



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.

CONFIRMATION FAMILY RETREAT

One of the things I appreciate about teachings attributed to Martin Luther is that he believed faith formation happened throughout a lifetime, intergenerationally, and within family systems. These are some of the reasons taught to us as to why Luther decided to write his *Small Catechism* (referred to as “That Weird Little Book” by our confirmation students), and we learn that his hope was that faith formation would be on-going, outside of the physical walls of the church buildings. This was meant to people of all ages to be their own “priests”.

Over the weekend of Friday November 7 through Sunday November 9, our current confirmation students and their loved ones were invited to our annual Confirmation Family Retreat held at Shalom Hill Farm near Windom, Minnesota. During the retreat, we were able to engage with each other in good fellowship, moments of learning, and lots of good fun.



One of the purposes of the annual retreat is to have incoming confirmation students begin to create a sense of belonging and for the outgoing confirmation students to be reminded that they continue to belong even post confirmation. This is all intertwined with the presence of younger siblings, parents, guardians, and other caring people in the midst. Again, this is an encouragement for all of us to recognize that faith formation happens over a lifetime and among those who care about us.

Some of the highlights for me include:

1. Spending time in fun conversation with adult attendees while the younger children ran around playing games. These opportunities gifted me the chance to get to know the people I serve alongside better. I invite you all to ask the adults who attended specific questions of what they gained from these conversations.
2. Having one-on-one check ins with each of the current confirmation students. These opportunities allowed me to glean what information has been retained, what has been important/impactful in the program so far, and what the questions/worries/hopes are for the confirmation classes.

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REIGN OF CHRIST

READINGS

*Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46;
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43*

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.

November 23 “Welcome New Members”

The congregation is invited to come and boldly welcome new members at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We’ll hear from current members Carol Lerdal, Kari Kleven, Jeremy Schroeder, and Jess Yarger, who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We’ll also be introduced to those choosing to join the congregation. A photographer will be taking pictures of members new and old for the directory. Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m. and join in the fun!

November 30 Intergenerational Event/Packing Care Packages for College Students

Join us in the Community Room for a fun *intergenerational* event as we pack care packages for Holy Trinity’s college students across the country. Each package will include noodles, sweets, protein, pens, and Kleenex—small comforts to remind our students that their church community is thinking of them.

THE COLOR ORANGE

Following the news of the 215+ children of the Kamloops Residential School whose remains were found in a mass grave in Canada and the children of the Rosebud Sioux whose bodies were returned to their homeland, The American Indian Alaska Native Lutheran Association invites congregations to place orange cloth in their sanctuaries as a way to remember. The inspiration came from a survivor of that era, Phyllis Webstad, who stated that when she was a 6-year-old girl arriving at a residential boarding school, she was stripped of her clothes which included a new orange T-shirt her grandmother had gifted her.

3. Observing the post-confirmation youth connect with John Buzza as he encouraged them to wonder about their own on-going faith journeys. I was proud to see how responsible our young people are!

Over the course of the weekend, we were treated to a snow day during which folks among us enjoyed sledding. We were also able to help with farm chores that were not impacted by the snowfall such as replenishing firewood in all the buildings, bringing in straw for the feeding of the sheep, washing windows in the buildings, and helping to cook the meals. Our entire group jumped in on what needed to get done, and the Farm employees were very grateful to have us there doing the chores we completed.

As I reflect on this past retreat, I am full of gratitude for the opportunity to serve among you all as one of your pastors. There are so many fun memories, deep learnings, and meaningful connections that I could go on and on. I encourage you to ask any one of the attendees (especially the current confirmation students) what some of their highlights are.

~Pastor David



~ 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 Theresa Duty's sister, **Carol Kile**; **Mary Petersen**; **Mary Heltsley**; Tre Tellor's mom **Jill**; **Tina** and **Neela**; Tracey Baubie's mom **ShaRon**; **Rick Lathrop**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Mike Kelly**; **Josie Tober**.

REMINDERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 6:00-9:30 P.M.

YOUTH PIZZA PARTY AND BOARD GAMES

Pizza in the Community Room followed by board games and other games throughout the building.

YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITY-ORGAN RENOVATION FUND UPDATE

The organ has been at the heart of our congregational song for decades, empowering our worship and strengthening our life together as a faith community. Organ renovations have started, albeit slowly due to contractors being very busy with other work. So far, the blower has been relocated from the basement to inside the pipe chamber clearing up space in the basement refrigerator room and ensuring better air supply to the instrument. In consultation with structural engineers, contractors and the organ company, a plan to stabilize the sagging pipe chest has been drawn up and approved by all parties. Fabrication of brackets and parts for that chest has begun and we anticipate the work to be done in early 2026. During this time there may be a couple of Sundays when the instrument is partially or completely unusable as some pipes will have to be removed for safety reasons.

Through this essential work, we honor the role of the organ in our worship and ensure it continues to inspire and uplift our congregation for generations to come. We have raised \$24,500 of the \$31,149.50 needed.

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFTS

We invite you to plan for and make your final contributions for the current fiscal year at this time. Please allow for additional processing time with consideration to the holiday season if you are anticipating requesting funds from retirement accounts. This will give us all adequate time to deposit and post gifts before the close of the tax year and also get year-end statements out to you in a timely manner. Thank you so much for all you share with Holy Trinity!

COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2026

We invite members and friends to consider making a financial commitment to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity for 2026. Your gifts will allow us to support our dedicated staff, offer our space for community use, sustain our commitment to neighborhood recovery, and continue organizing for the wellbeing of all—especially in divisive times. You may pledge online or by filling out one of the pledge cards found in the Community Room.

HOLY TRINITY SEEKS CYF MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Associate Pastor and provide organization and leadership for children's faith formation and support for youth programs and events throughout the year. Candidates will work consistent with the congregation's values. Learn more at <https://htlcmpls.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Children-Youth-and-Family-Ministry-Coordinator.pdf>

THIS WEEK

PHOTOGRAPHER IN/NEAR THE COMMUNITY ROOM FROM 9:00-10:00 A.M. SUNDAY

Dave Herrera will be taking photos of new members on Sunday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you would like to update your photo in the Holy Trinity directory, look for Dave in or near the Community Room on Sunday.

INVITATION FROM PASTOR DOUG

I would like to invite you to consider joining me in leading Holy Trinity's participation in a statewide (and national) faith-based effort to resist authoritarianism. Powerfully led by ISAIAH, a state-wide organization of faith communities, this effort aims to organize tens of thousands of people of faith across Minnesota onto a path of resistance that will include a major march on the afternoon of Palm Sunday and a national mobilization to Washington, DC on the 4th of July. For now, I would like to make two specific invitations:

1. Join me after worship in the Bartsch room this **Sunday, November 23** where I can share more details and answer questions.
2. Join me for *A Light in the Storm: Agenda Launch and Anti-Authoritarianism Strategy Training* from 1 to 6 pm on Sunday, December 13 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This event will include thousands of people of faith from across the state and will set the path for the next year. I would love to have at least 5 members from Holy Trinity with me for that day, though I know it is a big ask in a busy season.

Thanks for considering this invitation!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25—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).

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26-28

All of our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening programming are canceled this week. The church office is closed both Thursday and Friday so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families.

We celebrate the ordination of Asefa Wakjira, who served as our Innovation Hub Coach in 2018 through a grant partnership with Augsburg College. It is an honor that Asefa invited Pastor Ingrid to join the leadership for this sacred and joyful occasion.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At4eSThdwQ>

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30—HELP MAKE CARE PACKAGES!

Adult Forum and Faith Formation | 9:00–9:50 a.m.

Join us in the Community Room for a fun *intergenerational* event as we pack care packages for Holy Trinity's college students across the country. Each package will include noodles, sweets, protein, pens, and Kleenex—small comforts to remind our students that their church community is thinking of them.

This joyful gathering will take the place of both the Adult Forum and Children, Youth, and Family education this week. All ages are welcome to come share in the fun, connect with others, and enjoy a warm start to the Advent season!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

We are looking for volunteers to help with Advent Evening Soup Suppers (December 3, 10, and 17). For each meal, We especially need volunteers to set up and clean up each of these evenings. Sign up in the Community Room.

JOIN US FOR ADVENT SOUP SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY EVEINGS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 3

All are invited to partake in the free Advent soup suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. As has been our tradition in years past, we will also gather at 7:00 p.m. for a Service of Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. People of all ages are invited to worship.

PASTURES A PLENTY, ORDER BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, DELIVERY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Pastures A Plenty is A 4th generation family farm producing naturally raised Berkshire pork, Grassfed beef, Free range chicken and organic crops. Their next delivery date is Saturday, December 6. Orders need to be submitted by Thursday, December 4. You can order by emailing shop@pasturesaplenty.com or visiting their website www.pasturesaplenty.com.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

An evening of games, pizza, and connecting in community, join the Racial Justice Committee and Mother St. James AME on Saturday, December 6, from 5:30-7:30 in the Holy Trinity Library. Bring a game or two you would like to play and an openness to try a new game with new people!

MAKERS AND BAKERS ADVENT BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

This is a special invitation to share your culinary and crafting abilities for the upcoming youth benefit Advent Bazaar! It will be on Sunday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Our youth will sell your generously donated creations in this festive community event that supports summer youth trips and other HT youth activities. Favorite baked goods and ethnic treats, jams and other canned goods, or your special hand-made crafts will be graciously accepted. To contribute, sign up in the Community Room. Bring donations to the church building by Friday, December 5, or Saturday morning, December 6. Look for a follow-up email a week ahead with more donation details. It is certainly okay to just plan on shopping, too!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:00 AM

Preacher	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Presiding Minister	Doug Mork (he/him)
Cantor	Stephanie Sulzbach (she/her)
Altar Guild	Ginny Jordan (she/her), Mary Engen (she/her)
Crucifer	Bea Martin (he/him)
Assisting Minister	M. A. Martin (she/her)
Communion	Ben Hanson (he/him), Emma Murray (she/her), Peter Weiss (he/him), Carol Masters (she/her)
Ushers	Julie Cahoy (she/her), Tom Cahoy (he/him)
Coffee Servers	Pat Farris (she/her)
Counters	Julie Cahoy (she/her)
Closer	Roberta Shaw (she/her)
Video Operator	Jeff Weiss (he/him)

PARISH EVENTS NOVEMBER 23-29, 2025

Sunday, November 23	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Family Coffee Hour Youth Education Adult Forum, New Member Welcome Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, November 24	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 25	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Thursday, November 26		Thanksgiving Day, Building Closed
Friday, November 27		Building Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend

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](#).



Please enjoy additional photos from the Confirmation Family Retreat below and on the next page.



PARISH INFORMATION

