



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 GIFT OF COMMUNITY

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Though I've often lived alone, I'm drawn to community and connection. I've been blessed to take part in many Christian communities, some for an intense, two-week period of formation and discernment, some for a season of shared prayer and song, and others for a studious semester. Still others endure and sustain, as we gather weekly for liturgical worship amid the ups and downs, joys and conflicts of ministry and life.

Sometimes Jesus whispers among us. Often, he listens and cries beside us. Always, our Savior meets us with forgiveness during corporate confession, speaks boldly through the word and nourishes us at the table. At times, Jesus kneels at our feet in servant love, and in times of great celebration, dances with us! On one holy occasion, I felt a sword of the Spirit hovering over our prayer group as we met for the last time. God was actively shielding and protecting us, strengthening us for what lay ahead.

These days, the Lord has called and gifted me to shape and nurture community for college students. As our Shepherd guides, I select Scriptures, facilitate conversations, plan activities and empower leaders. I make room for diversity and honest questions, and always, point these gifted young adults toward Jesus, interweaving with earnest prayer the benevolent, learning-rich chaos we create together. My role is to listen and mentor, accompany and encourage, yet also to let community emerge and blossom, with each semester unique to those preceding.

Community is a precious gift, yet also hard work with its pitfalls and pain. Our human shortcomings can cause miscommunication, misunderstanding and misalignment of gifts. Those of differing strengths can fail to perceive the grace of how God's Spirit is powerfully at work in and through those who are shaped in opposite ways. In times of shrinking resources, we can take on a spirit of scarcity, anxiety and fear instead of a spirit of creativity, hope, teamwork and opportunity, trusting in our Creator's abundance and steadfast care.

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The current climate entices us to seek answers in polarity, in anger, in an us-versus-them mentality that places blame

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### READINGS

*Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21*

### 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.

**May 10**

**“My Sabbatical”**

**David Larson-Martínez**

Pastor David was on sabbatical for three months at the beginning of the year. He will share thoughts and reflections from his time away.

**May 17**

**“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.

### ~ 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 Kathy Ekwall's aunt, **Mickie; Betty Anderson; Marlene Peterson; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Carol Kelly; Mary Petersen;** Tre Teller's mom **Jill; Tina and Neela; Rick Lathrop;** Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend;** the family of **Mike Miller** upon his death; **Carrie Poster** and her family upon the death of her father Joseph Wolfrom; all people deeply hurt and affected by ICE activity.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrating Mother's Day, while understanding it can be a complicated holiday. Prayers of peace, comfort, and love to all this Mother's Day.

# PARISH INFORMATION

definitively outside oneself. By contrast, the communities that have most deeply blessed my journey have been Christ-centered ones that embrace difference, nuance, truths held in tension and an openness about our brokenness as human beings. In sharing personal histories and wounded places honestly from the heart, we unearth the mutual, mortal truth of aching for love, yearning to be held, and longing to be named, seen and forgiven—and we are met by the truest, fullest answer to all that soul-need in the everlasting arms of the triune God.

Amid the ashy grace of human vulnerability, holiness can rise like phoenix wings. At times, I've felt we touched heaven for just a moment, whether through corporate prayer, shared song, silence or the mutual humility of foot washing. Amid life stories shared in trust-filled spaces or during moments when a community's grief unites it in aching trust of a greater truth, God's tender, loving hands lift and carry us beyond this brief earthly sojourn and shelter us in peace.

And there's one other sweet surprise. Perhaps the brightest glimpses of God's presence shine out when laughter erupts unsought, during the childlike silliness of games and creativity, or in delight-filled song and dance. For all my love of intentionality and planfulness, I continue to be amazed by the draw and grace of banter over communal meals and the synergy of soul that can happen amid spontaneous, shared play. Christ's Spirit loves to engage in hide-and-seek amid the giggles, the unexpected connections and wordplay, and the relaxed spaces of games and community bonding. Our loving Lord laughs often and joyously—and invites us to do so as well.

May your communities be filled to overflowing with open hearts, Spirit-led worship, dancing joy and eager play. And may you find the courage to enter in with childlike abandon and be fully yourself, to the glory of God!

We will have many opportunities to share in community this summer. Watch for the Summer Seasonal Calendar (being mailed next week) for information on Summer Gatherings (formerly Cottage Meetings) and the Music in the Garden schedule, among many other activities and events.

## THIS WEEK

### BIG MEETING AFTER WORSHIP, SUNDAY, MAY 10

Curious about getting involved at church? Join us for Big Meeting Sunday, the second Sunday of each month (except July). After worship, we'll gather in the Bartsch Room for lunch and committee meetings from 11:20 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (lunch provided). Everyone is welcome—whether you're on a committee already or simply interested in learning more. The first 10 minutes will include a shared congregational update, followed by committee conversations. Big Meeting Sundays happen on the second Sunday of each month. This month's committees include Immigration Justice, Adult Education, Creation Care, Palestine/Israel, and Racial Justice.

### BOOK GROUP WITH PASTOR DOUG, MAY 12

*The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Richard Rohr.

I have been a fan of Franciscan friar Richard Rohr for decades, ever since my sister-in-law sent me a box of cassette tapes of some of his lectures almost 40 years ago. Wise, compassionate, always interested in life in community and how to live as a Christian in the world. Sign up in the Community Room, and join me for this two-part discussion on Tuesdays, May 5 and 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

### THURSDAY, MAY 14—ILLUSIONS OF PEACE

Join members of the Palestine/Israel Committee for Illusions of Peace panel discussion. Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, author of *Theology After Gaza*, is one of the panelists.

**Bright Stars of Bethlehem**  
invites you to join us for the panel discussion

## ILLUSIONS OF PEACE

CEASEFIRES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AMERICA'S GLOBAL STANDING

PANELISTS

**REV. DR. MITRI RAHEB**  
Founder and President of  
Dar al-Kalima University

**JOANNE CUMMINGS**  
Director of Middle East Studies  
at Baylor University

**RAMI G. KHOURI**  
Distinguished Public Policy  
Fellow at the American  
University of Beirut

Each of our panelists proudly serves on the Board of Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

**Thursday, May 14th, 2026 | 7:00 P.M.**

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**1900 Nicollet Avenue | Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Plymouth** CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH | **THE CONN THEATER**

REGISTER

Please RSVP using the QR code by Wednesday, May 13th. Free parking will be available in the Plymouth Church parking lot. A free-will offering will be received.

Through its partnership with Dar al-Kalima University, Bright Stars of Bethlehem supports this mission by expanding access to education, funding scholarships, and uplifting the next generation of leaders and creatives.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16—RING OUT CONCERT

Ring Out, the Twin Cities LGBTQIA+ handbell ensemble, founded and directed by Logan Olson will present a collaborative concert with Twin Cities Bronze at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Hall, 1200 Marquette Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. Tickets will be available online ([ringoutmn.org](http://ringoutmn.org)) or at the door.

## SAVE THE DATE

### THE PALESTINE/ISRAEL COMMITTEE BOOK STUDY, MAY 19

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 will be available next week. We will meet Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. for discussion in the church library. We hope to have Tala AlRaheb, Dr. Raheb's daughter discuss the book with us. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20—GLORIA RINGERS & YOUTH ENSEMBLES END OF YEAR CONCERT

Gloria Ringers, Jubilation, Cantate, and Children's Choir will celebrate the end of their season by presenting a concert at Johanna Shores Senior Living in Arden Hills at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the free concert.

### THURSDAY, MAY 21—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.

### SUNDAY, MAY 24—HIKE WITH YOUTH AND PR. DAVID AT MINNEHAHA PARK

Join Pr. 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 noon 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 so that pastors and staff people can spend time with their friends and families. We'll talk to you on Tuesday!

### REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL— JUNE 15-JUNE 19

#### For Kids:

Join us for this year's [Building Beloved Community](#) South Minneapolis Day Camp, Monday, June 15, through Friday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. As we sing, pray, and listen to stories from Scripture together, our kids will be grounded in the Spirit's work in building community. Camp is for children entering kindergarten through high school, with a separate middle school track and opportunities for high school leadership with the younger kids. We ask families to pack a lunch from home for each day of camp; snacks will be provided at camp. Register [here](#) for grades K-8, and apply [here](#) as a high school leader.

#### For Adults:

Day Camp is looking for adult volunteers! If you have a heart for kids and time to serve June 15-19, we would love to have you join us. We need adult volunteers all week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and a special crew for take down and clean-up on Friday. **We welcome you to sign up for the week, a day, a morning or afternoon, or just a few hours on Friday evening.** Click [here](#) to sign up and indicate your availability!

### ADULT RETREAT AT SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-20

Save the dates and plan to join us at Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, MN. This is a retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming, opportunities to connect with one another, walking trails to enjoy, and opportunities to reflect on spiritual practices. More information for sign up and cost will be forthcoming. If finances are a problem, please contact Pr. David.

### EACH SUNDAY THIS SUMMER—GOT FLOWERS?

Are you a gardener? Or maybe your neighbor is always inviting you to enjoy the flowers they grow? 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. Anything you bring will be beautiful. And beauty reminds us of God's marvelous gifts. 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.



### LIBRARY NEWS

We librarians recently attended the semi-annual gathering of the Twin Cities Area Church Library Association, this time at St. Michael's Lutheran in Bloomington. We heard a captivating speaker — Colleen Baldrica, author of *Tree Spirited Woman* (now in our library), about life lessons and listening to nature.

Take a look at the New Books rack in the hallway where you will find several that have been donated by folks.

**Community room library cart this month:** May is traditionally the month to honor Mary. We will feature books about her on the adult side of the community room cart. Also on the cart for a few weeks, we will feature anthologies. An anthology is a collection of writings by one author or several authors' thoughts on the same subject. We have anthologies on many different topics in the library. So you could read a collection of poems by the same poet or several people's take on a creation care or short stories by one author or more. We recently acquired several anthologies featuring interesting works by inmates from the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop. Check them out.

Remember that you can access the online library catalogue [holyltrinitylutheran.library.site/](http://holyltrinitylutheran.library.site/) or through the QR code.



EXTRAS THIS WEEK

PRIDE BEER COLABORATION WITH ARBEITER

This past Wednesday kicked off the next beer collaboration with Arbeiter, our Pride Beer. The Young Adult group has been leading this effort and picked the name *Queerly Beloved!* The label design was approved and brewing started today.



QUEERLY BELOVED PRIDE BEER RELEASE AT ARBEITER BREWING

Join us on **Wednesday, June 3, from 5-9 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 Pr. David will offer child-friendly activities from 5-6pm. We'll enjoy music and a dance floor as well! The Book-mobile will also be available from 5-8 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!

MAY 14 AND 15, LONGFELLOW SCHOOL PLANT SALE

Stop by the corner of 31st Street and 31st Ave, May 14 and 15, 1:00-2:45 p.m. for the Longfellow School plant sale. All plants are grown from seed by students, or propagated through cuttings. You can purchase annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, flowers, and house plants. Proceeds are used to purchase more gardening supplies and seeds and help fund the school yearbook.



NEW ART INSTALLATION IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM!

ANNA KLEVEN ARTIST'S STATEMENT

For this piece, I used an Exacto knife to carve up black paper. Once the vision finally came to me, I worked impulsively, incorporating mistakes as I went. I was inspired by congregation members' responses to the Advent prompt *I dream of a world where...*, as well as the organizing, care work, and defense that has been happening here during and after Operation Metro Surge. In the middle of the piece there is a circle that represents our Source, and then radiating out, our scaffold of needs for care and respect: self, then between our most loved, then within a larger community. Around the edges are plants and (parts of) animals from the land we call home. The motifs in the four corners are inspired by Dio Cramer + collaborators' mini-altars in Powderhorn—and I've filled them with books, food, toiletries, and instruments—to show that helping each other meet all of our needs, especially in these conditions, is holy work. The medium of papercut feels apt for the theme of hope. Just as our individual hope, sorrow, pride, and shame come from the same place, to be known and held together, each image is cut and held together by a single sheet of paper. The piece is now in the Community Room as a reminder of our hopes, dreams, and resilience.



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10, 10:00 AM

<b>Preacher</b>	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Doug Mork (he/him)
<b>Cantor</b>	Paul Rasmussen (he/him)
<b>Crucifer</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Libby Olstad (she/her), Keith Olstad (he/him)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Madeline Burbank (she/her)
<b>Communion</b>	Carol Masters (she/her), Dennis O'Brien (he/him), Sean Goseiewski (he/him)
<b>Ushers</b>	Kathy Hollander (she/her), Rod Johnson (he/him), Sally Kohlstedt (she/her)
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	Deb Helmel (she/her)
<b>Closer</b>	Rod Johnson (he/him)
<b>Video Operator</b>	Amy Hanson (she/her), Aaron Hanson (he/him)

## PARISH EVENTS MAY 10-16, 2026

Sunday, May 10	8:30 AM Family Coffee Time 9:00 AM Adult Forum 9:00 AM Youth Education 10:00 AM Worship Service of Holy Communion 11:20 AM- 12:30 PM Big Meeting Sunday 12:00 PM Swahili Service
Monday, May 11	6:00-8:00 PM Foundation Course 6:30-8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 12	11:00 AM Worship Readings Discussion 7:00 PM Book Discussion with Pastor Doug
Wednesday, May 13	5:00 PM Family Meal 5:30-8:00 PM Supervised Playtime 5:45-6:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:45-6:25 PM Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal 6:30-8:00 PM Gloria Ringers Rehearsal 6:45-7:30 PM Cantate Rehearsal

### 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](#).

