



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.

CLOSER TO THE MARGINS

When I was ten years old, I had absolutely zero inner turmoil about queer and trans identity. Actually, on one particularly memorable night as a ten-year-old, I had absolutely zero thoughts about anything that wasn't the downright treacherous task of coaxing open my newly-assigned combination locker. For whatever reason, I just couldn't get it right. It felt as though the walls were closing in on 5th Grade Back to School Night as my parents, and seemingly the entire hallway, looked on.

At the time, I saw it as the ultimate humiliation—to be so bad at something *so simple*, and on top of all that to do it *in public*. In retrospect, it was an overdue introductory lesson in a basic human truth: it is really hard to do things poorly in front of other people. I spent the next decade and change internalizing that lesson, with one crucial addendum: it is really hard to do things poorly in front of other people—thus, avoid it at all costs!

Fortunately, some things are unavoidable. When I realized that I was trans, I procrastinated on actually transitioning for as long as I could. Make no mistake, I was privileged beyond belief: I had no reason to worry that coming out could cost me my housing, employment, or the love of my family and friends. However, I also had a sinking feeling that transition would be a long, potentially excruciating, series of clumsy “firsts” that I would be forced to experience in front of an audience simply by way of existing in the world. This was a deeply unappealing prospect.

Nonetheless, I couldn't shake off the invitation, which turned into a nudge, then a tug, and finally an outright pull. I gave in and came out. At first, perhaps as a bit of self fulfilling prophecy, transition was as difficult as I had feared. Every thrilling opportunity to live more fully as myself also felt like an opportunity for ruinous levels of embarrassment. Thankfully, time is a powerful agent. Eventually that vague dread faded away into sheer relief and joy. I updated my policy: It is really hard to do things poorly in front of other people. And, sometimes, you just have to do them anyway.

A few years after I transitioned, I began to feel another gentle demand simmering in my bones: a summons to return to faith after a long time away. Much like transition, I ignored invitations and nudges and tugs and pulls for as long as I possibly could. Much like transition, some things are, thanks be to God, unavoidable.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

*Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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.

SUMMER ADULT FORUMS WITH PASTOR DOUG

“The Bible from 10,000 Feet”

June 21, July 12, July 26, and August 9
from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the Library

BULLETIN COVER ART

If you would like to submit art to be used for bulletin covers, please sign up in the Community Room. The art can be inspired by readings for the day (sent to you by the office), or it can be something that you choose. Drawings, paintings, photos—all are welcome!

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. 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.

~ 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 Deb Anderson's brother, **David; Betty Anderson; Marlene Peterson; Merlin Wells; Wilson Murray; Dorothy Kelly; Mary Petersen;** Tre Teller's mom **Jill;** Karen Batdorf's sister **Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; Herb Hanson,** in hospice care; the family of **Rick Lathrop,** upon his death; the family of **Joy Kelly** (grandmother of **Margaret Kelly** and mother of **Bob Kelly**), who died this past week.

PARISH INFORMATION

My first forays back into prayer, worship and scripture introduced me to a God who bore constant and compassionate witness to my every faltering step. Humbling and awe-inspiring, yes, but also a little terrifying. I was ashamed to have been gone for so long and returning in such shaky form. Relating to God, however awkwardly, was a tacit acknowledgement that every mistake I've ever made has had an audience, and always will.

Maybe that doesn't have to be such a scary thing. After all, when we profess belief in a God who disrupts our lives and beckons us to the margins, I think we also have to believe that same God delights in our missteps as we get there. If nothing else, missteps are an indication that we are *taking steps*.

At the risk of, well, preaching to the choir, I'd like to name something a bit prosaic: for members of a reconciling congregation like Holy Trinity, Pride Month can sometimes mean being invited into spaces that are unfamiliar, or even uncomfortable.

One of my favorite things about being in the queer and trans community is the way our understanding of ourselves and each other evolves over time—sometimes very little time! I see this ongoing transformation as a holy and beautiful thing. And, it can create moments when even longtime allies or LGBTQ+ community members find ourselves standing at a precipice, afraid of doing or saying something wrong. Or, we sail over the precipice and land in a moment of hurt when we meant to spark connection.

If, amidst the less complicated experiences of joy & solidarity, this Pride month finds you doing something poorly in front of other people, or even just in front of God, I hope that you are able to extend yourself grace and seek out growth. Most of all, I hope that you feel the Holy Spirit rejoicing in each glorious, faltering step that brings us closer to the margins. Blessed Pride Month, friends! I'll see you out there.

~ Reece Gray, Holy Trinity Member

THIS WEEK

JUNE 2026—HAPPY PRIDE! AND QUEER FAITH

The Christian tradition is full of queerness, and we get to celebrate it! We invite you to notice the rainbows flying all around the building during this month as well as the ways our preaching and singing will lift up the diversity God has created.

We encourage you to find ways by which to celebrate queerness in our world. There are many opportunities for all ages, sexualities, and life-experiences that can be found at: tcpride.org/pride-festival/. Consider joining the Holy Trinity delegation in the parade, June 28 (sign up in the Community Room). We also invite you to remember that Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation that has been advocating 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 community life. Check out reconcilingworks.org/ric/ as we continue to affirm the place of all people in our community. Happy Pride!

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!

BIKE TO CHURCH MONTH SUNDAYS, JUNE 7–28

Ride your bike to church. Don't forget our newest bike parking station on the lawn in front of the church!

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).

Our musical guest will be Naiya. She is a Minneapolis-based vocalist, guitarist, and songwriter whose sound blends R&B, Folk, Jazz, and lingering influences of the Minneapolis Sound. Born and raised in Madison, WI, she now studies applied music performance at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, she teaches music in various settings, most prominently with the Academy of Prince. She regularly displays her passion for performance on a range of the city's stages and is currently working on her debut EP, *Impulse*, a project that explores the self-drive of musicianship, youth, and the transition into young adulthood.



Academy of Prince, which Naiya attended and now teaches for, is a program through Purple Playground. A 501(c)3 organization that unites Prince fans worldwide and raises charitable donations to invest in music programs for teens. Their August *Academy of Prince* summer music program enriches teens' lives with Prince history and a chance to make music inspired by him, helped by musicians who played with him. We are grateful to have Naiya performing for our first Music of the Garden this season, which happens to be Prince's birthday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10—BIKE RIDE WEDNESDAY

All are invited to join members Sheryl Udem, Mary Beth Bierwagen, Pat Libra, and Julie Cahoy for an evening bike ride. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and ride for 10 to 15 miles, including a stop for a bite to eat, a beverage, or ice cream! Sign up in the Community Room. (If it rains, we'll meet on Friday, June 12.)

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 14—BIG MEETING SUNDAY

Our monthly Big Meeting continues on the second Sunday of each month following worship. Join us at 11:20 a.m. for conversation, collaboration, and connection as committees and ministry teams gather together in person. A simple lunch will be provided, and we look forward to sharing this time together from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**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! 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.

**THE DOCTRINE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND Q&A
JUNE 17, 7:00 P.M. AT RIVERVIEW THEATER**

The Doctrine explores the legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery on driving violence against Indigenous Peoples, land, and water in the Americas and around the world. The central narrative follows a group of Indigenous youth from the Twin Cities who travel to the Vatican to confront the Catholic Church about the Doctrine and its legacy. The film exposes how the Doctrine has targeted communities of color around the world for centuries, and still today enables corporate forces driving the climate crisis. Doors 6:30pm | Screening 7:00 pm | Q&A discussion to follow. Tickets available at the door and in advance.

Buy tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/thedoctrine-riverview-tickets>

Learn more: thedoctrinemovie.com

**SOUL OF THE SOUTHSIDE RETURNS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19,
FOR THEIR ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!**

Soul of the Southside is a free, annual Juneteenth celebration that creates joyful, visible Black space in South Minneapolis. It brings together artists, families, neighbors, and small businesses to celebrate Black creativity, culture, and community—outside, in the open, and rooted in place. Soul of the Southside is designed as a multi-site, immersive festival experience. As you move through the space, you'll encounter music stages, family activities, wellness offerings, local vendors, and gathering spaces each rooted in care, culture, and collective joy. Soul of the Southside is intentionally designed as a family-centered, intergenerational gathering welcoming children, elders, and everyone in between across all festival spaces.

Find all the details [HERE!](#)



LIBRARY NEWS

Last week we marked the sixth anniversary of the murder of George Floyd. That event sparked a proliferation of beautiful, provocative visual art throughout the metro area. It also led to the writing of several books about the event and its aftermath. We have a few of those books in our library:

- *Sparked: George Floyd, Racism, and the Progressive Illusion*, Walter Jacobs et al, Eds.
- *The Minneapolis Reckoning: Race, Violence, and the Politics of Policing in America*, Michelle Phelps
- *A Walk to the Store*, Judeah Reynolds (the little girl whose older cousin videoed the murder)
- *His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice*, Robert Samuels
- *Ashes to Action: Finding Myself at the Intersection of the Minneapolis Uprising*, Shari Seifert (Calvary Lutheran's experience a block from George Floyd Square)

Also, it is Pride Month! You will find a selection of LGBTQIA books, plus the George Floyd books, on the library cart in the Community Room this month.

On the counter just inside the library we have some books for lighter summer reading. Take a look.

Remember that you can access the online library catalogue holyltrinitylutheran.library.site/ or through the QR code.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 10:00 AM

Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen (she/her)
Presiding Minister	David Larson-Martínez (he/him)
Cantor	James Nysse (he/him)
Crucifer	David Broberg (he/him)
Altar Guild	Amy Hanson (she/her), Jean Swanson (she/her)
Assisting Minister	
Communion	Aaron Hanson (he/him), Abs Trewin (they/he), Alan Libra (he/him), Deb Anderson (she/her), Lori Lathrop (she/her)
Ushers	Paul Poster (he/him), Steve Murray (he/him), Sally Kohlstedt (she/her)
Coffee Servers	Music In The Garden
Counters	Julie Cahoy (she/her)
Closer	Bob Hulteen (he/him)
Video Operator	Jan Mehlhoff (she/her)



QUEERLY BELOVED PRIDE BEER RELEASE PARTY

Holy Trinity and Arbeiter teamed up to release our second collaborative Pride beer, *Queerly Beloved*, this past week. It was a family-friendly event. The weather cooperated, the night was festive, and there were lots of Holy Trinity there to celebrate this special event. More pictures will be available in next week's Community Church Newsletter!

PARISH EVENTS JUNE 7-14, 2026

Sunday, June 7	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Music in the Garden Swahili Service
Monday, June 8	5:30 PM	Foundations Course About White Privilege For Men
Tuesday, June 9	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday, June 10	5:30 PM	Summer Bike Ride

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](#).

