TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 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.*

GATHER

+*invites the congregation to stand*

PRELUDE

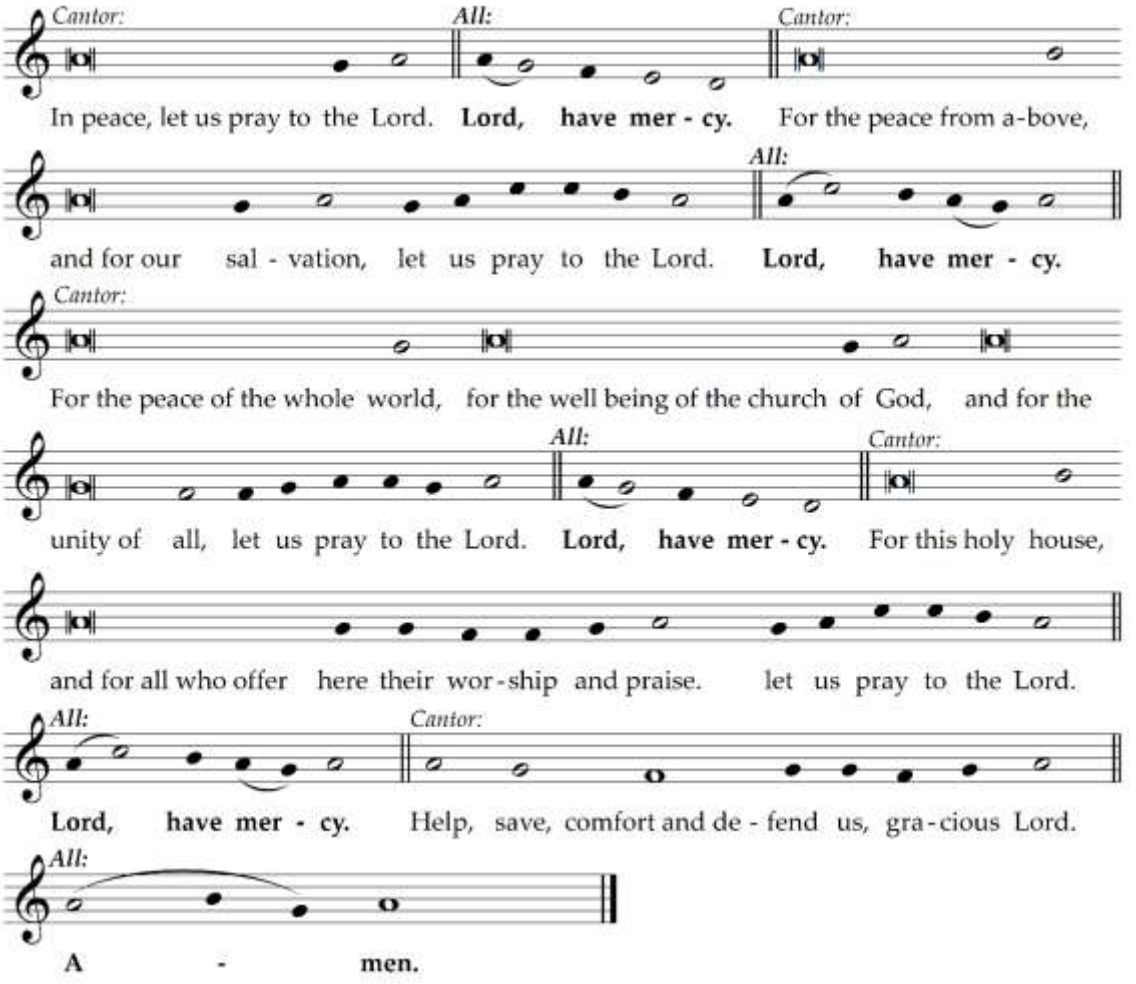
+GATHERING HYMN *Voices Raised to You*

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

+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.

+KYRIE



+HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

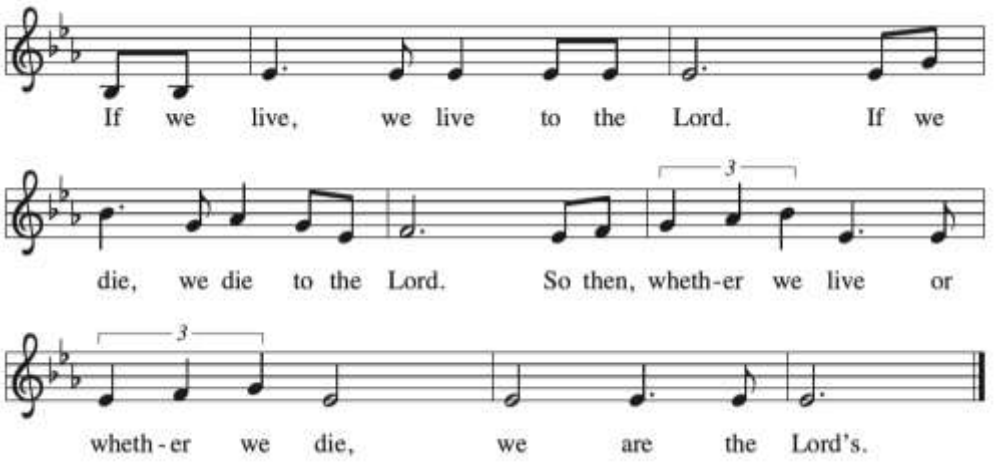
+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator of all, your kingdom breaks our tangled webs where state and church collude to worship power and trade on fear: grant us the wit and will to give you what is your own, no more nor less than all the world and time; through Jesus Christ, whose kingdom comes.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME



STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK–REECE GRAY

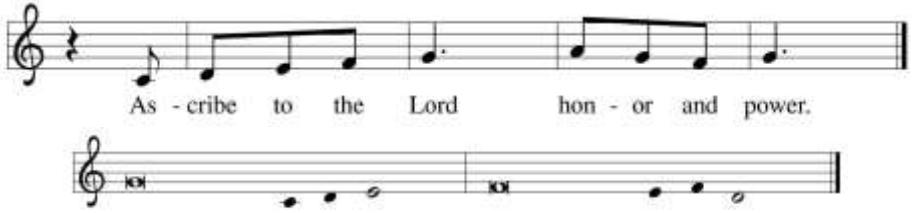
WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 45:1-7*

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

PSALM 96:1-13 John W. Becker

Refrain (First time: cantor, then **all**)



Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

[2]**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

[3]Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

[4]**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods. Refrain

[5]As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

[6]**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

[7]Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

[8]**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. Refrain

[9]Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

[10]**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."

[11]Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

[12]**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,**
for you come to | judge the earth.

[13]You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **Refrain**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia!*

+GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY *Canticle of the Turning*

+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)

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering, especially Lyle Steinfeldt as he recovers from complications following a surgery; Wayne Vetter, recently hospitalized; Carol Kelly; Jim Langworthy's brother, David; Maelene Krig's brother-in-law, Jeff Ramsdell; Carol Masters's son, Paul; Ron Duty; Donna Heyer's grandson, Jeremy; Senem Yumsak; Ayhan Yumsak; Aysel Yumsak; Marlene Peterson; Merlin Wells; Dorothy Kelly; Tre Tellor's mom Jill; Karen Batdorf's sister Marie; Josie Tober; Stella Townsend; Linda Jury and her family upon the death of Phil Jury; and those we name aloud or in our hearts (*the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions.
At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Hear us, O God,"
to which the congregation will respond, ***"Your mercy is great."***

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, as we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

MEAL

+PEACE

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

You are invited to exchange words and signs of friendship and love with those around you.

OFFERING *Take My Life, That I May Be* arr. Mark Sedio
Adult Choir

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

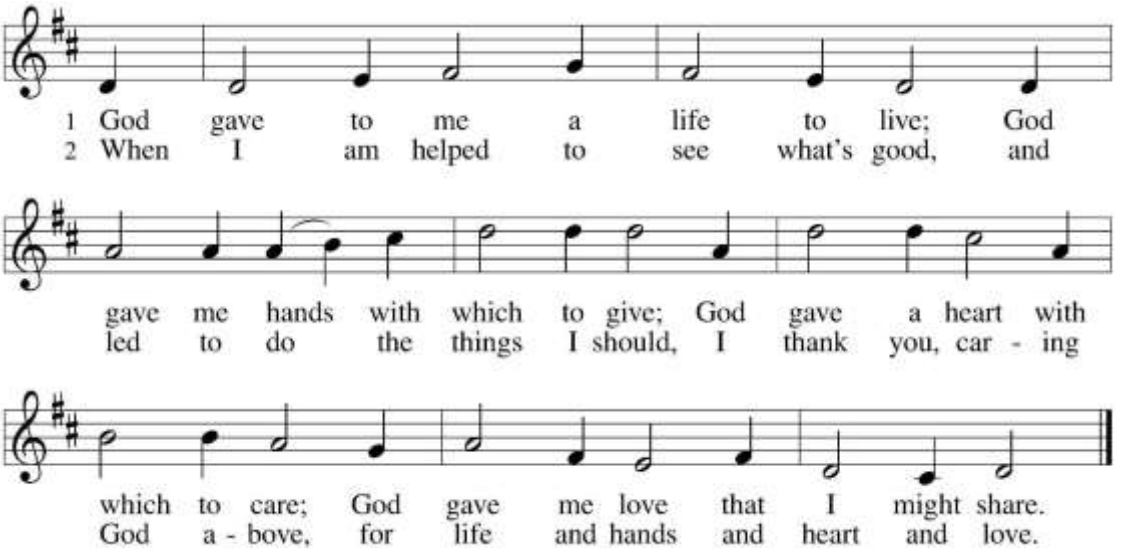
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

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 Gave to Me a Life to Live*

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.

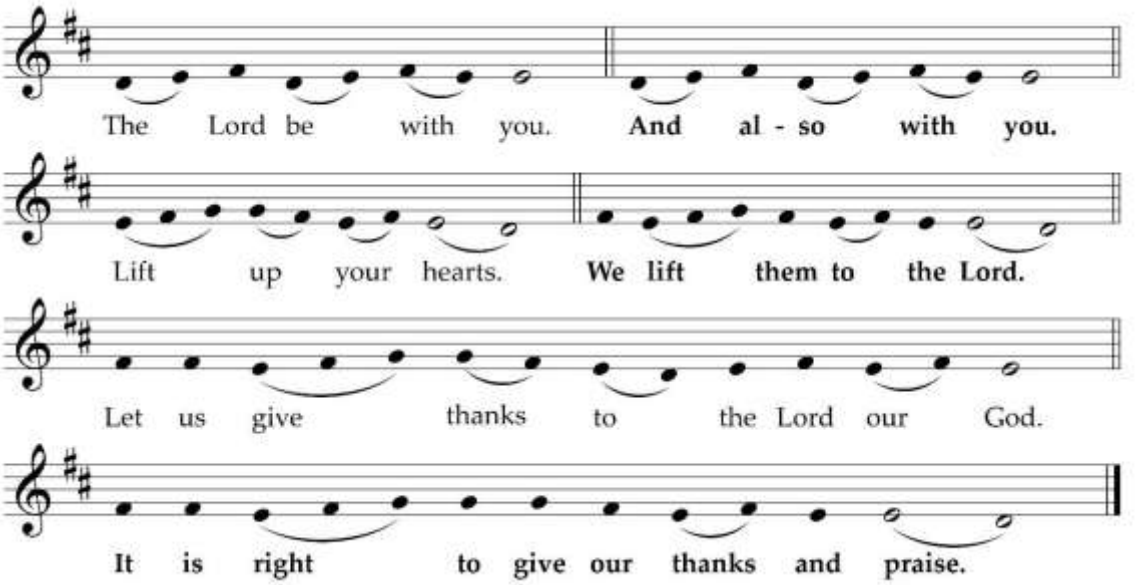


+OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Guide.

Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Creator of all, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who calls us from fear into freedom, loosens the grip of earthly powers, and gathers all creation into the life of your coming kingdom. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

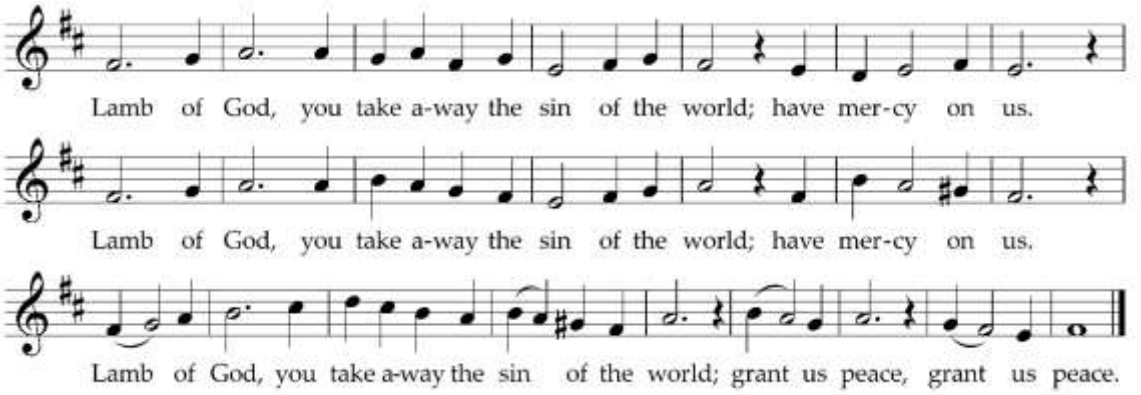
+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+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



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.

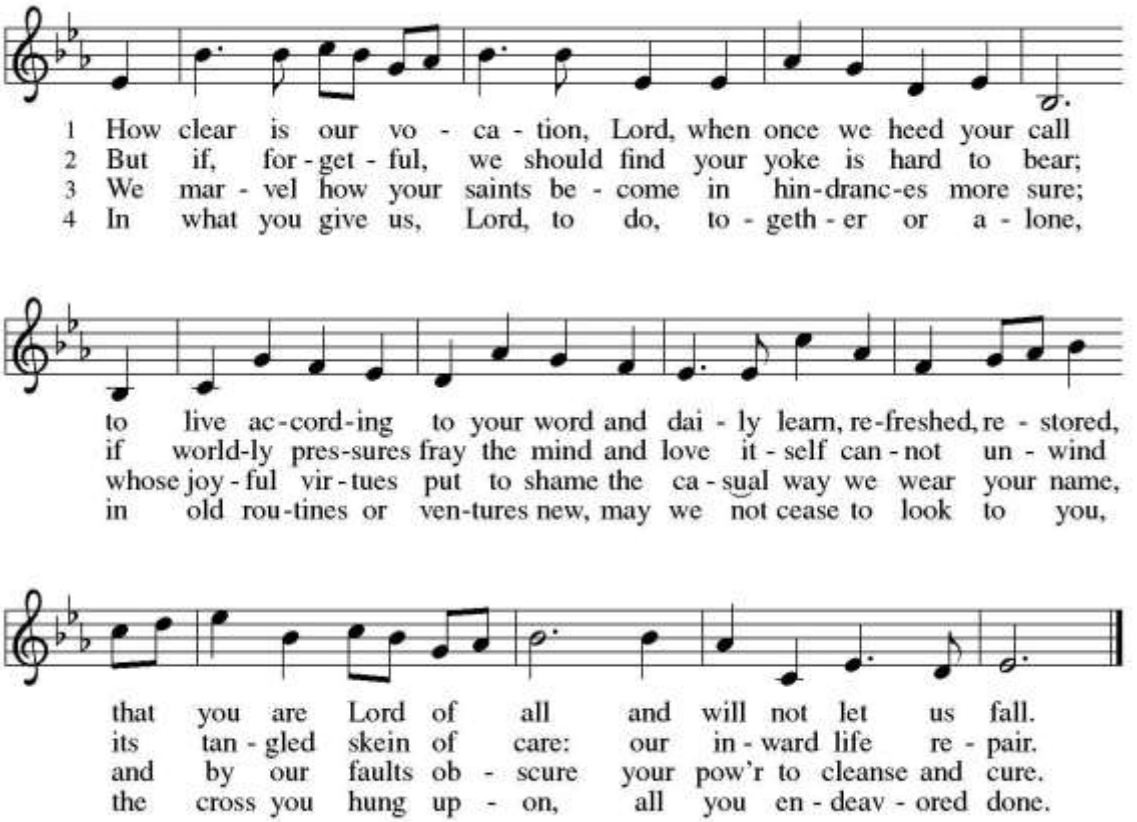
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome at the table.
Grape juice and gluten-free, vegan 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us*

+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 God of love
draw us together in Christ.
May the God of hope
fill us with strength and joy.
And may the God of grace
✢ bless us now and forever.
Amen.

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

You are invited to the Community Room
(located at the rear of the worship area) for a time of conversation and refreshments.

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LITURGY: *ELW SETTING FOUR*

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Altar Guild	Mary Engen (she/her), Ginny Jordan (she/her)
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2027

Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal email which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

If you have a 501©3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until November 5, 2026. Nominations, supported by a standing committee, may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid. The congregation will vote on the recommended 2027 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

HOLY TRINITY OCTOBERFEST AT ARBEITER BREWERY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Join us for HTLC Octoberfest—a casual evening of connection and good cheer at Arbeiter Brewery! Whether you're new to Holy Trinity or have been around for years, this is a chance to relax, laugh, and build community over a beer or non-alcoholic drink. Led by members Alyson Sorensen and Ryana Holt, the night promises low-key fun with great people. Bring a friend!

PROPERTY WORK DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding and trimming. We'll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If we are rained out, we will meet on Thursday, October 29, instead.) Sign up in the Community Room.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 5:30-8:30 PM

Parents' Night Out is back! No need to worry about childcare this evening, as your kiddo(s) will be entertained and well taken care of. Student leaders, supported by adults, will guide children in hands-on activities, and there will be screen-free opportunities to wind down. Registration is a free-will donation, which will support Confirmation and post-Confirmation trips next summer. Children must be potty-trained and caregivers are welcome to drop off and pick up their child(ren) at any point between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Register in Realm. Contact CYF Ministry Coordinator Taryn for more information.

AN EVENING WITH GLOBAL REFUGE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00 P.M.

Holy Trinity welcomes Krish Vignarajah, President and CEO of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran and Immigrant Refugee Service), for an evening of conversation about welcoming newcomers, refugee resettlement, and the work of building communities of belonging, particularly in partnership with congregations and faith-based communities across the United States. Everyone is invited to the 7:00 p.m. event. Sign up in the Community Room if you can help with hospitality or ushering the evening of the event or if you are willing to bring a pan of bars.

PRE-ELECTION WORSHIP GATHERING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:00 P.M.

Longfellow congregations will gather together for prayer at Saint Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, regardless of religious or political affiliation, as we bring our prayers for the future and wellbeing of the United States and all of creation to God.

COME CELEBRATE WHAT WE'RE BUILDING TOGETHER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

You're invited to the Community Launch of *Rooted in Place, Open to All!* Join us on Thursday, November 5, for a festive evening celebrating Holy Trinity, our building partners, and the community that brings this place to life. Come for refreshments, conversation, stories, and a chance to imagine together what's possible as we invest in a building that can welcome and serve our community for generations to come.

6:30–7:00 p.m. | Gather & Celebrate
7:00–7:30 p.m. | Stories, Vision & Impact
7:30–9:00 p.m. | Explore, Connect & Dream Together
Stay for as much or as little as you'd like!

Mark your calendar, bring a friend, and come celebrate with us! This is a moment to give thanks for all that has taken root here and to imagine together what comes next.

MY FAITH STORY, MY LIFE STORY WORKSHOP WITH MARCELLA PROKOP
Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The small details of your life are interwoven with the sacred. In this one-day workshop, participants will turn personal memory into story, exploring the places where life and faith intersect. Using a "Where I'm From" poem template as a starting point, writers will start to craft poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction that traces these rich threads of connection. Through literary examples, writing prompts, and conversation, writers of all backgrounds, beliefs, and skill levels are invited to develop drafts of their origin stories during this free workshop. Join Pastor Ingrid and Marcella for this heart-centered event by signing up in the Community Room to participate.

D O N A T E

We are grateful for your donations that allow us to build community in this corner of Minneapolis and beyond!

Venmo

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19	6:30-8:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 20	11:00 AM	Worship Readings Study
	6:00 PM	Dearly Beloved Book Group
	6:45 PM	Executive Committee
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, October 21	5:00-6:00 PM	Wednesday Evening Family Meal
	5:45-6:30 PM	Jubilation Youth Handbell Rehearsal
	5:45-6:45 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:30-8:00 PM	Supervised Play Time
	6:30-8:00 PM	Gloria Ringers Rehearsal
	6:45-7:30 PM	Cantate Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	HTLC Octoberfest at Arbeiter Brewery
Thursday, October 22	4:00-7:00 PM	Property Work Day
Friday, October 23	5:30-8:30 PM	Parents' Night Out
Sunday, October 25	8:30 AM	Family Coffee Time
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	9:00 AM	Youth Education
	10:00 AM	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 PM	Swahili Service

ADULT FORUM

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

TODAY Intergenerational Faith Formation

Please plan on joining us for an intergenerational (Trinity Village-Adults) education hour from 9:00-9:50 a.m. in the Community Room. Forrest Wasko will give a tutorial on how to create zines, which is short for 'magazines'; we will be creating small booklets to tell a faith story important to us. Pastor David will give a lesson on sharing our faith stories to spark inspiration.

October 25 "Safeguarding Our Elections"
Keith Ellison

It is an anxious time. The current administration is continuing its efforts to interfere with elections, intimidate voters, and create false narratives. Deportations continue. Our beloved Somali neighbors are once again under attack. In addition to the grassroots efforts so critical to pushing back, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office has led on the legal efforts to protect our neighbors and prevent interference in our election processes. Join Attorney General Keith Ellison at 9:00 a.m. in the library for a conversation on the work his office is doing to safeguard our elections and protect our neighbors.