



CELEBRATION OF GOD'S SPLENDOR

SERMON IN SONG SUNDAY

MAY 17, 2026

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

We gather and worship on Dakota Homeland.

*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.*

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

+OPENING



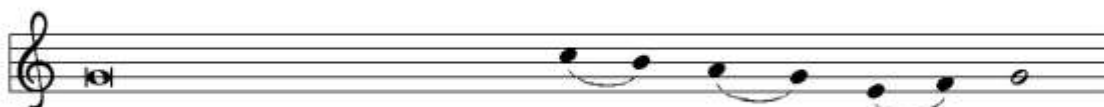
Satisfy us in the morning with your stead - fast love, O God,



that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.



Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,



who gives us life, salvation, and res - ur - rec - tion.



Al - le - lu - ia.

+SONG

Open My Heart
Follow the cue of the cantor

+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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh God of love
Of love in our midst
Of love incarnate

Open us in these spring days
That we may take time and space
To bask in the splendor of your creation,
In the beauty that shimmers through earth and sky,
River and tree, creature and cosmos,
And in the glow and flow of your grace.

Move us to generously share your love—
Your intimate, messy, and magical love,
That love that never ever ceases,
Love overflowing,
Love woven through all creation,
That love that is you.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME

THE TENDERNESS OF GOD'S SPLENDOR

ANTHEM

Children of the God Who Made Us
Children's Choir

Hal H. Hopson

Children of the God who made us, we know God will not forsake us;
Nestling bird nor stars in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God for us does tend and nourish, in God's holy courts we flourish;
From all danger God will spare us, in those loving arms God bears us.

God is love. Lift every voice; sing, rejoice.

God's own love will last forever, from that love can nothing sever.
Praise the Lord, lift every voice; join the song, let all rejoice.

PSALM INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PSALM 145

First Nations Version

ANTHEM

Abide with Me
Jubilation Ringers

arr. Jason Krug



PRAYER

To the home of peace
To the field of love
To the land where forgiveness and right relationship meet
We look, O God,
With longing for earth's children
With compassion for the creatures
With hearts breaking for the people and nations we love.
Open us to visions we have never known
Strengthen us for self-givings we have never made
Delight us with a oneness we could never have imagined
That we may truly be born of You
Makers of peace.

From *Praying with the Earth* – John Philip Newell

ANTHEM

God Is There
Cantate

Larry E. Schultz

In a song that's lifted upward, in a prayer that's whispered low,
In this place of holy worship we can feel and sense and know:
God is here! God is here in the people gathered near.
In this place of holy worship God is here.

God is in, around, beside us, behind us and before,
ever present when we gather to worship and adore.
In our home and in our families we know that God is there;
And we become God's presence in our world and everywhere.

In a mother's strength and wisdom, in a father's gentle care,
in our families, each one different, we discover God is there.
God is there! God is there in our homes, no matter where.
In our families each one different God is there.

READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

+HYMN

Tender-Hearted God



1 Ten - der - heart - ed God, Par - ent of the worlds, pour - ing out your -
2 O - ver - flow - ing Fount, Christ ere time be - gan, lov - ing, you en -
3 Dove of sound and flame, dwell - ing - place of peace, sing - ing hope and
4 Dream of God's de - light, in this earth - ly sphere: all cre - a - tion



self in lov - ing grace, you made all that is
clothed your - self with earth; set - ting pow'r a - side,
heal - ing to our hearts, lov - ing, you in - still,
thriv - ing from God's love— laugh - ter, love, and light



good and ver - y good, and up - hold it in your kind em - brace.
stretch - ing out your hands, you em - brace the suf - f'ring of the world.
ev - er you em - brace, and your touch new life to us im - parts.
o - ver - com - ing fear, in the hands of ten - der - heart - ed God.

GOD'S SPLENDOR OF CREATION



READING

Genesis 1–2:3

ANTHEM

Splendor
Adult Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

Splendor paternae gloriae,
de luce lucem proferens,
lux lucis et fons luminis,
diem dies illuminans.

Splendor of God's glory,
brings forth light from light,
light of light, light's living spring,
Day, all days illuminates.

+HYMN

Tell Again the Joyful Story



1 Tell a - gain the joy - ful sto - ry of the One who spins the world,
2 Yet she knows the deep - est wa - ters, hears the ca - dence of our tears,
3 So that we may join her danc - ing, feed the hun - gry, clothe the poor,



stirs the col - ors of the rain - bow, casts them in - to clouds she swirls.
holds the sor - rows of the shad - ows, bears the weight of numb - ing years.
sweep a - way de - bris of an - ger, si - lence des - p'rate shouts of war.



How she cheers each ris - ing day, flings the sun - light ray by ray,
She who knows our birth - ing pains calls us to a birth a - gain
In the mu - sic of her voice, wea - ry danc - ers may re - joice,



danc - es in the morn - ing's rap - ture! Hear a prom - ise in her laugh - ter!
and a death that she might save us from a death that has en - slaved us,
for she sends our sad - ness reel - ing in the rhy - thms of her heal - ing.

+PSALM 8

¹O LORD our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**
human beings that you should care for them?
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet:
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
⁹O LORD our LORD,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



The Swarms / Songs of Praise

Kelly Kruse

From the Artist: [This work] is from a body of work I made in 2021 and 2022 to illuminate the Genesis 1 creation account, O Mirabile Mysterium. It illuminates Day 5, when God created the swarms of creatures of the waters above (the air) and the waters below (the sea).

VISIO DIVINA

Visio divina invites the viewer into "divine seeing." Visio divina shares roots with the ancient practice of lectio divina.

(Lectio divina calls for a slow, careful interaction with scripture through meditation and prayer, allowing a word or phrase to rise in our consciousness, a holy word to savor and examine.) Similarly, visio divina invites us to encounter the divine through images. A prayerful consideration of and interaction with a photograph, an icon, a piece of art, or other visual representation allows the viewers to experience the divine in a unique and powerful way.

You may practice visio divina individually or in a small group or worship setting by using a piece of art as a focal point for prayer. You can also pair scripture with the image in order to reflect on the scripture through the art.

Try It Out

1. Look at the image and let your eyes stay with the first thing you see.

Focus your attention on the part of the image that first catches your eye.

Try to keep your eyes from wandering to other parts of the picture.

Breathe deeply and let yourself gaze at that part of the image for a minute or so.

2. Let your eyes now gaze at the whole image. Take your time and look at every part of the photograph. See it all. Reflect on the image for a minute or so

3. Consider the following questions:

What emotions does this image evoke in you?

What does the image stir up in you, bring forth in you?

Does this image lead you into an attitude of prayer? If so, let these prayers take form in you.

(Write them down if you desire.)

4. Offer your prayers to God now in a final time of silence.

REFLECTION

Fais de Beaux Rêves

Julie Stitt

Gloria Ringers

Silence for reflection.

ANTHEM

We Lift Up Our Hearts
Adult Choir, Children's Choir

Elizabeth Alexander

For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;
For the moon and the evening which we did not make;
For food which we plant but cannot grow;
For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy;
For this gathered company which welcomes us as we are, from wherever we have come;
For all our free churches that keep us human and encourage us in our quest for beauty,
truth, and love;
For all things which come to us as gifts of being from sources beyond ourselves; Gifts of life and love and
friendship, We lift up our hearts in thanks this day.

TEACHER RECOGNITION/BLESSING

For the wonders of your creation,
We praise you, O God.

For the opportunity to explore, study, and grow in relationship,
We praise you, O God.

For those who guide us: teachers and volunteers,
We praise you, O God.

It is our joy to pause and to affirm the leaders from this congregation who have, throughout the past academic year, faithfully facilitated Godly Play, Trinity Village, Confirmation, and post-confirmation conversations; who have committed themselves to journeying alongside our youngest; and who have continued to nurture and to pray for our congregation's youth.

These teachers and volunteers have helped this community to fulfill the promises we make to our youngest members when they are welcomed into the life of this congregation.

These leaders have helped our youngest to engage in conversations about the church's life and witness. They have opened the Holy Scriptures and wisely interpreted the stories for this time and place. They have done the hard work of connecting faith and daily life, thus acting as prophets for love, peace, and justice in the world.

Today we say thank you to all of you for your willing hearts, selfless service, curious exploration, and prophetic presence. May your witness inspire all of us to take seriously our commitment to education and inspiration for all ages. With our gratitude, please receive this blessing:

We give thanks to God for your presence among us. We thank you for being faithful in your calling to teach and lead our youngest. May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you with favor, and may you have a summer of deep rest. Amen.

The congregation may celebrate these Sunday School and confirmation teachers with applause!

SHARING GOD'S SPLENDOR

ANTHEM

My Faith's Got Shoes
Children's Choir

Mark Burrows

I'm on the move with God. My faith's got shoes.
I'm in the groove with God. My faith's got shoes.
My faith is more than the words I say, it's how I walk in love each day.
I'm living our God's good news. My faith's got shoes.

I'm reaching out with God. My faith's got shoes.
I'll sing and shout for God. My faith's got shoes.

I will speak up for a friend. I will help our planet mend.
I will stand for what is right. I will be a guiding light.
I will be the first to share. I will offer love and care.
I will lend a helping hand. I will follow God's command.

READING

Jeremiah 1: 4-9



You have been born a - new



through the living and abiding word of God.

+INTERCESSIONS

Sundays and Seasons

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)

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick especially Kathy Ekwall's aunt, Mickie; Betty Anderson; Marlene Peterson; 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; and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*).

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment (*other transitions may be named*), and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.

*At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Merciful God,"
to which the congregation will respond, "Receive our prayer."*

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

Amen.

+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

Ring-Dance
Gloria Ringers

Andrew Duncan

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.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
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. For in Christ, your love took flesh and dwelt among us—intimate, messy, and magical love—love that never ceases, love overflowing through all creation. And on this day, through the glorious resurrection, Christ awakened us again to the splendor of your creation: to the beauty that shimmers through earth and sky, through river and tree, creature and cosmos, through every breath sustained by your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, with all creation radiant in your love, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old

I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old the Lord of hosts en - throned on
high be - hold, whose splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til its stream - ing
glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim
with six - fold wings did rev - erence un - to him. With two each ser - aph hid his
glo - rious face, and two a - bout his feet did in - ter - lace, and with the
oth - er two he soared on high, and one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry:
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
at their cry - ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.

+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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome at the table. This is Christ's table where no one is a stranger.

For those worshipping 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.

Communion is served by intinction.

Gluten-free, vegan wafers are available upon request to the server.

Upon receiving the bread, dip it into the divided chalice which contains both red wine and white grape juice. A chalice is also reserved for those using gluten-free wafers.

If you wish to receive communion from your pew, please let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." There are triplets in the piano accompaniment on the second and third systems.

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

This bread we have eaten comes from the earth. The wine we have tasted comes from the soil. Thank you, God, for sharing it all. Help us to lend our voice in caring for Earth. Help us to see the birds of the air, the fish of the water, the plants and animals that live with us as part of our communion in your love. **Amen.**



+SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: All: 1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, Choir: 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low All: 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture All: 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; from this meal of love and grace; af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole; God has called us to re - ceive; cour - age be our dai - ly breath; may we through such love en - vi - sion bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion whose we are, and whose, our praise. to re - lease and to con - sole. Spir - it - ed then let us live. from this day and un - to death. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. God, the won - der of our days. Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal. Spir - it, grace by whom we live. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

+BENEDICTION

May you go forth in wonder,
awakened to the splendor of creation
and the overflowing love of God in all things.

May Christ, the radiant light, guide your way,
and may the Spirit breathe through you
with courage, joy, and peace,
this day and always. **Amen.**

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbors.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major, BWV 577

J. S. Bach

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

HOLY TRINITY TRIP TO ANTIGUA LEARNING SESSION TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

After worship today, those interested in learning about an opportunity to go to Antigua in the fall as part of the steelpan project are invited to meet in the library. Musicians who are interested in learning more about steelpan will have a chance to learn some pan music over the summer before going on this trip. On the week-long guided trip, we will observe steelpan groups in practice and performance, work with a local group for some one-on-one learning, and get a chance to play for each other and see and enjoy the beautiful island Caribbean country of Antigua.

HANDMADE EARRINGS TO SUPPORT CONFIRMATION YOUTH

Confirmation Youth traveling to Bentonville, Arkansas, this July for a service/learning trip will be selling earrings handmade by Krista Vrudny, who generously donated fifty pairs to support the youth of the congregation. Check them out in the Community Room after worship today. All proceeds will support this important faith formation experience. Free-will donation (\$25 suggested).

THE PALESTINE/ISRAEL COMMITTEE BOOK STUDY, MAY 19, 6:30 P.M.

The Palestine/Israel Committee is planning a book study of *Theology After Gaza* by Rev. Mitri Raheb. Rev. Raheb has written many books on theology and the Palestine/Israel situation. We previously read his book *Decolonizing Palestine*. If you are interested, sign up in the Community Room or contact Mary Engen. Books are available in the Community Room. We will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. for discussion in the church library. We hope to have Dr. Raheb's daughter Tala AlRaheb discuss the book with us. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?

This summer, we're bringing back the tradition of having flowers on the altar table each Sunday. They don't need to be big, fancy, or expensive—just a small offering of beauty from your garden, your windowsill, or the farmers market. Sign up in the Community Room to bring flowers for one or more Sundays this season. No need to deliver them in advance; you can place them on the altar table on Sunday morning when you come for worship.

SUNDAY, MAY 24—HIKE WITH YOUTH AND PASTOR DAVID AT MINNEHAHA PARK

Join Pastor David and the youth who are going on Christian pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago after the 10:00 a.m. worship service! We will meet at Sea Salt at 12:00 p.m. to eat lunch (please bring your own spending money), and then we will then hike two miles on what is considered an easy level of difficulty path. Please sign up in the Community Room so we know who to expect.

MONDAY, MAY 25—OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The church office is closed on Memorial Day. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

JUNE 2026—BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DAVID

If you remember reading the "looking ahead" section of the previous seasonal calendar, you will notice that this is a different book than first advertised. During his sabbatical, Pastor David thought lots about his Mexican identity and how it interplays with his pastoral call to a predominantly white congregation and denomination. He invites you to join him in reading Manny Fidel's *Colored People Time: A Case for (Casual) Rebellion* and engaging in a conversation that will encourage all of us to care better for one another. Copies of the book will be made available in the Community Room, and all are welcome to join our discussion group (date TBD). Let's learn together!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3—*QUEERLY BELOVED* PRIDE BEER RELEASE AT ARBEITER BREWING

Join us on Wednesday, June 3, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Arbeiter Brewing for the release of our second collaborative Pride beer, *Queerly Beloved*. This brew is a fruited Hazy IPA with bright mango and pineapple flavors, available both on tap and in an artist-designed can. We're also offering it in a non-alcoholic version.

Come for a joyful evening of food, drinks, and community as we kick off Pride month together. CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn and Pastor David will offer child-friendly activities from 5:00-6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy music and a dance floor as well! The Bookmobile will also be available from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Each beer poured that evening will support Prism Organizing Network, a statewide network committed to building power for LGBTQ+ equality by organizing people and resources across Minnesota.

All are welcome—we'd love to see you there!

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Join us for music and wood-fired pizza in the garden at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). Watch for details on our musical guests for the day!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17—CHRISTIANITY & LUTHERANISM 101 WITH PASTOR DOUG

What do I mean when I say I'm a Christian—or a Lutheran? What are some of the big ideas and practices of Christian communities, including this one? What are some of the differences between different Christian traditions? These questions and others will be our topic for this three-part introduction to Christianity. There will be lots of space for conversation and even the specifics of what we cover will be shaped by the participants. Sign up in the Community Room so we can include you in a brief survey ahead of the class. We'll meet three summer Wednesday nights: June 17, June 24, and July 1 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. You do not need to attend all three to participate!

JUNE-AUGUST 2026—SUMMER GATHERINGS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS COTTAGE MEETINGS) FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

This summer, during June, July, and August, we will host twelve summer gatherings across our congregation—gatherings designed to bring together longtime and newer members in fellowship and conversation. These informal get-togethers will be hosted in homes and backyards and parks, with food, fun, and the opportunity to connect more deeply with each other.

The pastors and Church Council warmly invite every member and interested visitors to attend one of these gatherings. There are three ways to RSVP, including (1) sign up in the Community Room; (2) call the church office at 612-729-8358; or (3) email the church office.

Ginny & Chuck Jordan's Backyard Appetizer Evening—Friday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Ginny and Chuck invite you to their home for an evening of heavy appetizers, wine, beer, and refreshing beverages on Friday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we'll gather in the backyard pavilion. Space is cozy—about 8 guests—especially if indoors. Kids are welcome, though toy options are limited.

Allison Johnson Heist's Family Playground Gathering—Saturday, June 20, from 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Allison invites families with young children to gather for a morning of connection at Triangle Park near Lake Nokomis on Saturday, June 20 from 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Enjoy bagels, coffee, and playground fun while kids play and adults connect. This gathering is especially for families with small children. Weather permitting; will reschedule if needed.

Nancy Arnison's Condo Gathering—Wednesday, June 24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Nancy invites you to her condo for a relaxed summer evening of conversation and cocktails on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we'll gather on the balcony. Enjoy Finnish-inspired cocktails (including non-alcoholic options) along with light snacks. Guest parking is available in the building garage, with additional metered street parking nearby. Nancy can host 8–10 adults; this gathering is for adults only.

Emily O'Brien & Carrie Poster's Patio Dessert Gathering—June 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Emily and Carrie invite you to their patio for a sweet summer evening on June 25 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy dessert, snacks, and beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages in a relaxed setting. This adults-only gathering can host up to 12 guests. Please note: a cat lives in the home.

Arlene Helvig & Abigail Bollman's Brunch Gathering—Monday, June 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Arlene and Abbie invite you to a relaxed brunch gathering on Monday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. at Arlene's home. Come enjoy good food, conversation, and a chance to connect. This gathering is for adults.

Phil Radtke & James Nysse's Backyard Brunch—Saturday, July 11, at 10:00 a.m.

Phil and James invite you to a lively backyard brunch on Saturday, July 11 starting at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy a brunch buffet with mimosas, good conversation, yard games, and a tour of Phil's gardens—feel free to pick some ripe veggies to take home! The backyard (accessible by stairs) can host up to 15 guests, and children are welcome.

Caren Hiatt & Drew Lindorfer's Garden Gathering—Saturday, July 18, from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Caren and Drew invite you to enjoy an afternoon in Caren's perennial garden on Saturday, July 11 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Sip wine or non-alcoholic beverages, enjoy light snacks, and relax in a beautiful setting with good conversation. If it rains, we'll move indoors. Up to 6 adults.

Jess Yarger & Dave Herrera's Backyard Gathering—Thursday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Jess and Dave invite you to their backyard for a relaxed summer evening on Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy appetizers, charcuterie, fruit, cocktails, and non-alcoholic beverages, along with yard games and good conversation. They can host up to 15 guests, and children are welcome.

Annie Hines & Kathy Nelson's Ice Cream Social—Thursday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Annie and Kathy invite you to an ice cream social on Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. Gather outdoors (or indoors if it rains) for sweet treats, conversation, and possibly some games. This gathering can host 6 adults; children are welcome—please share ages in advance so hosts can plan.

Zoe & Miguel Martinez's Pozole Night—Saturday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m.

Zoe and Miguel invite you to enjoy a delicious homemade meal and conversation on Saturday, August 1 at 5:00 p.m. They'll be serving pozole, a traditional Mexican hominy soup with pork. This gathering can host up to 8 guests, and children are welcome.

Kari & Tom Kleven's Backyard Barbecue—Thursday, August 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Kari and Tom invite you to their home for a summer weeknight backyard barbecue. Enjoy grilled favorites and fresh market fare while connecting with new and familiar faces. Up to 8 adults can attend, and children are welcome.

Larry & Pat Farris' Patio Dessert & Games Night—Sunday, August 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Larry and Pat invite you to their back patio for dessert, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), and a friendly Klask tournament on Sunday, August 23 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. No experience needed—just come ready for fun and conversation! Up to 10 guests can attend, and children are welcome.

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

Monday, May 18	6:00-8:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Foundations Course Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 19	11:00 AM 6:30-8:30 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Palestine/Israel Book Discussion
Wednesday, May 20	6:00 PM	Concert at Johanna Shores with Children's Choirs, Jubilation Youth Handbell Ensemble, and the Gloria Ringers
Thursday, May 21	8:00 AM	Encore! at Turtle Bread
Sunday, May 24	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY "White Men for Racial Justice"

How can white men find themselves contributing meaningfully to racial justice movements in a way that is sustainable? White racial justice practitioner David Scherer is a part of a movement that is inviting white men into courageous and joy-filled community designed to interrogate whiteness and catalyze change.

May 24 No Adult Forum

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