, and community—and how Christian values can inform economic life in a complex world.

~ 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 **Mike Miller**; **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**; Ron Duty's friend, **Marie Failingner**, in hospice; the family of **Shaun Morrell**, whose mother died this past week..

PARISH INFORMATION

Side of Chicago, at 61st and Woodlawn,” Vandiver said. “Who would’ve thought that that young boy growing up on the South Side of Chicago would grow also in wisdom and stature and somebody would put their hand on him and say, ‘We want you to be a lay mission developer?’” Vandiver continued. “Who would’ve thought in that moment that we’d be sitting here today? Look what the Lord has done!”

“The office of presiding bishop is now committed to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” Eaton said to Curry. After a blessing and prayers, she removed from around her neck the pectoral cross, the common symbol of the office of bishop in the ELCA, and presented it to Curry, placing it around his neck.

Curry stood as Eaton presented him to the assembly for a standing ovation. Curry, Eaton and others then offered communion to the assembly.

“It is a call that you may have to say yes to every day, even when it seems like all heck is breaking loose. But—*ring, ring*—there is a call coming from the portals of heaven. It’s for you.”

The service is available to [watch online](#). The [worship bulletin](#) is also available.

~By [John Potter](#) from [Living Lutheran](#), October 5, 2025

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2026

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations or efforts. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization’s relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation’s impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you’d like to nominate, please contact one of the church’s standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 12, 2025. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid.

SEQUEERITY AT HOLY TRINITY

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.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14—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).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14—BIG MEETING NIGHT

Pastoral and Council leadership provide a very brief update at 6:45 p.m. for interested persons. All participants are together for this update. Committees meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in their own break-out rooms

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Wednesday rehearsals, meal, and open gym time are all canceled due to MEA break.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16, ENCORE AT TURTLE BREAD, 8:00 A.M.

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly 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. Talk to Pastor David if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, PROPERTY WORK DAY, 4-7 P.M.

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding, and trimming. We’ll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (If we are rained out, we will meet on Thursday, October 23 instead.) Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 12.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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

BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM SUNDAY, OCT.19

A representative from the Palestine-Israel Committee will be in the Community Room with information about [Bright Stars of Bethlehem](#), one of this year’s special appeals. This organization’s vision is for all people of Palestine to have life in abundance. They do this through their mission of raising awareness and support for Dar al-Kalima University, the first and only university of arts, culture, and design in all of Palestine.

SMALL GROUP EVENT: EXPLORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Are you looking to deepen or refresh your spiritual life this fall? Join us for a four-session small group exploring a variety of spiritual practices. Led by Nicki Hines and Marge Higgins, this group will meet Thursdays, October 30, November 6, and November 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 9, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Cantor	James Nysse (he/him)
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)
Crucifer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Assisting Minister	Caren Hiatt (she/her)
Communion	Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Linda Berglin (she/her), Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Ushers	David Rediger (he/him), Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Katy Benson (she/her)
Counters	Pam Blomgren (she/her)
Closer	Rod Johnson (he/him)
Video Operator	Jeff Weiss (he/him)

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 12-18, 2025

Sunday, October 12	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	12:00 PM	Swahili Service
Monday, October 13		<i>Indigenous Peoples' Day; Office is Closed</i>
Tuesday, October 14	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
	6:45 PM	Big Meeting Night
Thursday, October 16	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
	7:00 PM	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](#).

