



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 2026

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

Holy Trinity gathers on the Sacred land of the Dakota People.

*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.

REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Today's service of Holy Eucharist pays tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the eve of the federal holiday honoring his life and legacy.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta. As the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, he was formed in the Black Church tradition. After graduating from Morehouse College in 1948, King entered Crozer Theological Seminary. Ordained the previous year in the National Baptist Church, he graduated from Crozer in 1951 and received a doctorate in theology from Boston University in 1955.

In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama. There, community outrage at the cruelty of segregation on city buses culminated in December 1955 with the arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to surrender her seat to a white man. King rose to national attention as a leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. In the years that followed, his preaching and organizing helped mobilize Black communities and drew broader public attention to the moral urgency of dismantling segregation.

King helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to lead nonviolent mass demonstrations against racism. Many confrontations followed, including campaigns in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, and in Chicago. These efforts helped build momentum for landmark civil rights legislation in the 1960s. King later broadened his public witness to include economic justice and opposition to the Vietnam War, arguing that racism, poverty, and militarism were bound together. In 1964, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to nonviolent social change.

King lived under constant threat: his home was bombed, he survived a near-fatal stabbing, and he endured ongoing harassment and death threats. He was jailed many times, yet he drew strength from prayer and faith. He recounts one night in 1957 when, after a vicious telephone threat, he wept and prayed alone in his kitchen and felt the assurance of God's presence, calling him to stand up for righteousness and justice and promising not to leave him.

After preaching at Washington National Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King traveled to Memphis to support sanitation workers seeking fair wages. There he spoke of having been "to the mountain-top" and seeing "the Promised Land," trusting that freedom would come. The next day, April 4, he was assassinated.

— *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2022, edited*

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Andante

Kate Loder

+GATHERING HYMN

What Is This Place

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



1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

+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.

+GATHERING LITANY

*written by Pastor Ingrid's friend, Isaac Villegas
Mennonite Hymnal, Voices Together*

Some trust in governments, and some in borders,

But we trust in God, who invites all people to live in peace. For the earth belongs to god, and all creation is in God's care: Land and waters, plants and animals, sky and soil, declare the hospitality of God. The world belongs to God, and all who live in it. We belong to one another as siblings, all of us children of God.

With gratitude for the home God has made for us on this planet, we pray:

Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our resolve to strive for communities where foreigners become neighbors and strangers become friends. Revive our desire for the reign of Christ, who releases prisoners and liberates the oppressed, who frees the world from greed and proclaims God's peace. Make justice roll down like a river, and righteousness flow like an everlasting stream. Amen.

+KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

+GLORIA

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

WORD

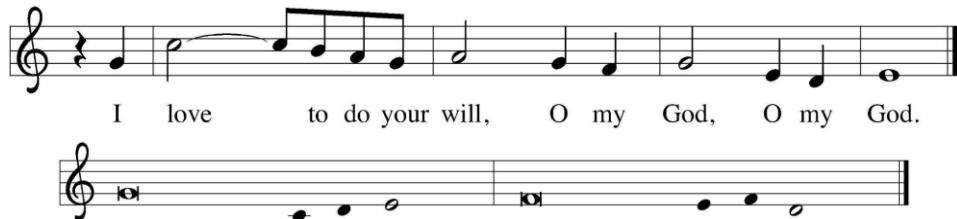
FIRST READING*Isaiah 49:1-7*

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

PSALM 40:1-11

John Folkering

Refrain (first time: Cantor, then All):



I love to do your will, O my God, O my God.

I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD,
who stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my¹ footing sure.**

³**The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.**

⁴**Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who¹ follow lies. Refrain

⁵**Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be
com-¹ pared with you!**

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than¹ I can count.

⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do¹ not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹ not required.**

Refrain

⁷**And so I said, "Here I¹ am; I come.**

In the scroll of the book it is writ-¹ ten of me:

⁸**I love to do your will,¹ O my God;
your law is¹ deep within me."**

⁹**I proclaimed righteousness in the¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O¹ LORD, you know.**

¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and¹ your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the¹ great assembly.

¹¹**You are the LORD; do not withhold your com-¹ passion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually¹ keep me safe. Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Cantor: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people(John 1:4). Alleluia

+GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'-ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tning rod, felt in the days when hope un - God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who has brought us thus far

lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tning skies, let it re - born has died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet come to the on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light, keep us for -

sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has place for which our par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us; wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let where us march on till vic - to - ry is won. where the white gleam of our bright star is cast. true to our God, till to our na - tive land.

Please be seated.

INSTALLATION FOR TARYN MEYER

You have been entrusted with responsibilities that affect all of us and the ministry we hold dear. As members of this congregation, we ask you:

Do you promise to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you notice and nurture the gifts, questions, and ideas of the children, youth, and all with whom you serve?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you communicate with faithfulness for the sake of the whole community?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you practice honesty, humility, and courage in times of change?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Do you promise to discern and do what is right, even when it disrupts our status quo, and especially when it asks something difficult of us for the sake of our neighbors?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, do you promise to support Taryn with your blessings and prayers?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Equipping God, bless Taryn with courage and kindness, patience and tenacity, good humor and great hope, so that together we are able to do immeasurably more than we could have asked for or imagined on our own.

Amen.

Taryn, may our Creator give you strength and passion,
may Christ root you in wisdom and faith
and may the Holy Spirit continue the good work She has begun in you.

Amen.

The congregation may welcome Taryn with applause!

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)

Creator of All, we have had some cloudy, dreary, cold days of late. Those clouds do hold a beauty of their own, and we know that behind the clouds, the sun is shining, giving us what warmth we do have. Thank you for the beauty of the seasons within seasons. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Protector of All, we pray for the people of Iran, who go to the streets by the thousands, day after day, literally risking their lives as they hope for days of freedom in their homeland.

Protect them, give them courage. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Great Caregiver, thank you for the faithful, caring, competent school bus drivers who carry our city's children safely to and from school every day. Watch over them. We pray for the safety of the Longfellow Alternative High School students, children, staff and the volunteers who will accompany them at arrival and departure times. May all be safe from those who would wish them harm. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Breath of Life, during these tough, scary days, we can be overwhelmed by fear, anger, hatred, exhaustion, confusion. It can feel like all of life gets heaped on top of breath until we forget to breathe. Remind us to calm ourselves with the breath you give. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Great Leader, you have given us highly competent and compassionate pastors and staff. We are so very grateful for them! Keep them safe, rested and strong for their work. In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Healer and Comforter, some in our beloved community are struggling. We know that you are present with for John Stumme; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Nikki Randolph-Martinez; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen; Mary Petersen's friends, Jean Ebrahimi and Lenny Garber; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Mike Kelly; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; Angel Blanco; 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*). In your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "In your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING

O Laughing Light
Adult Choir

David Sims

O laughing Light, O firstborn of creation,
Radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy, bright, and blessed: you shine upon us.

Day's light is fleeting, eternal; we look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. You shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus Christ, we bless you.
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you.
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.

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

*God Is Love
Sung twice*

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

God is love. God is love; let us love one another as God first loved us. God is love.

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, offer 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'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, 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 worshiping 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.**

All are welcome at the table.

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.

HEALING STATION

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Welcome Table

1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



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 I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In God Alone

Mon âme se repose en paix sur Dieu seul: de
In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in

lui vient mon salut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

âme se repose, se repose en paix.
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

+BLESSING

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

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Guide My Feet

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.

+BENEDICTION

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on 'Great Day'

arr. Adolphus Hailstork

"What Is This Place" Text: Huub Oosterhuis, 1933-2023; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, 'Nederlandtsch Gedenkclanck', 1626

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"God Is Love" Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19. Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert

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"As a Mother Comforts Her Child" Text: Biran Wentzel, b. 1979. Music: TRINITY OF LOVE, Brian Wentzel

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"Welcome Table" Text: African American spiritual. Music: WELCOME TABLE, African AMERICAN spiritual

"In God Alone" Text: Taizé Community. Music: MON AME SE REPOSE, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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C O M M U N I T Y I N F O R M A T I O N

WELCOME TARYN MEYER!

We are so excited to welcome Taryn Meyer (she/her) as our new Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Coordinator!

Taryn was raised in Caledonia, MN, where, from an early age, church and faith community were a significant part of her life. Today she is especially passionate about creating inclusive spaces where children, youth, and their families can experience belonging, safety, and joy.

Taryn graduated with a bachelor's degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where she studied Psychology, Dance, and Exercise Science. She brings several summers of Bible camp and outdoor ministry experience, including work at Ox Lake Bible Camp, Camp Wapo, and as a Boundary Waters canoe guide and Family Camp Coordinator at Wilderness Canoe Base. These roles helped her grow as a leader who builds meaningful relationships, supports young people through challenges, and nurtures community in thoughtful and creative ways.

In addition to her ministry background, Taryn has experience in schools and youth programs, including working as a licensed substitute teacher and teaching dance to children and teens. These experiences have strengthened her ability to support young people with a wide range of learning styles and abilities—and she brings a deep commitment to creating spaces that are compassionate, affirming, and attentive to the diverse needs of our community.

Taryn also loves organizing and working behind the scenes. She brings strong skills in planning, building systems, and breaking big projects into manageable steps, especially in ways that empower volunteers and invite many hands into shared ministry.

Whether she's in a canoe in the Boundary Waters or in the gym at Holy Trinity, Taryn looks forward to meeting you and spending time with you!

SUGARCANE SHOWING TODAY AT 11:30 A.M.

Please join us in the Bartsch Room today at 11:30 a.m. for a showing of the award-winning debut feature documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Cassie. *Sugarcane* is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school.

GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Holy Trinity members and friends of all ages are invited to an evening of fun competition playing favorite games and new games. Come and play from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Nurturing Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and dessert. Bring your favorite game. Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, January 18. Please contact Helen Norheim with any questions.

RING OUT PRESENTS, "RING TRUE!"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 7:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2:30 P.M.

Ring Out, the Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble, founded and directed by Logan Olson will present a concert celebrating queer identity and the impact of affirming communities on Saturday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday, January 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University, St. Paul. Tickets are available online (ringoutmn.org) or at the door.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 11:00 A.M.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, all are invited to the gym for a free meal and the annual congregational meeting, as we celebrate the 122nd year of God's ministry through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We will review committee goals, elect new council members, and approve the 2026 budget. The annual meeting is also an opportunity for us to check on our progress made toward congregational goals.

FEBRUARY 2026: BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID

This season, our whole congregation is invited into a transformative book study on *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by John A. Powell. Drawing from years of research and community practice, Powell offers a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Together, we'll explore what it means to "bridge" across differences and try simple, meaningful actions that strengthen connection in our daily lives. Across the region, thousands of people have already joined this growing movement through the Bush Foundation's book club, and we're excited to add our voices to the conversation. Whether you're eager to deepen relationships, strengthen our communal life, or practice new ways of engaging across difference, this study will offer inspiration and tools for the journey. We have 250 free copies of this book from the Bush Foundation; please join us!

SILENT RETREAT WITH PASTOR INGRID AT PACEM IN TERRIS

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 14-16 (REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14)

Cost: \$280 (includes a basket of breads, cheese, and goodies to eat in your hermitage)

Silent retreats—extended periods of quiet, prayer, and reflection—are growing rapidly across the U.S. as people seek relief from constant connectivity and the pressures of daily life. In response to this deep spiritual hunger, we have reserved ten hermitages at Pacem in Terris, a serene retreat center located one hour north of Holy Trinity. Pacem in Terris is designed for those longing to rest, listen, and simply be. Participants will experience gentle structure for prayer, sitting or walking meditation, journaling, and unhurried rest. Free from small talk, eye contact, and digital interruption, retreatants often discover moments of unexpected grace. We have 8 rustic outdoor hermitages and 2 indoor accessible hermitages available. To participate, participants need to arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. Space is limited. Come rest in the quiet and renew your spirit. Sign up in the Community Room.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP WAPO SUMMER CAMP OPENED JANUARY 15

Camp Wapo Summer Camp registration opens January 15. Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Camp Wapo) is an ELCA-affiliated camp in Wisconsin that has provided a positive camp experience for many Holy Trinity kids. As with most partner organizations, Holy Trinity does not design the curriculum or program, and elements may not always perfectly align with all of Holy Trinity's theological commitments.

Holy Trinity has reserved guaranteed spots for January 15–February 15. After February 16, any unused spots will be released to the waitlist and general public. Reserved weeks and spots:

Wapo Youth (completed grades 4–9): August 2–7, 2026 (8 spots)

Wapo Seeds (completed grades 1–3): August 7–9, 2026 (5 spots)

To register for the correct week and program, please use our church-specific registration link (active January 15): <http://lwlbc.com/holytrinity-mpls>

New this year, Camp Wapo is piloting an optional all-gender housing option for campers in the same age group. Families who choose this option will have their camper placed in a cabin with peers of the same grade grouping, regardless of gender. Traditional boys' and girls' cabins will remain available. All-gender housing is opt-in only and must be selected during registration.

Questions? Contact Katie Schroeder.

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

Monday, January 19 <i>MLK Day</i>		Church Building Closed
Tuesday, January 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, January 21	5:00 PM 5:45-6:45 PM 5:45-6:30 PM 6:00-7:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 6:45-7:30 PM	Choir Families Meal Children's Choir Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble Gloria Ringers Supervised Gym Time Cantate
Saturday, January 24	7:00 PM	Game Night
Sunday, January 25	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Annual Meeting Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY Adult Forum with Pastors and Council Leadership

There is a lot of business to cover during next week's annual meeting, which will be held after worship on Sunday, January 25. Come and preview the meeting agenda with pastors and Council representatives during the adult forum hour. Bring your questions at 9:00 a.m.!

January 25 "Palm Sunday Path"

Join Pastor Doug and Palm Sunday Path leaders in a conversation about this major initiative to resist authoritarianism. We'll talk about the three phases of the work:

- The Palm Sunday afternoon march by thousands of Christians in MN (including you, we hope!) and hundreds of thousands across the country
- Sustained actions on Medicaid Cuts, SNAP Benefit Cuts and Immigration
- A mass action in Washington, DC, on July 4th

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, MARCH 1

We invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. The orientation will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Bartsch room. Breakfast will be served. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with Pastor Ingrid if you intend to come.



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