



HOLY TRINITY GATHERS ON THE SACRED LAND OF THE DAKOTA PEOPLE

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JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

## The Way It Looks from Here

*From March 5, 2026 Adult Forum*

Many years ago, a bishop in the St. Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America would occasionally send a letter to clergy titled *The Way It Looks from Here*. In those letters he reflected on the church's life and mission in the midst of changing times. His perspective was never meant to be the final word—only one voice among many—but the letters consistently sparked reflection and conversation. I always looked forward to receiving them.

Last fall, as we began a new program year at Holy Trinity, I decided to offer my own version of that practice in an adult forum. I began with this observation: we are living in a threshold moment, a time when the world around us is shifting rapidly even as we draw deeply on what grounds us as a community of faith.

At that forum in September, I spoke about warning signs of authoritarianism appearing in everyday life. I pointed to the militarized federal presence along Lake Street as an example of how state violence can sometimes be framed as “public safety” while actually deepening fear and trauma in immigrant communities. Real safety, I suggested, does not arrive in armored vehicles. It grows from relationships—neighbors who know one another's names, children who trust their streets, and communities rooted in dignity and care.

Six months later, our neighborhood has lived through an extraordinary period of disruption following a large federal immigration operation that brought an unprecedented level of militarization to the Twin Cities. While the visible presence of agents has declined, many families and businesses along Lake Street are still living with the aftermath of fear, loss, and economic disruption.

Our congregation continues to be part of the response. Through Holy Trinity's Immigration Justice and Pastors' Discretionary Funds, more than \$500,000 has been raised in the past three months from over 2,000 donors. Over half of it has already been distributed to support rent relief, legal aid, and assistance for families and small businesses along the Lake Street corridor. This work reflects the deep love people in this community have for one another and for this neighborhood.

At the same time, our congregation is discerning how to strengthen the physical home that supports so much of this shared life. Holy Trinity is currently in a feasibility study for a capital campaign called *Rooted in Place, Open to All*, which aims to make building improvements that reflect our values

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT READINGS

*1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23*

### 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.

#### March 16 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 two current members who will offer reflections on what it means to be a part of this community of faith. We'll also be introduced to the people joining this congregation.

#### March 22 “My Life Story, My Faith Story” Matt Hendrickson

Join us today for another in our occasional series: My Life Story/My Faith Story. Our speaker will be Holy Trinity member Matt Hendrickson, our current church council president. Whether you know Matt well or not at all, grab your coffee and come to learn more about this congregational leader.

### ~ 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 **David Berg**; **Betty Anderson**; Mary Gunderson's daughter, **Rhonda**; Kathy Ekwall's aunt, **Mickie**; **Marlene Peterson**; Marlene Peterson's friend, **Lynn Fagant**; **Carol Berg**; **Darren** and **Sarah**; **Merlin Wells**; **Wilson Murray**; **Dorothy Kelly**; **Carol Kelly**; **Mary Petersen**; Tre Tellor's mom **Jill**; **Tina** and **Neela**; **Rick Lathrop**; Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie**; **Josie Tober**; **Stella Townsend**; all people deeply hurt and affected by ICE activity.

### JOB OPENING—STORYTELLING COORDINATOR

Holy Trinity is accepting applications for a full-time Storytelling Coordinator — a new role that will support the *Our Deepest Belonging* project and Holy Trinity's broader communications work. Read about the position [here](#).

# PARISH INFORMATION

of accessibility, dignity, and radical welcome. These plans include creating accessible and gender-expansive restrooms, improving second-floor gathering spaces, and upgrading HVAC systems to enhance sustainability. We hope to complete our feasibility work by early summer, so we can bring a project to the congregation for an official vote.

Finally, an exciting new opportunity is already unfolding among us. Holy Trinity and our building partners were recently awarded a Lilly Endowment grant for Our Deepest Belonging, a multi-year storytelling initiative connecting Holy Trinity, Metro Work Center, Minnesota Swahili Christian Congregation, and Soup For You! Café. Through media, art, and public storytelling, this project will share the powerful stories of faith and belonging emerging from our neighborhood.

As I look across this past year, I am struck by the ways Holy Trinity continues to embody courage, creativity, and community. From mutual aid to storytelling, from building renewal to organizing for justice, we are practicing church as a living, breathing community.

We know the world around us is marked by fracture and fear. Yet even here, we testify that another way is possible—a way rooted in justice, belonging, and hope. And it is a gift beyond words to walk that path together.

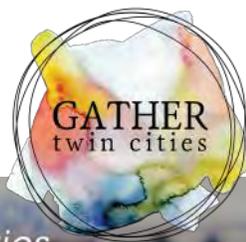
With compassion,  
Pastor Ingrid

## THIS WEEK

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS—PINT-SIZE GATHERING, MARCH 15

Join Gather Twin Cities for their social event, *Pint-Sized Gathering!* They will gather at Minneapolis Cider Company for conversation around resistance & resilience, March 15, 7:00 p.m. Come ready to share stories of joy, hope, and community you have experienced in this time of occupation.

Check out [gathertwincities.org](http://gathertwincities.org) for more information.



Gather Twin Cities

## A PINT-SIZED GATHERING

MARCH 15 | 7:00PM

MINNEAPOLIS CIDER COMPANY

*Come for a night of conversation and community!*  
alcoholic and n/a drinks available for participants  
to purchase at the brewery

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17—EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEET

Executive Committee and Church Council meet monthly, hybrid, 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee membership consists of the Church Council Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and the Pastors. The Church Council oversees the administration and mission leadership of the congregation.

### SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED WEDNESDAYS IN LENT, MARCH 18, AND 25

For each Wednesday during Lent, four households are needed to prepare and serve enough soup for 30 people, one household is needed to prepare 6 boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese, one person is needed to pick up bread by 2:00 p.m. at Laune Bread on Lake Street (preordered and prepaid), and volunteers are needed to set up and clean up each Wednesday in Lent. Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18—LENT SOUP SUPPER AND EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Lent is a time of renewal, regeneration, and growth. Please join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for the following opportunities:

- All are invited to partake in the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in the Community Room. Our Lenten Suppers are an opportunity for us to build beloved community.
- The community then gathers at 7:00 p.m. for the Service of Evening Prayer, where we sing and hear God's story read aloud. As a part of our Evening Prayer service, each week we will hear a church member or community member share a story from their own life on the theme of "Stories." People of all ages are invited to worship, though we honor that some of our youngest members may need to head home after soup.
- Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:45-6:30 p.m.
- Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Gloria Ringers Rehearsal 6:00-6:50 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

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.

### EASTER LILIES

If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor of a loved one who is still living or in memory of a loved one who has died, please contact the church office ([office@htlcmpls.org](mailto:office@htlcmpls.org) / 612-729-8358). The names of the sponsors and the loved ones they are remembering will be listed in the Easter bulletin. We ask that you donate between \$3-\$20 per lily, depending on your ability. You may pay by check, cash, or by clicking on the Donate button on our website ([htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)) to donate electronically.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES: BUY TAMALES!**

We're sponsoring another round of tamale sales March 22 after the worship service. This time tamales come from El Primo which is not far from Holy Trinity. Choose from chicken, pork, beef or vegetable. (Sorry, no vegetarian options available due to how they are cooked). Tamales have a basic price of \$4.00 each or whatever you choose to donate in addition. Cash or Venmo welcome. This family-owned business says they are endangered economically by the threat to immigrants in our community. Your purchase of tamales will be a tremendous help to them and provide you with a tasty treat. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Committee.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26—SISTERS' CAMELOT GROCERY DISTRIBUTION**

Sisters' Camelot is a collectively run nonprofit founded in 1997 that is focused on food justice, waste reduction, sustainable living, community building, and youth education. They share free organic groceries and free organic meals with the community. They deliver groceries at Holy Trinity on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Distribution takes place outside by our pizza oven.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29—INTERGENERATIONAL SIGN-MAKING FOR PALM SUNDAY MARCH**

Join us in the Community Room at 9:00 a.m. to help create signs for the afternoon's march against authoritarianism. Art supplies and materials will be provided, and all ages and skill levels are welcome. Come add your voice, your creativity, and your hope as we prepare to stand together for justice and democracy. This takes the place of our adult forum for the day.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29—PALM SUNDAY MARCH TO THE CAPITOL**

We, your pastors, would like to invite you to join us on the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 29) for a powerful action at the Minnesota Capitol. Thousands of Christians across denomination, race, and place will stand up to the rise of authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism as we affirm the core of our faith: to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Many of you have heard us talk about this before, but we can't emphasize enough that we believe this is a critical moment in the push against authoritarianism and hate on a day that we honor Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in opposition to the greed, cruelty, and oppression of the Roman Empire.

Schedule for Sunday, March 29: Join us at 9:00 a.m. for sign making. For those who would like, we'll leave church around 1:30 p.m., though watch for more details as we get closer. There will be a clergy processional that others are welcome to join leaving from some of the congregations near Dale and University at 2:00 p.m. and marching to the Capitol. The event will start at the Capitol at 2:30 p.m., though there will be music as people gather. Sign up in the Community Room.

**HELP WITH MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP**

Please sign up in the Community Room if you can help set up, serve, or clean up the meal on Maundy Thursday, April 2.

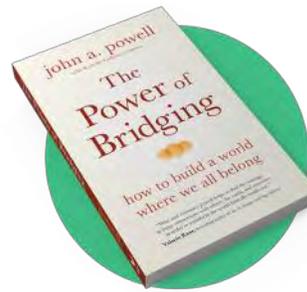
**APRIL 25-26—YOUNG ADULT FAITH & CLIMATE SUMMIT, REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1**

The Young Adult Faith & Climate Summit is happening at St. Olaf College on Saturday, April 25 with closing worship on Sunday, April 26. This summit is for *young adults and high school students* interested in exploring the intersection of environmental justice, Lutheran theology, and science. Saturday will feature a full day of programming, including a plenary address by Christine Moffett, a panel conversation, breakout sessions led by Emily Meyer, Peder Jothen, Mia Poletti, and Liz Heinecke, and an intergenerational evening of creative resistance. Visit our website [here](#) for more information about the schedule, speakers, and housing options. [Register here before April 1st!](#)

**BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR INGRID - NEW DATE**

Due to the federal occupation, our schedule has shifted. Pastor Ingrid's book study will meet Wednesday, April 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (not in February) for dinner and discussion. Please mark your calendars and sign up in the Community Room so we know to expect you.

We'll be discussing *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All Belong* by John A. Powell. This congregation-wide study invites us into a hopeful, practical vision for healing divides and nurturing belonging in a fragmented world. Join us! We have a few copies of the book left, if you didn't get one, pick one up in the Community Room or call the church office.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

What do the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus and Holy Trinity's youth library have in common? At its April 4th Wicked Wisdom concert, the Chorus will perform a piece based on the book *Old Turtle*. Written by Minnesotan Douglas Wood and gorgeously illustrated by Minnesotan Cheng-Knee Chee, it is one of the finest books written about God and all of nature and humans getting along with, and caring for, each other. Seeing the notice of the concert prompted your librarians to feature the book and the two follow-up books — *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth* and *Old Turtle: Questions of the Heart*. You can find them on the kids' side of the community room library cart for a couple of weeks. These are great reads for both children and adults, readable in one sitting right there on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. (And maybe you'll want to attend the concert!).

<https://holytrinitylutheran.library.site/>  
or try our new QR code.



**EXTRA ITEMS THIS WEEK**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19—ABS TREWIN AND LUMEN ANTIQUA**

On Thursday, March 19th, Lumen Antiqua, a vocal trio and special guest vocalist Abs Trewin a new work by Jonathan Posthuma using texts inspired by Louisa May Alcott. This event is put on by RenegadeEnsemble's Vanguard Music Series. Tickets online or at the door are \$20. More info here: <https://www.renegadeensemble.org/performances>

A New Cantata for Mezzo and SSA Trio

Music by Jonathan Posthuma  
Text and Quotes from the works of Louisa May Alcott

March 19, 2026  
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**2025 THRIVENT CHOICE® DOLLARS EXPIRE MARCH 31**

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to churches, schools, and other nonprofits through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Please consider recommending Holy Trinity for your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

**NEW ALTAR PARAMENTS FOR LENT**

These new Lenten paraments for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis were created from traditional Tanzanian printed fabric generously donated by members of the MN Swahili Christian Congregation, who have shared Holy Trinity's space for over twenty years. The vibrant printed textile, rich with movement and symbolism, brings a meaningful expression of shared ministry and cultural connection into our worship life during Lent. The set includes an altar cloth, pulpit cloth, and three stoles.

Led by artist (and Holy Trinity member) Sharon Englund, the project was a true collaboration. Fiber artist Carol Hancuh helped launch the work (with help from Sarah Gannett) with careful ironing, measuring, and design exploration, while Betsy Shannon contributed the cross motif for the back of the collars and the detailed black stitching that frames it. Because of the printed design, each piece required patient stretching, aligning, cutting, and re-sewing. The paraments are stabilized, lightly padded, and lined in black, with two stoles featuring a purple fish-print lining and the third a subtle purple bubble print—thoughtful details that complete a set rooted in craftsmanship, community, and shared faith.

**A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29—PALM SUNDAY**

Worship at 10:00 a.m. begins with shouts of Hosanna! As we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to disrupt powers of violence and oppression. Our procession will begin outside near the Rain Garden. Gloria Ringers will be joined by the Mount Calvary Ringers, led by Logan Olson's sister, Alexis. Together they will fill the worship with joyful hosannas.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2—MAUNDY THURSDAY**

All are welcome to gather for a meal at 5:00 p.m., as we begin our observance of the Three Days. Worship will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The liturgy on this day contains the elements that define Christianity: the church announces that sins are forgiven; we approach one another and God in vulnerability through foot washing; money is collected for the care of the neighbor; and we share Holy Communion, the meal that celebrates the living presence of Jesus among us. The Children's Choir will provide music at this worship service.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3—GOOD FRIDAY**

The night's liturgy tells the story of Jesus' Passion. Tonight, we meet Jesus at the foot of the cross. As we grieve his death, we voice our lives' laments, including reflections by Sophie Breen (U. S. Immigration); Madeline Burbank (Anti-Trans Legislation); Carlye Proescholdt (Guns); Hannah Rector (Mental Health); Sandra Hisakuni (War); and open space for others. Even in the sorrow of this day, we trust in the resurrection promises given to us. We leave tonight's service in silence. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Adult Choir and instrumentalists will lead us in worship this evening.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4—VIGIL OF EASTER**

Gathered together in the womb of night, we retell the stories of our faith, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and are renewed in the gift of baptism. The service begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room so that families with young children can participate!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5—EASTER SUNDAY**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love. Alleluia! Alleluia! We gather for festival worship at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate this good news. The Adult Choir, along with brass ensemble, will help to lead worship. Christ is risen! Let us rejoice!

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 10:00 AM

<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork (he/him)
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carrie Poster (she/her), Vicki Bergman (she/her)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jim Langworthy (he/him)
<b>Communion</b>	David Broberg (he/him), Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Mickey TerLouw (they/them), Sue Roberts (she/her)
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him), Bob Peschiutta (he/him)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Kris Christians (she/her), Sue Roberts (she/her)
<b>Counters</b>	Annie Hines (she/her)
<b>Closer</b>	Rod Johnson (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Jeff Weiss (he/him)

**ANOTHER CHANCE**  
to get a new photo(s)  
for the church  
directory!

### PHOTOGRAPHER AT HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Thank you to the MANY congregants who had updated directory photos taken on Sunday, March 1. Your pastors are so happy to see your beautiful faces reflected in our records! If you still need to have your photo taken, you're in luck. Dave Herrera Santacruz will be offering another opportunity on Sunday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Stop by and let him capture your smile!

### PARISH EVENTS MARCH 15-21, 2026

Sunday, March 15	8:30 AM Family Coffee Time 9:00 AM Children and Youth Education 9:00 AM New Member Welcome 10:00 AM Worship Service of Holy Communion 12:00 PM Swahili Service
Monday, March 16	6:30-8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 17	11:00 AM Worship Readings Discussion 6:30-7:00 PM Executive Committee (in person) 7:00-8:30 PM Church Council (in person)
Wednesday, March 18	5:30-6:00 PM Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 5:45-6:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:00-7:00 PM Gloria Ringers Rehearsal 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 19	8:00 AM Encore! at Turtle Bread

#### 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](#).

