THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

On 28th Avenue between Lake and 31st Streets Minneapolis, MN 55406 • 612-729-8358 • office@htlcmpls.org • www.htlcmpls.org WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Recent events in our community, country, and even around the world have provided us with ample cause for despair. At times, it may feel as if we are inundated with negativity or surrounded by loss. We look around and see broken relationships, unemployment, natural disasters, increased violence, terrorism, division, and hatred. At times like these, I remind myself that life's journey is complicated and no one is exempt from pain, heartbreak, or grief. Conversely, we all experience joy, kindness, and peace. Laughter and tears will always be part of the human condition. But when midnight settles in on us, the sun is shining on others. Yes, storms are to be expected. But even snow from the fiercest blizzard must eventually yield to the faithfulness of flowers. But rest assured. Our God is still the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Sorrow cannot eclipse God's promises. Neither can our greatest joys limit the scope of God's activity.

Even when our hearts are overwhelmed by doubt or anxiety, we can rest on God's promises that will endure forever and we can trust God's word that will not return empty (Isaiah 55:11). In especially challenging times, we can trust God's promise that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:38-39). Trusting in God's faithful presence, we have hope. If we look closely, even in our most difficult times, we can see God's hand — the hidden hand of God. The more we look for God, the more we will find God. The more we listen for God's voice, the more we will hear the call. Through the baptismal waters, the risen Christ calls us to faith and love. Beloved family, let's encourage one another in faith and love. It is through faith and love that people in a broken and hurting world will wonder why we are different, and they will be drawn to the ministry of Holy Trinity and to the mercy of God. The Archbishop Desmond Tutu proclaims, "Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death; Victory is ours through God who loves us."

—Your sister in the journey, Pastor Angela

INSTALLATION FOR PASTOR ANGELA KHABEB SEPT. 16

Please plan to support the ministry of Pastor Angela Khabeb, who will be installed during both worship services on September 16. One of the Minneapolis Area Synod Assistants to the Bishop will be present for the morning's festivities. As a way of honoring their new colleague, the staff will be providing the treats for this special occasion!

JOHNSON SYMPOSIUM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:30-9:30 P.M.

Join us for "Repentance and Resistance," the theme of this year's Johnson Symposium. Imam Asad Zaman and Rabbi Michael Latz will offer reflections on the current situation in the public square through the lenses of their respective faith traditions. Following their presentations, Senator John Marty will invite us to connect what we have heard with faith in action in the public square. Registration and more information is available on Holy Trinity's website (htlcmpls.org/symposium).

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



READINGS
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

ADULT FORUM 10:00 am — in the Library

SEPTEMBER 9 "Long-Term Preservation of Trinity Apartments" —Trinity Apartments Board

The Trinity Apartments board invites you to join them for a forum that will discuss both the history and long-term preservation of Trinity Apartments. We believe it's important to be thoughful and strategic as we address the future financial feasibility and physical needs of Trinity Apartments. We are grateful for the partnership we have with Community Housing Development Corporation and our shared mission of preserving this critical affordable housing asset in our community.

SEPTEMBER 16 Lutheran Volunteer Corps Volunteers

Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is a faith-based, full-time service and leadership program operating in 13 cities across the United States. LVC's mission is to unite people to work for peace with justice. They do this by placing volunteers in full-time positions at social justice organizations for one year.

LVC volunteers come from a wide variety of faith backgrounds and do not need to be Lutheran or Christian. All volunteers live together in community and practice simple and sustainable living. LVC volunteers receive a modest stipend which covers housing, food, transportation, health insurance, and personal expenses.

This is a transformational program, one with which we at Holy Trinity are glad to be partnered. If you would like to be part of the LVC support team that walks with these volunteers throughout the year and feeds them on occasion, talk to Meghan Olsen Biebighauser. Plan to come and meet the volunteers and hear about their first days in their justice settings!

FARE FOR ALL AND SHOE BUS SEPTEMBER 12, 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Fare For All is a local non-profit food program created to make frozen meat and fresh fruit and vegetables affordable and accessible to everyone. Available this month will be a Produce Pack @ \$10.00; Mini Meat Pack @ \$11.00; Mega Meat Pack @ \$25.00. Cash, credit, debit, or EBT cards accepted. **The Shoe Bus** will be parked outside Holy Trinity, offering new and gently used shoes. Size $0-6\frac{1}{2}$ are \$2/pair; size 7 and up \$5/pair. Every purchase helps to provide food for the feeding programs of "Good In The 'Hood." A \$5-purchase feeds one person for a week. Prices are suggested donation amounts.

ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY, OCTOBER 19-20

Join us in Collegeville, MN for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. Cost is \$125; scholarships are available. Talk with Liz Blood or Joyce Peterson if you have questions. Sign up in the Community Room and submit payment to the church office by October 7.

PARISH INFORMATION

LAY COMMUNION MINISTRY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

A luncheon for lay communion ministers and those persons interested in becoming one will be held Sunday, September 16, following the 11:00 service. This luncheon will be informational, a time to "touch base" with each other, and to re-energize ourselves for the year ahead. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Community Room by September 9.

NEW WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE

The latest worship participant schedule was sent out last week by our new Ministry Scheduler program. We have nearly 200 members set up in the new system. The schedule that was generated last week was sent to 124 people. Eight people did not get the schedule because we did not have the correct email address (or they do not have email), and 61 people were not scheduled to help between September 2-October 31. If you did not receive an email, it's probably because you are not scheduled as a worship participant for the next two months. Please be patient as we grow into this new system, which we think will be good for leaders and staff alike.

RALLY DAY AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

Rally Sunday means the beginning of Sunday School and Confirmation. There will also be a blessing of backpacks and briefcases at both worship services that day. Then join us at noon for music and wood-fired pizza, salad, and fruit in the garden. Aja Parham will be singing a blend of jazz, R&B, and Motown favorites. She will be joined by a trio of piano, bass, and drums. It promises to be fabulous. \$5 suggested donation for lunch, but don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome!

MICROAGGRESSIONS AND THEIR IMPACT

Join us September 29, 10 a.m.-noon, or October 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m., as we explore and discuss microaggressions! Microaggressions are the words, expressions, body language, or even environmental factors that, despite our intentions, exacerbate people's feelings of otherness and not-belonging. We'll talk more about this, what some of the most common ones are, why they are a problem, and what to do when we commit or receive one. Sign up in the Community Room.

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	PARISH EVENTS September 9-15, 2018		
Sunday	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
-	9:30 am	Confirmation Orientation for Parents & Students	
	9:55 am	Sunday School	
	10:00 am	Godly Play & Trinity Village Parent Gathering	
	10:00 am	Adult Forum	
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion	
	12:00 pm	Lunch and Music in the Garden	
		Swahili Service	
	6:00 pm	Second Sunday Suppers at Houlihan's	
Monday 4:00 pm		Peace with Justice	
	5:00 pm	Nurturing Relationships	
	6:30 pm	Racial Justice	
	7:00 pm	Financial Stewardship	
Tuesday	11:00 am	n Worship Readings Discussion	
	•	Writers' Circle	
		Youth Committee	
Wednesday		Fare For All & The Shoe Bus	
		Choir Family Supper	
		Children's Choir 6:45 pm Cantate!	
		Adult Choir	
Friday		Parents' Night Out	
	6:15 pm	First Fridays with Friends/Oktoberfest	

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SEPTEMBER 9, 2018				
8:45 AM		11:00 AM		
Cathy Alpizar	Assisting Minister	Sandra Hoverson		
Rosie Russell Treva Russell	Acolytes	Louis Kelley Linden Kung		
Jeff Weiss	Crucifer	Cliff Brown		
Linda Berglin, Donald Besser	Communion	Stella Townsend, Laura Bolstad		
Erin Arifin, Nancy Madich	Altar Guild	Stella Townsend, Rosemary Foley		
Sally and David Kohlstedt, Bob Peschiutta	Ushers	Deb Anderson, Alan Libra, Tracey Baubie, Josh Combs		
Jane and Bob Aldrich	Coffee Servers	Connie Adams, June Prange		
Gerry Berglin, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Deb Helmel, Gary Johnson		
	Closer	Bob Hulteen		

Special Gift to World Hunger by Ray Sanders; Refugee Family by Lyle Steinfeldt