

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS

WELCOME TO ALL

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 nursery on the 2nd floor and 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.

We continue to monitor case counts, vaccination rates, and updated research on **COVID-19** to inform our precautions and are especially aware of changing patterns with regards to new variants. We are deeply grateful for this community's care for and attentiveness to one another, especially for the vulnerable in our midst. The most important thing you can do to care for the community is **stay home if you feel any symptoms**, regardless of vaccination status. If you need help finding a vaccine, speak to a pastor today.

If you are seeking pastoral care, please speak to a pastor today.

GATHER

+invites the congregation to stand

PRELUDE

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

setting, Benjamin Kolodziej

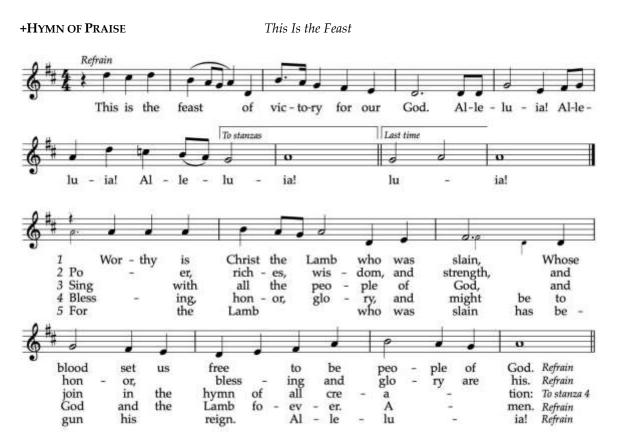
All Are Welcome

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.**



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you promise to find us. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life and joy in your Child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

WELCOME

Word

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS

Students needing Bibles and their parents and guardians gather near the baptismal font.

Dear friends in Christ, when you were baptized, your parents, guardians, and sponsors made promises to share their Christian love, faith, wisdom, and understanding with you and to help you learn the way of Christ. They have lived out those promises in a variety of ways, including bringing you to this community of faith and providing opportunities for worship, learning, service, and prayer. Now as you prepare for classes, these adults place in your hands the Holy Scriptures. The Bible you receive today, a gift from them and this congregation, is given to assist you in your faith journey.

Students, as you receive this gift today and enter your classes this fall, will you do your best to listen for God's promises, ask your questions, share your concerns, and continue to join the ministry of the church?

Students: Yes, with the help of God, our adults, and this congregation.

Parents and guardians, through your countless loving acts and your faithful example, you nurture your children in life and faith. Today, as you present these Bibles to your children, do you also promise to help them in their reading, answer questions as you are able, and continue to support them in their ongoing journey of faith?

Parents: Yes, with the help of God, one another, and this congregation.

Let us pray. Loving God, source of all wisdom, wonder, and truth: you have given these families as a gift to each other. You have given us your Word to teach us your dream for this world and to renew us for living. As these students receive new Bibles, we pray that you grant them wisdom, faith, and joy. Help us to provide to them a community of nurturing and support each day as they learn more of your gracious promises. **Amen.**

May God bless you and keep you in your learning and growing in faith. May the Word of God fill your home with grace, peace, and hope, today and always. Amen.

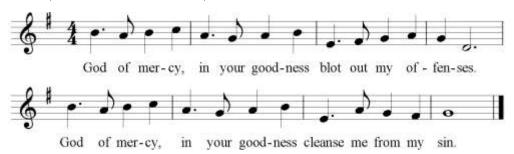
Congregation may celebrate with all those gathered at the front of the sanctuary by offering applause.

Exodus 32:7-14

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

PSALM 51:1-10 Hal. H. Hopson

Refrain (First time: cantor, then all)



LORD, I call to you, deliver me from death. You are just and true; you are my salvation.

LORD, wash me clean; blot out my offenses. I know my transgressions, I know my sin.

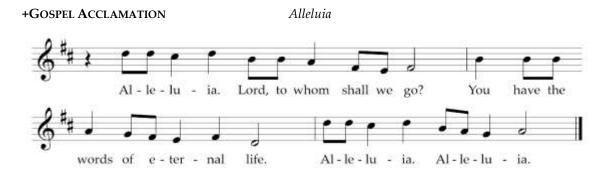
Your words of judgment are right and true. I was born a sinner from my mother's womb. Refrain

You look for truth, LORD, yes, deep in my heart. O teach me your wisdom, O teach me your truth. LORD, purify me, and purge all my sin; then I shall be clean, yes, clean indeed. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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



+GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

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

Christ, sur - round

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SERMON



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Christ, sur - round

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Sunday School teachers, all teachers by profession, and students of all ages are invited to stand up with their backpacks or briefcases.

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms, in person and online, and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We especially praise you for those who will be teaching our Sunday School and Confirmation classes, including Kay Buzza, Rachel Nevergall, Jenni Vaillancourt, Marcia Floding, Gretchen Lund, Maggie Weiss, and those who will join as the year goes on. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books, and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, crisp blank pages waiting to be filled, and online spaces holding us in hope. We praise you for masks and the opportunity to care for each other. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these, your beloveds, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding, and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult, taught your great love for us by story and example. Amen.

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)

Merciful God, your response to Moses advocating for his people reminds us that you seek to restore rather than destroy. May we never be too proud to face our weakness, too arrogant to recognize our mistakes, or too afraid to trust in your freeing love. Merciful presence,

Hear our prayer.

Accompanying God, the beginning of a new school year and new programs invites us to embrace the new opportunities, new relationships, new challenges, and new dreams that await us, confident that you are with us. Be with all those who are on the move—those fleeing poverty and oppression for a place where they can live without fear; those seeking refuge from domestic violence and abuse; and those desiring relief from isolation and loneliness. May we respond to such needs with understanding and compassion and sharing of our resources. Accompanying presence,

Hear our prayer.

Active God, as we search for safe places in this complicated world, may we know both your challenge and your abiding presence. When we find ourselves among the lost, strengthen us with the assurance that you are on the hunt for us seeking to turn our lostness into joyful rejoicing. Active presence,

Hear our prayer.

Creative God, as the days shorten and the nights lengthen, may nature's rhythms lead us to celebrate the care with which our world is sustained and maintained. We know we are not alone as we live in your brooding presence. Creative presence,

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, you stand with those in need—those with little hope, those whose life challenges threaten to overwhelm them, those whose success brings more burden than pleasure, the immigrant, the refugee, the unjustly detained and those in this community whose lives are marked by anxiety, mental distress, or physical illness. We pray especially for Doug Mork and his family upon the death of his mother; Mary Ann Sheets and Jack Hanson; Bob Peschiutta, Pastor Angela's father, James Ruffin; Jeanne Salmon; Dorothy Kelly; Mary Petersen's friend, Joe; Cori Gershon; Marcea Mariani; DeWayne Townsend III; Marlene Peterson; Rob Englund; Mary Heltsley; Mark Symchych; Ann and Dawn's neighbor, Brian; and all those we name now, either silently or aloud (the congregation may name loved ones in need of God's care). Faithful presence,

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to offer spoken petitions. At the conclusion of your petition, please close with "Faithful presence," to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

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 fellowship and love with those around you.

OFFERING

Beloved, God's Chosen

arr. Robert A. Hobby

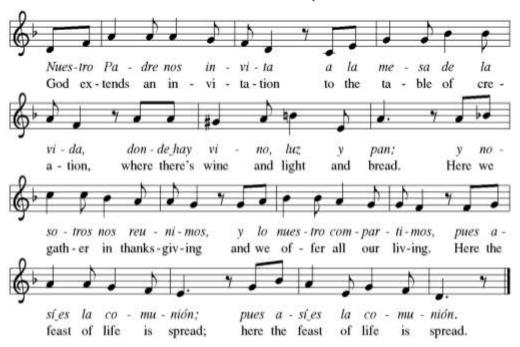
Beloved, God's chosen, Put on as a garment; Compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, Let love be your raiment; That binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom, To dwell in you richly; Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, Beloved and holy, Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

+OFFERTORY HYMN

God Extends an Invitation

Communion servers are invited to come forward at this time.



+OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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.

O eternal Wisdom, you laid the foundations of the earth, and breathed life into every creature, creating us in our variety to cherish your world and seek your face. We praise you and give you thanks for your abundant love toward this earth. Like a woman, who having ten coins and losing one, you turn the world upside-down to seek the lost and claim us as your own. As we work and wait for your new creation, when the morning stars shall sing together and all the children of God shout for joy, we praise you, singing:

+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. For those worshiping at home and those who prefer to commune with individual packets in your pews, 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.

Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the server.

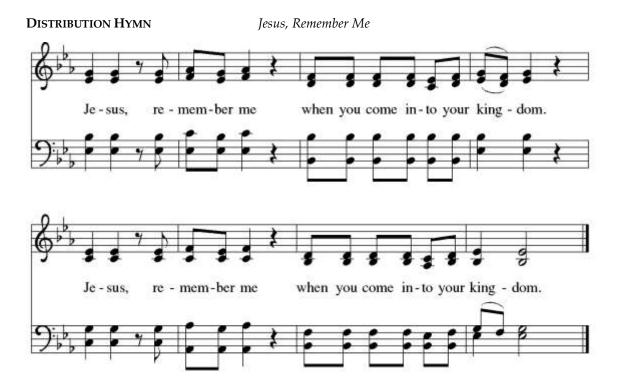
An usher will direct you down the center aisle, where you can pick up a communion cup. You are invited to stand or kneel in front of the table, beginning from the middle and moving toward the outside. After you have received the bread and the wine, please return to your seat by way of the side aisle, where an usher will receive your communion cup.

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

HEALING

Today you are also invited to receive a blessing for healing during the communion distribution time. Come if you wish to seek prayer for yourself, on behalf of someone else, or for a place in the world.





+BLESSING

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

Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

+SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises



+BENEDICTION

God, who gives life to all things and frees use from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ₱ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Herr Gott, nun sei gepreiset Lord God, Now be Glorified

J. S. Bach

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LITURGY SETTING TODAY: ELW SETTING THREE

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:45 AM

Preacher Ingrid Rasmussen Ingrid Rasmussen **Presiding Minister** Angela T. Khabeb Angela T. Khabeb Crucifer Wayne Vetter Cantor Cathy Alpizar Cathy Alpizar Rick Liedholm **Assisting Minister** Deb Anderson Linda Berglin, Amy Froiland-Katy Benson, David Krig, Communion Parada, Kris Christians Bryan Kuzel David Broberg, Chris Engen, Joy Nelson, Kathy Hollander, Ushers Sally and David Kohlstedt Rod Johnson

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11:00 AM

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Doris Gbala, Kathryn Howe

John Sulzbach, Wayne Vetter

LEADERSHIP

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PARISH INFORMATION

TODAY AT HOLY TRINITY: RENEWAL SUNDAY, BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, BIBLE DISTRIBUTION, AND MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Students of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship at both services today for a special moment set aside to ask God's blessings on all who have returned or will be returning to school or further education this fall. We will recognize and bless Teachers as well, especially those who volunteer to teach our children and youth at Holy Trinity.

Following the second service, please join us for music and food in the garden at noon. Vicki Dischler will perform. \$5 suggested donation for the lunch; however, don't let the money keep you away from the fun. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a friend!

WEAVING PROJECT: YOU'RE INVITED TO BRING OBJECTS OF COMFORT SEPT. 4-25

- A worry stone, a piece of clothing from your youth, song lyrics or a prayer, a paintbrush, the recipe for your favorite soup... During these weeks, we invite you to bring an object that brings you comfort.
- Bring your objects to the basket marked for objects located in the Community Room.
- Your objects will be woven into the community tapestries; your objects will *not* be returned to you. If there's a cherished item you'd like included, consider a photo, scan, drawing, or other creative representation!
- Objects should be light (lighter than a medium apple/150 grams) and fit into a shoe box. Contact a weaver (ryanadh93@gmail.com or mariah.wika2@gmail.com) if you have questions—some objects may be outside our given bounds but may still work (like a stick, for example)!

ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD, THURSDAY, SPETEMBER 15

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly on the third Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St.). There is no agenda; breakfast goers simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Angela if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

INVITATION TO 20s, 30s, 40s EVENT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

You're invited to come out to Arbeiter Brewing Company at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 16, for a tasty brew and thoughtful conversation with the 20s, 30s, 40s group. This is an all-ages event. We'll be using the Story Stitch conversation game to encourage story sharing and connection. Please RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/Arbeiter2022. We hope to see you there!

HARRY POTTER AND LOVE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Are you a Harry Potter fan? Would you like to be a Harry Potter fan? Join Larry Farris on the church's front lawn at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, to discuss the difference between love of power and power of love. Participants will use Larry's chapter *On the Transmutation of Voldemort's Love of Power into Harry Potter's Power of Love* in the book *The Alchemical Harry Potter*, edited by Anne Mamary. A sign-up sheet and copies of the chapter are located in the Community Room. Please sign up by Sunday, September 18.

LAY COMMUNION LUNCHEON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Lay Communion Ministry Luncheon Sunday, September 25. Lay Communion Ministers bring communion to members who are homebound. Training is provided. Each fall, we gather to share stories and re-charge ourselves. If you are a Lay Communion Minister or are interested in becoming one, we hope you'll attend a light luncheon on Sunday September 25 at 12:15 pm (after the second service). Sign up in the Community Room or call the church office by September 18.

STILL SEEKING NURSERY STAFF!

We are looking for a few people to provide dependable, safe, and nurturing care to infants and children 6 years and younger on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. A fully functioning preschool area, a newly renovated playground, and a gym will be available for use. Please follow this link for more information: https://htlcmpls.org/category/job-openings/

LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS' WELLSTONE HOUSE IS CLOSING

In response to declining enrollment, Lutheran Volunteer Corps is closing the Wellstone House in Powderhorn Park. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has been a support congregation since 2009. Please join past LVC volunteers, Holy Trinity members, and community members to celebrate and reminisce on Saturday September 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Light snacks and beverage will be provided. Bring a story or memory to share. 3245 17th Ave S., Minneapolis Questions? Contact Stephanie Oyen (612-978-1667, stephanieoyen@gmail.com).

PARISH SCHEDULE

| Monday, September 12 | 6:30 PM | Adult Choir |
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| Tuesday, September 13 | 11:00 AM | Worship Readings Discussion |
| | | (Luthersem.zoom.us/j/124730048) |
| Wednesday, September 14 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Choir Families Supper |
| | 6:30 PM | Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| | 6:00-8:00 PM | Supervised Play Time |
| | 6:00 PM | Gloria Ringers |
| | 6:30-7:30 PM | Cantate! |
| Thursday, September 15 | 8:00 AM | Encore! at Turtle Bread |
| Sunday, September 18 | 8:45 AM | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 10:00 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:00 AM | Youth Education |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship Service of Holy Communion |
| | 2:00 PM | Swahili Service |

ADULT FORUM

10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Library

TODAY "Exodus Lending" Meghan Olsen Biebighauser and Anne Leland Clark

Meghan Olsen Biebighauser, Holy Trinity member and economic justice organizer and Anne Leland Clark, the new Executive Director of Exodus Lending will present. Come hear the latest about Minnesotans for Fair Lending and the campaign to reform payday predatory ending in Minnesota AND get the latest updates from Exodus Lending—a nonprofit started here at Holy Trinity.

September 18 "Update on Longellow Alternative School" Dr. Padmini Udupa, Principal

Dr. Padmini Udupa is principal Longfellow Alternative High School (LAHS), an alternative high school for pregnant and parenting young women. Dr. Udupa will provide a presentation on what's happening at LAHS in this new school year. LAHS is a district-wide alternative school program of the Minneapolis Public Schools and Teen Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting {TAPP} Program. A vibrant community of students, staff, families, and county and community partners (including Holy Trinity) who work collaboratively to promote generational self-sufficiency among pregnant and parenting teens.