



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.

PASTOR INGRID AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Alongside Annunciation moms, Moms Demand Action, clergy peers, medical professionals, courageous students, and Mayor Melvin Carter, I stood on the capitol steps this morning demanding action from our state's elected leaders. Here's what I said:

Good morning, and thank you for being here.

My name is Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen. I grew up as a farm kid in rural Minnesota, and now I serve as a Lutheran pastor in the heart of Minneapolis. From gravel roads to city streets, Minnesotans are clear: we support a ban on assault rifles and high-capacity magazines.

I was 16 years old during Columbine. I was 20 during Rocori. I was 22 during Red Lake. I was 29 during Sandy Hook. I am 42 now—raising children of my own—while living through Cristo Rey and Annunciation in my own community. For 26 years, school gun violence has been the backdrop to my life and ministry. This is not simply a policy failure—it is a failure of moral imagination.

It doesn't have to be this way. Elementary students don't need to tend bullet wounds. Teenagers don't need to keep first aid kits in their backpacks. Clergy don't need to be worried about sightlines in their sanctuaries. Mothers don't need to run barefoot into the street to see if their children are alive. As a state, we can say: No more. Not on our watch. It ends here.

My late grandmother served more than two decades as the Republican National Committeewoman from Minnesota. I grew up coming to this capitol—standing on these very steps with her. She taught me that leadership means listening—and sometimes it means changing course. If she were alive today, I believe she would be as bewildered as I am—bewildered by legislators' refusal to act when the majority of Minnesotans support this ban. Bewildered that we can't see that true freedom is always tied to love of neighbor—and here, freedom and love mean choosing children's lives over weapons of war.

I am no fool; I know it will take courage from Republicans and Democrats in some districts to act. For some, it will mean breaking ranks with your party. For others, risking political security for the sake of the most vulnerable. But I also know this: you will not stand alone. In every corner of Minnesota, there are leaders of faith—my friends, my colleagues—who are ready to stand with you, to pray with you, to back you publicly when you call a special session to ban assault rifles and high-capacity magazines.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121;
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8*

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 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.

October 26 Stewardship Sunday

Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. In the spirit of the Reformation—a movement fueled by bold vision and faithful imagination—we invite you to a conversation about the world we are called to help shape. Guided by the theme "*I dream of a world that...*", the Financial Stewardship Committee, Council leaders, and pastors will reflect on how our shared financial commitments can support the work of justice, compassion, and belonging—within our congregation and far beyond. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2026. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today.

~ 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**; and Ron Duty's friend, **Marie Failingier**, in hospice.

PARISH INFORMATION

I have been given the microphone today, but thousands of clergy stand with me in this moment. Please hear us clearly: we will not let this one go.

At a clergy meeting this past week, Governor Walz told three hundred of us from across the state that he wants a floor vote. That is the least our leaders can do—draft the legislation, bring it to a vote. Let Minnesotans see where their leaders on both sides of the aisle stand. Jesus—the guy I follow—instructed his disciples, “Let your yes be your yes, and your no be your no.”

Our children await your answer.

~Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen
September 27, 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

**CONFIRMATION, REFORMATION, AND
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

(WEAR RED)

THIS WEEK

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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21—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, OCTOBER 23, 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. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, October 19.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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

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

Join us for a soul-nourishing discussion of *The Path to Kindness*, a luminous anthology edited by poet James Crews, led by Ryana Holt. We'll reflect on how these tender, accessible pieces can ground our spirits and shape our communities. 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY SOCIAL

HTLC young adults are invited to join the community meal on first Wednesday of each month at from 5-6p.m. Following the meal, the group will walk to Arbeiter Brewing for fellowship and fun! The first social will be on Wednesday, November 5. For further information, please reach out to Dave Herrera.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FILM SCREENING OF "THE DOCTRINE"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

EDINA MANN THEATRE, 3911 W 50TH ST, EDINA

A film by Gwendolen Cates. Official selection of the Twin Cities Film Fest 2025! Original Soundtrack by Pura Fé.

RSVP at twincitiesfilmfest.org

MCLC'S ANNUAL LUTEFISK DINNER SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis) will serve a lutefisk dinner on Saturday, November 1. Seatings are at 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by October 25 by calling 612-722-9527. Adults \$25, kids 10 and under \$10. Includes lutefisk with white sauce and butter, meatballs, potatoes, gravy, rutabagas, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse, angel food cake with lemon topping, and coffee.

NELLY TROCMÉ HEWETT AT HOLY TRINITY

October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Nelly Trocmé Hewett grew up in Le Chambon, France, where her parents led their community in an extraordinary act of defiance. When authorities demanded a list of Jews hiding in their village, her father replied, "We do not know what a Jew is. We only know men."

Between 1940 and 1945, Le Chambon saved thousands of Jewish refugees—many of them children. Ordinary villagers forged papers, hid families, and guided refugees to safety, knowing discovery meant death. They chose to protect the vulnerable when others looked away.

"I was just a teenager, but I witnessed what happens when ordinary people refuse to be complicit with evil."

Join **Phil Radtke** and **Logan Olson** Saturday at 3:00 p.m. as they share music in a concert at the church Phil grew up in and had his first organist position. This church also donated their set of handbells to be used at Holy Trinity and Ring Out.

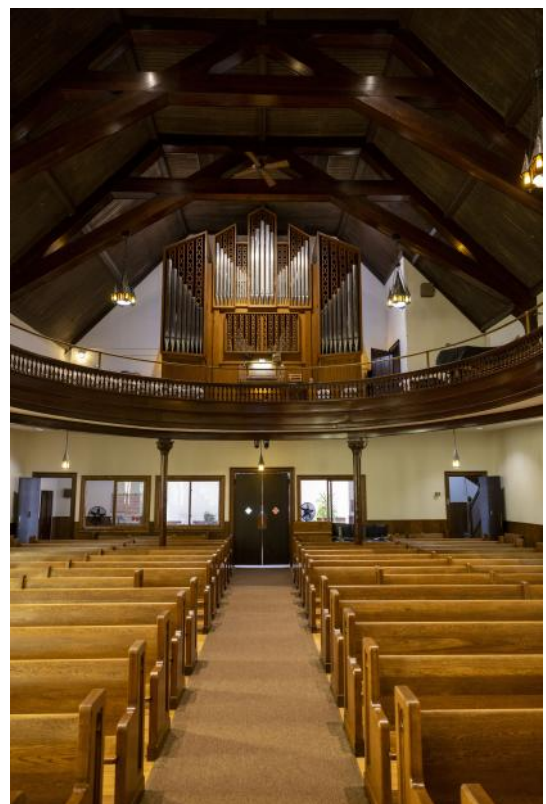
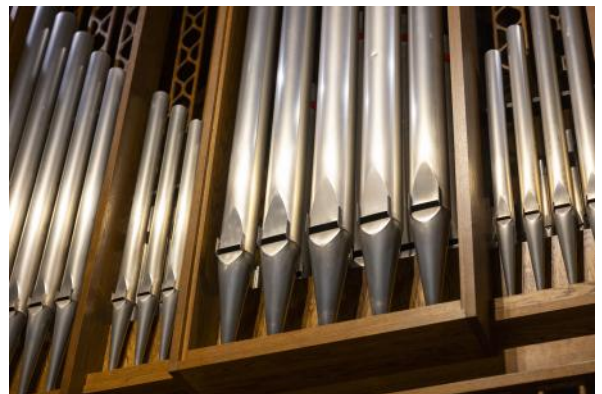
SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG:

A MUSICAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Join us for an afternoon organ, handbell, and choir concert celebrating 135 years of ministry through music at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church. The concert will feature organ music by St. Stephanus organist Bruce Anderson, former organist of St. Stephanus, Phillip Radtke, Cantor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Handbell music will be performed by members of Holy Trinity's Gloria Ringers and Ring Out performing on handbells from St. Stephanus. A choir of St. Stephanus members and friends directed by Jim Radtke will participate.

3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, 739 Lafond Ave. St. Paul



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Doug Mork (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)
Altar Guild	Connie Adams (she/her), Lori Lathrop (she/her)
Crucifer	
Assisting Minister	Liz Conway (she/her)
Communion	John Buzza (he/him), Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)
Ushers	Jeff (he/him), Frances (she/her), and Robin (he/him) Olsen Biebighauser, Bob Peschiutta (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Carol Berg (she/her), Kari Kleven (she/her)
Counters	Annie Hines (she/her)
Closer	
Video Operator	

The November-December worship participant schedule will be published by Monday, October 20, 2025. If you are scheduled for a day that you can't serve, you can use your Realm account to decline or change the date, or you can call the office if you have questions.

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 19-25, 2025

Sunday, October 19	8:30 AM Family Coffee Hour 9:00 AM Story Time for Youth of All Ages 9:00 AM Adult Forum 10:00 AM Worship Service of Holy Communion 12:00 PM Swahili Service
Tuesday, October 21	11:00 AM Worship Readings Discussion 6:30 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Church Council
Wednesday, October 22	5:00-6:00 PM Choir Family Meal 5:45-6:30 PM Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble 5:45-6:45 PM Children's Choir 6:30-8:00 PM Gloria Ringers 6:30-8:00 PM Open Gym 6:45-7:30 PM Cantate
Thursday, October 23	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](#).

